

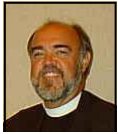


# ASCENSION OF OUR LORD GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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From Father  
Jim's Study...

### AN EXAMPLE AND DEFINITION OF FAITH

Have you ever asked a favor from someone and have been rejected? I am sure you have, and probably on more than one occasion. But to the contrary, I am most certain that you have also asked a close friend or relative for a favor and probably before you even finished asking they have volunteered to help you. Why? Most likely because of the long-standing relationship you had established with them as a trusted confidant and reliable friend. Your relationship with that individual led to the favor being fulfilled almost immediately - no questions asked.

In Matthew 9:27-35, we read a moving and beautiful story about two blind men who were following Jesus and who had cried aloud: *"Have mercy on us, Son of David."* Christ responded to them by saying: *"Do you believe that I am able to do this?"* They said: *"Yes, Lord."* Then He touched their eyes saying, *"According to your faith be it done to you."* And their eyes were opened. Jesus sternly charged them: *"See that no one knows it."* But they went away and spread His fame through all that district.

Christ was recorded and credited for healing two blind men. 'No big deal for Him', you might say - we read in Scripture He did things like that all the time! Now you are correct in thinking that - but, if we look at what Christ said to the blind men, we notice one particular thing. Christ said: *"According to your faith be it done to you."* Please notice that Jesus did not say - "According to me" or "because of me - be it done to you"; but rather He said: *"According to your faith be it done to you."* And then, after that statement, we are reminded that Jesus firmly addressed them and said to them emphatically: *"See that no one knows it."*

It is important that we understand that Jesus wanted the "credit" of this healing to be deflected away from Him, His person, His Being - that He did not want to personally take the credit for the miraculous healing - He wanted these



Sunday Church School (SCS) begins on September 11th. The dedicated and dynamic teaching staff is looking forward to another great. Towards the end of last year, the 3rd Grade Class, had a lesson on how to make Prosfophora. See page 5 for more on SCS.

men to know that their FAITH in Him "as God" healed them, not necessarily Christ the man!

Perhaps we get confused as to why Christ made this statement and further said: "See that no one knows it." So we begin to ask the questions: "What is Faith and why is Faith so important to those who choose to believe in the Lord?" Why did Christ want no one to know about this healing? Allow me to explain.

Let's first look at the definition of FAITH. Faith is defined as the following: **FAITH** is undoubting assent, given to revealed truth, truth in the Holy Scriptures and Holy Tradition, because God had revealed them. It is known as one of the three Theological Virtues. Now, these three Theological Virtues are **FAITH** - simply speaking Faith is belief in God; **HOPE** - which means, hoping or putting our trust in God; and **LOVE** - meaning that we love God for His own sake.

Christ wanted these blind men to understand that their FAITH IN CHRIST AS GOD healed them, not just because of the fact that Christ was there at that moment to heal them! Christ wanted those men who were healed of their blindness to understand that the FAITH they had in God, because they HOPED IN GOD (TRUSTED GOD) and LOVED GOD, contributed to their being healed of their blindness. Christ in some way had to make them understand that they were healed because they knew God and because they had God in their heart.

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OUR STEWARDSHIP MINISTRIES	PARISH REGISTRY
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Rev. Fr. James S. Gordon, Protopresbyter</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Parish Ministry Team</u></b></p> <p><b>Acolytes:</b> Fr. James Gordon, Alex Magdalinos  <b>Bookstore:</b> See Alex Magdalinos if interested  <b>Chanters:</b> Kosta Buhler, George Houppis, Paul Lillios, Alex Magdalinos, Nick Papastratakos, Isidoros Xilas  <b>Custodian:</b> Marian Janowski  <b>Greek School Director:</b> Maria Theodoropulu  <b>GOYA:</b> Alex Magdalinos, Carol Stamas, Maria Vlahos  <b>JOY &amp; Jr. GOYA:</b> Alex Magdalinos, Nick Treantafeles  <b>Koliva:</b> Andrea Rogers  <b>Office Secretary:</b> Kay James  <b>Office Volunteer:</b> Maita Houppis  <b>Parish Council:</b> Harold Anagnos (<i>President</i>), Thomas Kiriakos (<i>Vice-President</i>), Doug Hugdahl (<i>Treasurer</i>), Houppis (<i>Asst. Treasurer</i>), Carol Stamas (<i>Secretary</i>), Bill Athenson, Robert Buhler, Nicholas Gatsis, George Kartsimas, Bob Mantzoros, Nicholas Marino, Alex Marx, George Mouzakiotis, Thomas Papastefan, Nick Papastratakos, Tom Vabakos, Peter Venetos  <b>Pastoral Assistant:</b> Alex Magdalinos  <b>Philoptochos President:</b> Vicki Douvlis  <b>Senior Synaxis President:</b> Mary Kokinis  <b>Sunday Church School Director:</b> Mia Connolly  <b>Toddlers &amp; Parents:</b> Maria Bolos</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>40-DAY BLESSINGS</u></b></p> <p>07-28-11 Daughter of Anastasia and Steve Livaditis</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>BAPTISM</u></b></p> <p>07-02-11 Gabriella Alikakos, daughter of Tim and Susan  <i>Sponsor: Nicolette Zubay</i></p> <p>07-24-11 Georgia Kunstman, daughter of Greg &amp; Jamie  <i>Sponsor: Tom Loukas</i></p> <p>08-21-11 Olivia Rosenthal, Daughter of Paul and Elena  <i>Sponsor: Eleni Sokorelis</i></p> <p>08-28-11 Mark Peter Klein Jr., Son of Mark &amp; Jennifer  <i>Sponsor: Mary Klein Papavasiliou</i></p> <p>08-28-11 Callie (Kaliopé) Hamburg, daughter of Fred and Argy  <i>Sponsor: Vasia Platanitis</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MEMORIAL</u></b></p> <p>07-24-11 Angie Bratsakis, beloved wife of Andy Bratsakis (6 months).</p> <p>07-24-11 Sophia (Fifi) Demet, beloved wife of Nick Demet (6 months)</p> <p>07-31-11 James (Dimitrios) Spears, beloved husband of Danae (40 days)</p> <p>08-21-11 Chryssoula Dimitriou, beloved wife of Ted Dimitriou (40 days)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>FUNERALS</u></b></p> <p>07-09-11 Chris (Chryssoula) Dimitriou, beloved wife of Ted Dimitriou.</p>

## Seeking Ascension Stewards to be candidates to serve in the Parish Council

The community lay leadership of each of our over 525 Greek Orthodox parishes is made up of good Orthodox stewards that have stepped up to serve their community. The reasons that over 7000 Orthodox Christians decided to run for and join their councils are many and varied ranging from pure civil duty, love for their community and all the way down to love of importance. The methods used to usher people forward also vary from parish to parish. People are asked by the priest, by other parish council members or by parishioners who are looking to impact changes in the leadership of their community.

There are also many dedicated and church loving parish councils that become static because the same people serve again and again because no new people step up from within the community. This manifestation is something that the parish leadership must work hard to eradicate. Most Parish by-laws limit the terms one can serve as an officer but not the number of terms one can be a member of the council. The ideal way will be the selection of P.C. members by lottery the way the ancient Athenians, during their short-lived democracy, elected their parliament members and their judges. Their term was limited to one for each time selected and two terms during their life time. Serving the public was a duty that all citizens had to be available to perform with honor and dignity. Our system is imitating our elected representative form of governing but, we can at least seek out and open the doors for willing stewards.

All Parish councils need renewal with diversity of talents, stewards of time and the willingness to serve actively with humility and sensitivity to the spiritual and social ministries of the community. Our present Parish Council members invite any interested stewards of the Ascension to seek information on the qualifications and duties as Parish Council member. We will have elections later this year, sometime in December, and it will be a great accomplishment to have many and new people as candidates. We encourage all stewards of The Ascension, to step up or nominate someone whom you think is qualified and who will be willing to serve. Serving on the Parish Council is pure stewardship of time and talents. The rewards are never immediate other than we are all part of a team doing His Work.

Please contact Father Jim or any member of the board to explore the opportunity to serve our Ascension.

**Harold V. Anagnos** (*Parish Council President*)



# GREEK SCHOOL PAGE

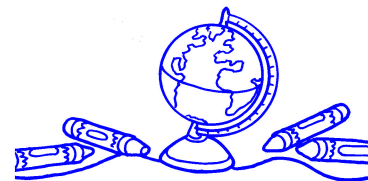
## Σελίδα του Ελληνικού Σχολείου



Our Greek School offers the following programs:

(1) Tuesday evening classes (4:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.) for children ages 4 to 15.

- Our students are placed in **language acquisition levels** according to their language proficiency and age, in order to learn more effectively.
- Our focus is on **conversation**.
- Our **teaching staff** is *highly educated* and *enthusiastic*. In a *warm and friendly environment* our students learn the **Greek language and traditions**.



*Tell me and I forget  
Show me and I remember  
Involve me and I understand*

(2) Thursday Greek for Adults/Adolescents classes (7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)

- This is a program for those who want to **learn** or **improve** their Greek.
- The focus is on **conversational modern Greek** and involves the students in conversation in a variety of social situations in a friendly atmosphere.
- **Levels:** *Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced*

Registration forms for the 2011-2012 school year are available in the Fellowship Hall or online.

For more information about our programs, you can call the Church Secretary, Kay James, or you can contact our Greek School Director, Maria Theodoropulu, at: mariatheod@hotmail.com.

*First Day of Tuesday afternoon classes (with Agiasmos):  
September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at 4:45 p.m.*



Pictures from our Golf Outing held on Monday, August 22, 2011 at the Deerfield Golf Club. The day included a grill lunch, golf, dinner and plenty of time for fellowship with other friends. At top left, our youngest golfer, Johnny, takes a swing on one of the holes.

At bottom left, our Golf Outing Chairman Doug Hugdahl with fellows golfers. We thank Doug for his hard work and organization, as well as, all those who attended to make this a successful event.



## PARISH NEWS

- **OUR SINCERE SYMPATHIES** to the families of:  
Andy Bratsakis on the death of his beloved wife Angie; Nick Demet on the death of his beloved wife Fifi (Sophia); Ted Dimitriou on the death of his beloved wife Chryssoula; Danae Spears and Ted (Cynthia) Spears on the death of James (Dimitrios) Spears, beloved husband and father; Fred Chapekis on the death of his beloved wife Helen and Mary Drinis on the death of her beloved husband Peter (Panagiotis). May their memory be eternal.
- **OUR HEARTFELT THANKS** to the following for their generous donations toward the purchase of flowers that decorated the Icons of our Blessed Theotokos throughout the fifteen days of August: Marie and Nick Korompilas; Mary and John Kokinis; Mary Greub; Christine and Spiro Kircos and Peter and Brenda Venetos. May God be with you and your families.
- **THE GOLF OUTING** this year was very successful. We thank our Chairman Doug Hugdahl for his leadership. Our thanks also to all our patrons, sponsors, golfers and to Harold and Georgia Anagnos and Doug and Connie Hugdahl for underwriting the dinner and social hour. See pictures on page 3.
- **THE SENIOR SYNAXIS** group had their annual picnic on our patio. It was a tremendous success. Now they are all working hard and looking forward to the upcoming Christmas Bazaar on Friday, November 11th and Saturday, November 12 as shown below. Your presence, support and participation would be greatly appreciated. Don't forget we all work for the good of our beloved Ascension.
- **SAVE THE DATE** - November 6th for our Dinner Dance which will take place at the Concorde Banquets in Kildeer.
- **CALLING ALL MEN OR WOMEN WHO BAKE ! WE ARE IN NEED OF "PROSPHORA BAKERS"**. If you know how to make bread, please consider offering this most important ministry to the Church and assist our Parish in preparing the "greatest gift" you can offer Our Lord, the very bread that God, through His Divine Holy Spirit, will consecrate and become the very Body of Christ! Don't know HOW to make prospora? We have a number of women in the parish willing to teach you at your home or theirs. Please call the Church Office (847-482-1200) between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and speak to Kay James about being put on a rotating schedule.
- **TO OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS** we wish good luck and God's blessings. If you have any news you would like to share with us, are in need of anything or have any questions, please contact us at the Church. In addition, please send your updated contact information to Alex at [alekom@sbcglobal.net](mailto:alekom@sbcglobal.net).

**ASCENSION OF OUR LORD SENIOR SYNAXIS PRESENTS ITS ANNUAL:**

# FALL INTO CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2011 - 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**  
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2011 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

- + **Come, browse and purchase from our unique collection of beautiful boutique items from our numerous vendors.**
- + **Find the perfect gift for family members or friends.**
- + **Enjoy our delicious food and top it off with a selection from our homemade **Greek** pastries ("Carry-Out" as well).**
- + **Special drawings for great prizes.**

**ADMISSION: FREE**

*If you have any questions, would like to make a donation or would like to volunteer to help, please contact the Church Office or our Senior Synaxis Coordinator, Mary Kokinis.*

## PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Greetings to all! My name is Vicki Douvli and I am the newly elected president of the Ascension Philoptochos. I invite all in the parish to participate in the wonderful events and philanthropic efforts of our chapter. *Philanthropia* is a tradition of the Orthodox Church and I hope and pray that our membership will continue to grow and extend goodwill to fellow members; promote human welfare; and be role models so our children will continue these humanitarian efforts.

The Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, Inc., as the philanthropic heart of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, has for over seventy-five years undertaken a multitude of philanthropic programs to aid the poor, the sick, and the elderly. The Society was established in November 1931, by the late Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras I, who was then serving as Archbishop of North and South America.

Since the late 1950's, upon the recommendation of Archbishop Iakovos, Philoptochos has placed an increased emphasis on the implementation of important programs to benefit the Greek Orthodox community, including, but not limited to, institutions of the Church, the philanthropies of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and assistance to Greek and Greek Orthodox families. Involvement in social and moral issues encouraged the establishment of several committees to address topics such as child abuse prevention, domestic violence, homelessness, pornography, drug and alcohol abuse, and aging. The charitable work of the Society is performed with discretion, courtesy and kindness. Each September, the Ascension Philoptochos reaches out to those in the parish with the annual membership drive. Those who have been members are asked to renew their membership and those who have not been a part of the society are invited to join.

I invite all women and men, age 18 and up, to consider joining this wonderful group and carrying on the tradition that was started over 75 years ago. Please email us at [ascensionphiloptochos@yahoo.com](mailto:ascensionphiloptochos@yahoo.com) if you have any questions regarding membership, events, meetings or any questions you may have about our chapter. We also have information on the Church's website and we will be updating our page very soon. In the meantime, I leave with something from St. James, in his Epistle, Chapter 1, Verse 22. "Christians be doers of the Word, and not hearers only."

### METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO PHILOPTOCHOS LUNCHEON

*"Philoptochos - 80 year of reaching  
out and touching others."*

**Saturday, September 24th**

At Rosewood Banquets, Rosemont

If you have any questions or would like to reserve a spot at our Ascension table, please speak with Vicki Douvli or any Philoptochos Board Member.

### IOCC 5K Walk/Run

**Saturday, October 1, 2011  
at St. Andrew Church, Chicago  
8:00 a.m. - Registration  
9:00 a.m. - Walk/Run begins**

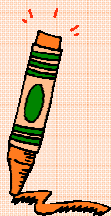
Registration and Sponsor forms are available in the Fellowship Hall or online at [www.iocc.org/chicago](http://www.iocc.org/chicago).

If you have any other questions about this event, please speak with Alex.

**Sunday Church School** will begin on Sunday, September 11 at 9:15 A.M. Our program offers classes for children from Pre-School through 8th Grade. Please register your children by picking up a registration form in the office. We would appreciate registrations being turned in as soon as possible so that we may properly plan for classroom sizes. We are always looking for anyone interested in volunteering as a Teacher, or a Teacher's Aide, please let us know if you can help. If you have any questions about the program, please contact the Sunday Church School Director, Mia Connolly at [Miaps@aol.com](mailto:Miaps@aol.com) or (847) 478-5158.

### TODDLERS & PARENTS

Attention all parents and toddlers (ages 2-4)! Please join our Toddlers & Parents group for fellowship, Orthodox education and fun! We will be meeting on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month starting on September 20th at 10:00am. We hope you will join us! Please contact Maria Bolos for more information - (847) 767-1102 or [mariabolos31@yahoo.com](mailto:mariabolos31@yahoo.com).



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Again, this is why Christ made the statement and said to these men: *"See that no one knows it."* Jesus did not want people coming to Him for a "quick fix" treatment and easy remedy for their ills. Christ would have been perceived or projected by some as a "sorcerer" or "magician" because of His healing powers, more so to that end than being known as the acclaimed Son of God. People, by nature, would not care Who He was or where He came from, as long as they were healed of their illness. It is for this reason that Christ said: "See that no one knows it" - "don't tell anybody about what happened." Christ wanted to make sure that those who were to be healed would know and realize that the power and Grace that was granted to those who were to be healed was coming from the power and love from God and God alone.

It seems strange to me that these men went against Christ's wishes and told people anyway. Maybe because of their exuberance and excitement of being able to see - they just simply wanted to tell everyone what had happened. I can't really blame them for that.

I am the same way about not being able to hold back! There probably isn't a person I meet or run into casually from time to time, (and this includes the waiter or waitress, a physical therapist, a physician, a person off the street), that doesn't know that I have a lovely wife, who is a valued computer specialist in her school district, a son who I know is an excellent architect working for the Department of Defense, a daughter-in-law who is a financial investment wiz, a daughter who is a Captain in the U.S. Army JAG Corp, serving in Iraq, and that I am a proud grandfather of a precious five year old little girl and delightful two and a half year old little boy! No one ever really asked me about my loved ones in particular - I just

offer the information when asked the simply question: "How's your family?"

Just as one's excitement about something that happens to them or about people they are extremely proud of gets the better of them, perhaps that same type enthusiasm can be said of one's Faith in God!

The example we read and hear about regarding these two blind men in that Gospel parable, remind us of how strong one's faith can become; so much so that the Lord rewards that faith by healing one's infirmities, by cleansing one's sins or restoring one to being pure and whole. Christ seems to tell us in all of this that the inner person, the inner strength and beliefs that one possesses, of one who chooses to put their Faith, Hope and Love in God, will be rewarded by God abundantly. If one goes about their faith, quietly, humbly, yet strongly before the Lord; their Faith in God will be rewarded. It seems to be all about one's relationship with God!

This goes back to the example about asking favors from others. If you have a solid and good relationship with others, asking a favor is no big deal, because they will be delighted to help you. If you don't have that strong of a relationship, you might find yourself disappointed when asking for a favor. Thus it is with God, do we run the risk of asking for a favor if our relationship is not very good? The blind men in our parable must have had a great relationship with God - Christ knew they had faith when He asked them, that is why they were healed.

So, the lesson to learn is very simple - establish a relationship with God, first and foremost. Make it a good and solid relationship - and then simply let God take care of the rest. Sounds easy enough doesn't it - well then why not give it a try?

## Youth News... Information for ALL our youth and educational ministries.

**+ On your marks...get set...go!** The year begins for Joy/Jr. Goya and Goya on Monday, September 12th. Jr. Goya meets at 5:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Goya from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The Agiasmos Service for both groups will take place the following Monday, September 19th.



We look forward to an exciting year. Remember, Joy/Jr. Goya is for Grades 4-6 and Goya for high school. If you have not been part of these ministries, please join us! We would love to have you! The registration forms can be found in the Fellowship Hall or online at [www.ascensiongoc.com/youth](http://www.ascensiongoc.com/youth).

**+ Joy/Jr. Goya Fellowship Meal** - Can you host a dinner on Monday night for our youth? You can share the responsibility with another family. The sign up book will be in the Fellowship Hall or you may call the Church Office. Thanks in advance!



**+ Save-the-Date...** Gingerbread House Decorating on Saturday, December 3rd. This is a great event, so set that date aside. More details to come!

## 2011 STEWARDS OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

*We thank you for your commitment of time, talents and treasures. (As of September 9, 2011)*

Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Adams	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Duros	Dr. & Mrs. Michael N. Korompilas	Mr. & Mrs. Steven Poulos
Miss Kimberly Adams	Mr. & Mrs. Ross Economy	Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas L. Korompilas	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Prousis
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WORSHIP SERVICES	PARISH INFORMATION
<p align="center"> <b>Sunday Orthros: 8:15 a.m.</b>  <i>Sunday Church School: 9:15 a.m.</i>  <b>Sunday Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.</b> </p>	<p align="center"> <b>Ascension of Our Lord Greek Orthodox Church</b>            1207 Riverwoods Road            Lincolnshire, IL 60069            Phone: (847) 482-1200 Fax: (847) 482-9566            Website: <a href="http://www.ascensiongoc.com">www.ascensiongoc.com</a>  <b>Fr. James S. Gordon, Protopresbyter</b>            Church Office Hours:            Monday – Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.         </p>
<p align="center"><b>+ NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS +</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>DATES TO REMEMBER...</b></p>
<p align="center"> <b>Thursday, September 8th</b>            Orthros at 8:00 a.m. and Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m.         </p>	
<p align="center"><b>+ EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS +</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Thursday, September 1st</b> Ecclesiastical New Year</p>
<p align="center"> <b>Wednesday, August 14th</b>            Orthros at 8:00 a.m. and Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m.  <i>Great Vespers on Tuesday, September 13th, at 7:00 p.m.</i>  <i>at Holy Cross Church, Justice and</i>  <i>Holy Cross Chapel (St. Andrew Church, Chicago)</i> </p>	<p align="center"><b>Ministry Start-Up Dates:</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>+ SS SOPHIA, FAITH, HOPE AND AGAPE +</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Sunday, September 11th</b> - Sunday Church School</p>
<p align="center"> <b>Saturday, September 17th</b>            Orthros at 8:00 a.m. and Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m.  <i>Great Vespers on Friday, September 16th</i>  <i>at 7:00 p.m. at St. Sophia Church, Elgin</i> </p>	<p align="center"><b>Monday, September 12th</b> - Joy/Jr. Goya and Goya</p>
<p align="center"><b>ANALYSIS NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Tuesday, September 13th</b> - Greek School Classes Begin</p>
<p> <i>Deadline for November/December Newsletter: October 20th</i>  <i>Please submit all information to Alex in the Church Office</i>  <i>or via e-mail at <a href="mailto:alekom@sbcglobal.net">alekom@sbcglobal.net</a>.</i> </p>	<p align="center"><b>Thursday, September 15th</b> - Adult Greek School</p>
	<p align="center"><b>Tuesday, September 20th</b> - Toddlers and Parents</p>
	<p align="center"><b>Saturday, September 24th</b> Metropolis of Chicago Philoptochos Luncheon (Rosewood)</p>
	<p align="center"><b>Saturday, October 1st</b> IOCC 5K Run/Walk @ St. Andrew Church, Chicago</p>

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