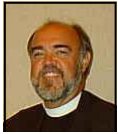




ASCENSION OF OUR LORD GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH ANALYPSIS NEWSLETTER

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**From Father
Jim's Study...**

A LIFE OF ULTIMATE SACRIFICE

There is no greater sacrifice than one giving their life for another. We read newspaper and Internet accounts, we see television newscasts that tell stories of heroes who gave their life to save another. We read and hear of the ultimate sacrifices people make, often times, without hesitation, so that another would be saved from harm or death. There have been many real heroes like that in history, those of whom have been written stories and those who remain anonymous to all but God. Heroes of yesteryear used to be the big league baseball player, the generals and admirals of wartime, our TV or movie cowboy favorite or some fictional character we looked up to as children. We look to emulate them in some way, because we want to be like them.

When it comes to looking at Biblical heroes or heroes of the Church, who have given their life so that others could live, we all too often keep that hero worship at arms length. We may admire their behavior, love how they sacrificed their life for their belief and Faith in Christ, but when it comes to being like them or emulating them, we may indeed fall a little short.

On Sunday, August 29th, we read and chant the beautiful Apolitikion or Dismissal Hymn of St. John the Baptist, as we commemorated his martyrdom, through the horrific beheading enacted upon him, the ultimate sacrifice he gave as a witness to Christ, let us take a look at the words of this hymn: "The memory of the Just is mentioned with praise. As for you, O Forerunner, the Lord's witness is enough: indeed, you were greater than the prophets, since you were found worthy to baptize in the waters the One they could but announce. You have fought for the sake of truth and proclaimed to those in Hades that God who appeared in the flesh has taken away the sins of the world and bestowed his great mercy upon us."

Our Orthodox Church honors St. John the Baptist as "greater than the prophets", since he was "found worthy to baptize in the waters the One they could but announce". St. John was also imprisoned and died as a martyr in God's Name - giving his life as the ultimate sacrifice. In lieu of this ultimate sacrifice, we as Orthodox Christians should familiarize ourselves with the ministry of St. John and need to fully understand his martyrdom.

John was born to Zacharias and Elizabeth, a couple great in faith, but old in years, who were previously barren of children. Following his birth, in time, it became evident that God had a special plan for John.

John pronounced at the beginning of his ministry: "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!" This call was a message to the world to "shape up" their lives and pay attention to the days ahead. Because there was one who is to follow John that will bring the Word of God to them. John preceded Christ in a ministry that was to "prepare the way of the Lord". Upon encountering Christ and through the ensuing baptism of Christ, the foundation of Christ's ministry WAS at hand, and the ministry of John, as a prophet and forerunner, was complete.

(See Fr. Jim on page 3)



The Goyans had another great time on their annual trip to Downtown Chicago as pictured in their traditional group photo in front of the "Sears" Tower.

OUR STEWARDSHIP MINISTRIES	PARISH REGISTRY
<p style="text-align: center;">Rev. Fr. James S. Gordon, Protopresbyter <u>Parish Ministry Team</u></p> <p>Acolytes: Fr. James Gordon, Alex Magdalinos Bookstore: Senior Synaxis Members Chanters: Kosta Buhler, George Houpis, Paul Lillios, Alex Magdalinos, Nick Papastratakos, Isidoros Xilas Choir Director: Custodian: Marian Janowski Greek School Director: Maria Theodoropulu GOYA: Dean Kartsimas, Alex Magdalinos, Carol Stamas, Maria Vlahos JOY & Jr. GOYA: Michael Argol, Alex Magdalinos, Maria Vlahos, Stephanie Voelker Koliva: Patricia Metropoulos LOGOS: Fr. James Gordon, Alex Magdalinos Office Secretary: Kay James Office Volunteer: Maita Houpis Parish Council: Harold Anagnos (<i>President</i>), Bill Athenson, Robert Buhler, Nicholas Gatsis, George Houpis (<i>Asst. Treasurer</i>), Doug Hugdahl (<i>Treasurer</i>), George Kartsimas, Thomas Kiriakos (<i>Vice-President</i>), Bob Mantzoros, Nicholas Marino, George Mouzakiotis, Thomas Papastefan, Nick Papastratakos, Carol Stamas (<i>Secretary</i>), Peter Venetos Pastoral Assistant: Alex Magdalinos Philochochos President: Patricia Metropoulos Senior Synaxis Coordinators: Christ and Dee Christ Sunday Church School Director: Mia Connolly Toddlers & Parents: Maria Bolos</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>40-DAY BLESSINGS</u></p> <p>7/11/10 Son of Kimberly & Nathan Herbst 8/02/10 Twin Daughters of Vasoula & Michael Brown 8/08/10 Daughter of Penny & Preter Metropoulos</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>BAPTISMS/CHRISMATIONS</u></p> <p>8/08/10 Daughter of Dean and Alicia Flesor <i>Sponsors: MaryBeth & Jim Nichols</i> " Daughter of Jason & Sophia Colberg <i>Sponsor: Joanne Blanchard</i> 8/22/10 Daughter of Antonio & Eleni Anteliz <i>Sponsors: George & Evangelos Xourafis</i> 8/28/10 Son of Constantine & Maria Bolos <i>Sponsors: Greg & Stacy Angelopoulos</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>MEMORIALS</u></p> <p>7/11/10 Peter (Panayiotis) Papastratakos (1 year), beloved father of Nick (Kathy) Papastratakos 8/08/10 Peter (Panayiotis) Metropoulos (32 years) and Anna Metropoulos (21 years), beloved parents of Tasia Alexakos and Harry (Elaine) Metropoulos " Katherine Brindisi (20 years), beloved sister of Elaine (Harry) Metropoulos " Metaxia Kosmas (20 years), beloved late wife of Vasilios Kosmas 8/29/10 Georgia Boolookas (5 years)</p>

Questions and Answers: In the 2010 Newsletters we will be featuring "Questions & Answers" articles taken from *The Orthodox Church: 455 Questions & Answers* written by Fr. Stanley S. Harakas. If you would like a topic addressed, please let us know, THANKS!
- The Newsletter Staff

Q: Why do we light candles?

A: The candles as used in worship are very rich in meaning. The basic idea of "Light" as opposed to "darkness" is at its root. Thus, for example, Symeon the Prophet spoke of the coming of Jesus Christ as "a light for revelation to the Gentiles." He himself was reflecting the prophecy of Isaiah about the coming of the Messiah: "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned" (Isaiah 9:2). Jesus identified Himself precisely with those words: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness" (John 8:12). One of the most ancient hymns of the Church, the "Lamp-Lighting" hymn of the Vespers begins by referring to Jesus Christ as "Gladsome Light" ("Fos Ilaron"). The lighting of candles in churches is a very ancient practice. Clearly, the practice of personally lighting a candle as you enter the Church is a powerful way of relating one's own prayer with the prayer of the Church, and with Christ, the "Light of the world." However, we ought not to use the candles as a kind of magical substitute for our own conscious prayers. The best way to use the candles is to use a lighting of them as an expression of our own prayers, in a sacramental fashion.

Q: Why do we kiss priests' hands?

A: The practice of kissing the priest's hand is in the same category of liturgical acts as the reverencing of the holy icons and the cross. The Orthodox Church explains that when we kiss an icon or the cross we are not worshipping or adoring the wood, paint, metal, etc... of which they are formed but that which they represent. So it is with kissing the priest's hand. This act is a liturgical act through which we show respect not so much for the individual priest as a person, but for the priesthood in general and sacramental life of the Church which its existence makes possible. This is often overlooked by some laity and some priests, who interpret it either as undemocratic, or as a prideful custom. Some priests permit the practice in Church, but not outside the context of worship. In fact, the practice of kissing the priest's hand is meaningful only within the framework of our Orthodox understanding of the Church and its sanctifying work. *(Continued on page 3)*

(Fr. Jim from page 1)

The arrest of John the Baptist, came on the heels of great criticism of King Herod's marriage to his deceased brother's wife, Herodias. Herod feared John because he recognized John's holiness, but Herodias despised John and simply wanted him dead! As we recall from the account in Scripture, Herodias' daughter, Salome, at her mother's urging, demanded the head of John the Baptist from Herod. John was then martyred, giving his life as the ultimate sacrifice; and as a witness to the ministry that he had completed and for the one that was beginning through Christ.

This martyrdom is best described in the Kontakion we chanted on that day in honor of John the Baptist, we reads: "The beheading of the Forerunner was an act of divine providence: the occasion for him to announce the coming of the Savior to the souls in Hades. Let then Herodias lament and weep, for she has asked for murder, preferring the present life and its pleasures, to eternal life and God's law."

We see through this hymn, that God's divine plan included John finishing his ministry as soon as Christ began His - a seemingly natural transition - and allowed St. John to enter into the eternal world to preach the coming of the Lord to those souls in Hades. We are further told by the hymnographer, that Herodias preferred "the present life and its pleasures, to eternal life and God's law." This is indeed a lesson to be learned for us today and leads to a very poignant question!

Do you value your present life and the pleasures of life so much, that you would deny Christ? Look around you and look at yourself and ask the question: "How regular has my Church attendance been? Have I made excuses of convenience not to attend Church? How seriously do I really take my Faith in Christ and do I honor and respect our Orthodox Christian Traditions?"

We have been given the choice of two paths to take in our life, the choice of two opposite ways of a life to follow in today's Gospel. Do you choose the path of Herodias and

prefer "the present life and its pleasures, to eternal life and God's law?" Or, do you choose the path that St. John the Baptist laid for us in seeking to follow the Lord and His Word. It seems like a simple enough choice but are we aware, are we truly cognizant of the choices before us.

Through the Gospel lesson (Mark 6:14-30) and observance of the Beheading of John the Baptist, we are reminded that we are constantly confronted with choices in life - good choices and not so good choices that often lead to bad choices.

As a communing Body of Christ, as a parish church, we need to continually look out after each other and support each other in our life's journey in Christ. Anything and everything we do should remain with the focus to please Christ first - to remain Faithful to Him and His teachings and not deny Him or turn our back on Him. There are choices we need to make in life - and choices you have been asked to make in life. How will you give your life to Christ?

We are not always requested to make the "ultimate sacrifice" in giving our life to Christ through martyrdom. Nevertheless, we are asked to make "sacrifices" in our life to honor Christ in numerous ways. Has your life reflected a life of sacrifice in honor of Christ? Are you prepared or ready to make some "sacrifices" in your life? Are you willing to do so? Many of you will be called upon to make certain sacrifices in your life, for the betterment of the Church and most certainly for the betterment of your soul. The question remains whether or not you will be willing to do so.

It is my prayer that together, we as a worshipping Body of Christ, come together upon the coming of our new Ecclesiastical Year, to renew ourselves in the act of sacrificial giving in honor of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is my prayer that the beneficiaries of our giving be - the Church - our Church - the entire Church of Christ - the local and universal Greek Orthodox Christian Church. Through your sacrificial gifts, may God bless you and reveal His unending love to you and your loved ones.

("Q&A" from page 2)

When, other, alien ideas enter into consideration, both clergy and laity have departed from the essence of the matter, and we begin to make changes. The best response is to return to the true meaning of the practice. Then, it will no longer be an issue for us.

Q: Why does the Bishop carry around his staff?

A: As the head of the Orthodox church in the Diocese, the bishop is the chief shepherd of the Christian flock. In the Bible, our Lord calls Himself "the Good Shepherd" (John 10: 14) and the Bible refers to Him as "the great shepherd of the sheep" (Hebrews 13:20). The clergy are instructed by the scriptures as the shepherds of God's flock, "to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising oversight" (1 Peter 5:2). Orthodox bishops have two kinds of staffs which represent the shepherd's crook, or staff which the shepherd uses to care for the sheep. One is ornate, capped by a double headed eagle as a symbol of his pastoral authority. This is used in worship services. The other one is simple, usually black in color and with a more plain metal top. This is used outside the worship setting. Thus, the staff is a symbol of the bishop's pastoral responsibility for the church. It is sometimes referred to as a bishop's crosier. In Greek the ornate one is called the "episkopikos ravidos," and the shorter, black one is a "pateritsa."

PARISH NEWS

- The month of September always brings new beginnings - The beginning of a new ecclesiastical year; students of all ages, go back to school and have to settle down to the routine of classes. Here at Ascension, all schedules go into full force, once again - **Greek School** Registration and Open House on Tuesday, September 7th with the first day of Greek School together with *Agiasmo* (Blessing of the Holy Water) on Tuesday, September 14th; our **Youth Groups** (Joy/Jr. Goya and Goya) begin on Monday, September 13th (see page 7); our **Toddler and Parents** program begins on Wednesday, September 15th; our **Adult Greek School** starts on Thursday, September 16th and lastly, but by no means least, our **Sunday Church School** begins on Sunday, September 19th. May God bless all our students and their dedicated teachers.
- We want to welcome: **Maria Theodoropulu**, our new Greek School Director; **Mia Connolly**, our new Sunday Church School Director and **Maria Bolos**, our new Toddlers & Parents Coordinator. We welcome you all and wish you God's blessings to you and your families.
- We would be remiss if we did not thank the out-going directors who have given so much of their time to the education of our children: **Sophia Metropulos**, who has been the Greek School Director for several years, **Vicki Douvlis**, our previous Sunday Church School Director and **Caity Anast** who has been the leader of our Toddlers and Parents Group for quite a few years. Thank you, ladies for your commitment, dedication and love to God, our Church and our children!
- As you may have noticed, the Choir has not been singing in the months of July and August. The reason being, that **Kay James** is no longer the Choir Director. Unfortunately, she is unable to continue being the Director and also the Church Secretary. As soon as an appropriate Director is found, then we will, once again, enjoy the beautiful singing of our dedicated choir members, praising Our Lord, the best way they know how. Praise be to God!
- Please note the special Liturgies taking place in the middle of the month: September 8th, the **Nativity of the Theotokos**; on the 14th, the **Elevation of the Holy Cross**; and on the 17th, **SS Sophia, Faith, Hope and Agape**; All Divine Liturgies begin at 9:00 a.m. preceded by Orthros at 8:00 a.m. Please make every effort to attend.
- This year the **Golf Outing** will be held on Monday, September 20th at the Deerfield Golf Club. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a beautiful day of golf and fellowship. See page 5 for more details.
- **Toddlers and Parents** - If you have a child aged 2-4, we would love to have you join our Toddlers & Parents program that will be held on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. As mentioned above, we welcome Maria Bolos as our new coordinator. Toddlers attend this program weekly and have time for prayer, crafts, a snack and singing. It is a great way for our toddlers to make friendships at an early age and it is also a great way for parents or grandparents, who accompany the children, to meet others in our Parish. Registration forms can be found in the Fellowship Hall.
- The Senior Synaxis "**Fall Into Christmas**" **Bazaar and Bake Sale** will take place from November 12th to the 14th. This is a fun event for the whole family!
- **SAVE THE DATE - Gingerbread House Making** on Saturday, December 4, 2010.

2010 "Walk the Walk" for IOCC

Saturday, October 2, 2010

@ St. Andrew Church, Chicago



Help support the philanthropic ministries of IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities) by walking in this annual event.

You can make your own contribution as well as collect donations from sponsors. Registration and sponsor forms can be found in the Fellowship Hall.

Last year we had a nice-sized group participate and we hope to have more this year. Our Goya usually gets a group together and we encourage individuals and families to participate to help raise funds for this charitable organization that helps so many around the world.

Learn more about IOCC by going to: www.iocc.org

SENIOR SYNAXIS HAPPENINGS

Friday, September 17th: Book Presentation by Robert Kranz (below), who is the author of the book "Falling in Love with Sophia".

1:00 p.m. - Coffee and refreshments

2:00 p.m. - Book Presentation/Signing



Thursday, October 14th: Luncheon at the Church followed by a general meetings. Begins at 12:00 Noon.

Friday, November 12th to Sunday, November 14th: "Fall into Christmas" Bazaar and Bake Sale

Ascension of Our Lord Golf Outing

Deerfield Golf Club
1201 Saunders Road
Deerfield, IL 60015

Hole Sponsorships Available!

\$100 Hole Sponsor
(Displayed @ the Tee Boxes)

\$500 Patron Sponsor
(Displayed @ the Putting Green)

We are looking for Event Sponsors or Underwriters for:

- Lunch (\$1,100)
- Social Hour (\$1,000)
- Appetizers (\$1,600)
- ~~Dinner (\$2,100)~~ *DONATED!*

Please send your information and checks to:

Ascension of Our Lord
Greek Orthodox Church
1207 Riverwoods Road
Lincolnshire, IL 60069

12th Annual Parish Golf Outing

Monday, September 20, 2010



Lunch	11:00 a.m.
Shotgun Start	12:00 p.m.
Social Hour	4:30 p.m.
Dinner	5:30 p.m.

\$150.00 per person (Lunch, Golf, Social Hour & Dinner)
\$65.00 per person (Social Hour & Dinner)

For donations, Tee-Times and Reservations, please call Kay James at the Ascension of Our Lord Church Office, (847) 482-1200.

We are also looking for prize donations and/or goodie bag items. (golf items, gift baskets, travel packages, sports tickets, golf balls, snacks, tees, etc...)

MINI-CAMP 2010

We had another successful Mini-Camp program this past August. Our young children, from Pre-K to 3rd Grade gathered at Church on August 5th and 6th. They had a well-rounded 2-day mini-camp retreat with time for worship, songs, crafts, games, food, lessons, friendships and fun! We thank Maria Vlahos for all her coordinating for this wonderful event, along with several teen and parent volunteers, and also Mrs. Sophia Metropulos, who served up delicious meals on both days. Next year, we are planning to have one week program from June 13th to June 17th for Grades Pre-K to 6th. Stay tuned for



FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL - *By Harold Anagnos, President*

HELP WANTED to serve our Community in various ministries

The parish council, made up of seventeen dedicated, duly elected and sworn members, is asking for help. We have openings for those that want to serve and actively support the life and growth of our worshipping community in a variety of ministries.

Besides meeting once a month, all Parish Council members are involved in various committees, programs or events that are an integral part of the daily life of this loving community. They need help to execute these ministries for the good of our community.

Please review the following listed opportunities. You can contact Father Jim, any Parish Council member or the Parish Council President Harold V. Anagnos at hanagnos@att.net or call him at (847) 612-3030.

- We need experts in public relations and communications to help us improve internal and external communications and promote the life and events of our community. If you are or know someone in our community that is talented in this field please ask them to contact us.
- The Stewardship and Capital development committees need your time and talent to help us with the formulation and deployment of plans. We are targeting to grow our community to a minimum of 350 families or units and raise the necessary funds to start construction in late spring 2011. The stewardship team will focus on engaging people to offer their time and talents.
- If you have experience and/or contacts with banks willing and capable to offer us good terms and rates for a possible construction and building loan, now is the time to help your church and our community. We may or may not need to seek funding but it will be great help knowing we can get financing if the need develops.

It takes many more people than just our beloved Father Jim, Kay and Alex to support the life of our community. Stewards that are willing to give their time and talents in support of our programs and aspirations to establish and grow our community are badly needed. Please take that step and be an active member of The Ascension family.

We have 1/3 of our stewards that have pledged to build our permanent church while 2/3 are waiting for the church to be built. Father Jim will tell you willingly that he ministers to 450+ families and yet we have only 320 who have completed their stewardship pledge card.

We are a community of volunteers with limited fiscal resources to provide the services we avail with stewardship of just over \$1000.00 per year. Without your time and talents we will not go far.

PLEASE PLEDGE AND PARTICIPATE.....

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Our Sunday Church School will begin on **Sunday, September 19th**. We invite the children of our parish to register for Sunday Church School, if they have not already done so. Registration forms can be picked up in the Fellowship Hall.

Our 2010-2011 SCS staff has many returning members and a couple new faces. We welcome Caity Anast and Kristyn Klein to the SCS teaching family! We also would like to thank Julie Phipps for all of the years of service as she steps down from her role as a 1st grade teacher!

Along with some changes to our Teaching Staff, our Director responsibilities have now been taken over by Mia Connolly. Mia was the 1st grade teacher for the past 3 years. She has 2 children, Sophia (10) and Joseph (8). She and her husband Mike, and children live in Long Grove.

We also appreciate all the hard work and devotion from Vicki Douvli for the years she served as SCS Director. Vicki is still involved with SCS and will continue to be the Christmas Pageant Director.

The 2010-2011 Teachers:

Pre-K - Judy Argol and Connie Hugdahl

Kindergarten - Diane Maroudas and Kathy Papastratakos

1st Grade - Caity Anast

2nd Grade - Kristen Mantzoros and Monique Harvey

3rd Grade - Suzanne Saric and Angela Petropoulos

4th Grade - Jim Anast and Patty Metropoulos

5th to 8th Grades - Vicki Douvli, Kristyn Klein, Anastasia Svigos and Amy Tsarwhas

We have wonderful teachers and aides prepared to teach your children about the Greek Orthodox Faith. We ask you, the parents, to register them and bring them to class every Sunday. Those of you who are interested in helping with the pageant or have Junior High and High School children who may want to volunteer to run the children's Pangari or assist in a class, please do not hesitate to contact our Sunday School or Pageant Director.

YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH GROUP



We begin

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th

Joy/Jr. Goya's **FIRST meeting** will be on Monday, September 13th! We will begin slightly earlier for the first meeting. We will meet at **5:30 p.m.** and begin with a Vespers Services for the Feast of the "Elevation of the Holy Cross." We invite all our young people and their parents to join us for Vespers, which will be followed by dinner for our young people. While our children eat, Fr. Jim will meet with the parents. Dinner will also be served for the parents after their meeting. Please make an effort to attend this parents' meeting and meet other parents as well.

Joy/Jr. Goya Dinners - Can you host a meal for our Joy/Jr. Goya on Monday nights? The sign-up book is in the Fellowship Hall or go online to see a list of available dates - www.ascensiongoc.com/youth. Two families can host together as well. Please contact if you can help and thanks in advance!



GOYA's FIRST meeting will be the same evening, Monday, September 13th at 7:30 p.m. We will begin with an Agiasmos Service, followed by our **"Ice Cream Extravaganza"** and **"Smoothie Spectacular"** (featuring all fruit smoothies!) We will also talk about our exciting plans for the year. If you are in High School, please join us!

Registration forms and the yearly calendar are available in the Fellowship Hall or online at: www.ascensiongoc.com/youth

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Please take a look and see what is going on in Philoptochos for September and October.

SEPTEMBER 2010

Thursday, September 9th: Board Meeting

Sunday, September 12th: Collection for Holy Cross/Hellenic College.

Saturday, September 18th: Metropolis of Chicago Philoptochos Luncheon at Rosewood Banquets.

Featuring Robert Krantz, author of "Do you Want to Dance" and "Falling in Love with Sophia". Please speak with Patty Metropoulos if you are interested in attending the luncheon.

Thursday, September 23rd: Members Fellowship @ the home of Faye and Steve Kopplin

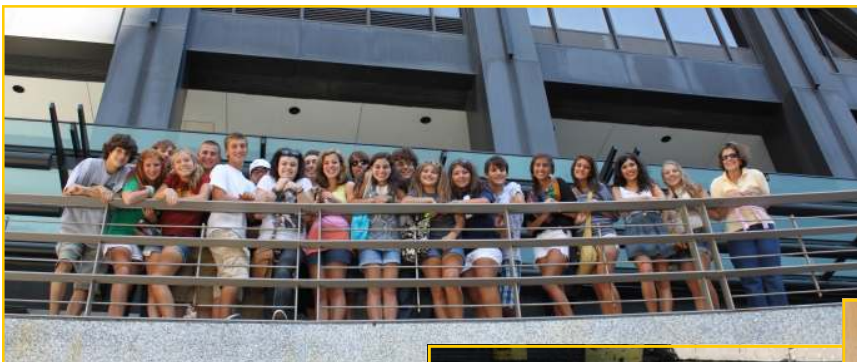


OCTOBER 2010

Thursday, October 7th: Board Meeting

October 24th - November 14th: Food Sale - Take Orders and Thanksgiving Food Drive

Saturday, October 16th: General Meeting - Formal Dress and accessory collection for The Glass Slipper Project @ the home of Lisa and George Maris



The Goya trip downtown always proves to be an adventure as evident in the pictures. Michigan Avenue, the train ride, the Water Taxi ride and Greektown are some of the highlights of this fun event. We would love to have more high-school aged young people joins us on Monday nights and be part of this wonderful group.

WORSHIP SERVICES	PARISH INFORMATION
<p align="center">Sunday Orthros: 8:15 a.m. Sunday Church School: 9:15 a.m. Sunday Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p align="center">Ascension of Our Lord Greek Orthodox Church 1207 Riverwoods Road Lincolnshire, IL 60069 Phone: (847) 482-1200 Fax: (847) 482-9566 Website: www.ascensiongoc.com Fr. James S. Gordon, Protopresbyter Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.</p>
<p align="center">+ NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS +</p>	<p align="center">DATES TO REMEMBER...</p>
<p align="center">Wednesday, September 8th 8:00 a.m. Orthros/9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy</p>	
<p align="center">+ ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS +</p>	<p align="center">Tuesday, September 7th Greek School Open House and Registration (4:45 p.m.)</p>
<p align="center">Tuesday, September 14th 8:00 a.m. Orthros/9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy <i>Vespers at 7:00 p.m. on Sept. 13th at Holy Cross Church, Justice</i></p>	
<p align="center">+ SS SOPHIA, FAITH, HOPE AND AGAPE +</p>	<p align="center">Monday, September 13th 1st Day of Joy/Jr. Goya (5:30 p.m.) and Goya (7:30 p.m.)</p>
<p align="center">Friday, September 17th 8:00 a.m. Orthros/9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy <i>Vespers at 7:00 p.m. on Sept. 16th at St. Sophia Church, Elgin</i></p>	<p align="center">Tuesday, September 14th <i>Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross (Strict Fast Day)</i> 1st Day of Greek School with Agiasmos (4:45 p.m.)</p>
<p align="center">PLEASE SEE UPCOMING CALENDAR FOR SERVICES IN OCTOBER 2010</p>	<p align="center">Wednesday, September 15th 1st Day of Toddlers and Parents (10:00 a.m.)</p>
<p align="center">ANALYSIS NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	<p align="center">Thursday, September 16th 1st Day of Adult Greek School</p>
<p><i>Deadline for November/December Newsletter: October 10th</i> <i>Please submit all information to Kay James in the Church Office</i> <i>or via e-mail at kay.james@sbcglobal.net.</i></p>	<p align="center">Saturday, September 18th Philoptochos Luncheon @ Rosewood Banquets</p>
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