

GODPARENT SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1st: This is a special day to honor and celebrate Godparents. During liturgy there will be a special service for Godparents and godchildren before Communion. Children are encouraged to sit with their Godparents and receive communion with them. After Sunday School and Liturgy are complete Sunday School will be hosting an All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast. A free will offering will be collected with all proceeds going to our Sunday School Program.

Our children have made a special invitation card for their Godparents inviting them to join us. See the attached a flyer for more information.

SAVE THE DATE: PARISH OUTING TO THE MADISON CAPITALS GAME:

Once again our parish is going to be doing an outing for the Madison Capitals Hockey Team on Saturday, February 21st. This year we have gotten one of the suites for the game and cost will \$25 per person. It is also Team USA Bobblehead night. This will be a great game to attend with the whole family. Come cheer on our Madison Capitals to defeat the Des Moines Buccaneers on February 21st at 7:05 p.m. at the Bob Suter's Capital Aren

CHUCKLE: A young businessman had just started his own firm. He'd rented a beautiful office and had it furnished with antiques. Sitting there, he saw a man come into the outer office. Wishing to appear busy, the businessman picked up the phone and started to pretend he had a big deal working. He threw huge figures around and made giant commitments. Finally, he hung up and asked the visitor, "Can I help you?" The man said, "Sure. I've come to install the phone!"

WELCOME: We are pleased that you worshipped with us today. Please join us for Coffee Fellowship in our church hall, following worship. If you are new to the parish, or simply visiting, introduce yourself to our priest or to our greeters, so that they may introduce you to others.

COMMUNION ANNOUNCEMENT: While we pray and work for the reconciliation and unity of all the world's Christians, the reality remains that there is still no intercommunion between our Orthodox Churches and the Churches of the West. This means that only baptized, chrismated and observant Orthodox faithful receive Communion in our churches. At the same time, we warmly welcome all non-Orthodox to join us in prayer and celebration, and humbly offer to all present the Antidoron bread of fellowship at the end of the service. We offer this important symbol 'instead of the Gifts', in the words of the Apostle Paul, 'Till we all come to the unity of the Faith' (Eph. 4.13).

PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL OR ESTATE PLANNING:

As we begin this new year, please consider making a Planned Gift to the Church. A Planned Gift is an opportunity to leave a legacy that strengthens the Church and supports its vital ministries and will leave an impact that will be felt for years to come. It may also give you substantial current tax benefits as well as estate tax benefits. If you are interested in finding out more about the many ways that the Church can be included in your will or estate planning, please contact a Parish Council Member.

STEWARSHIP NOTE: Our parish needs your support! If you haven't pledge for 2026, please take the time and full out a pledge form and return it to the church office. It is only through your support that our church can have an active ministry. Also, if you haven't completed your payment for 2025, please do so as soon as possible.

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Sunday, January 25th, 2026

15th Sunday of Luke

Saint Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople
Saint Kastinos, Archbishop of Constantinople

Readings

Epistle: Hebrews 7:26-28; 8:1-2

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Sunday School / Greek School / Coffee Hour/ Winter Youth Outing

THIS WEEK AT ASSUMPTION

Wednesday, January 28th, 2026

Strict Fast Day

7:00 p.m.

Choir Practice

Friday, January 30th, 2026

Strict Fast Day

7:30 a.m.

Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy

Saturday, January 31st, 2026

11:00 a.m.

Philoptochos Winter Luncheon held at the Madison Club

Fr. Christodoulou's Office hours are: Tuesday - Friday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Memorials

Gisela (Anastasia) Theo	40 days	Peter Georgalan	2 Years
George Lakas	4 Years	Constantine Georgalan	10 Years

May their Memory be Eternal!

THE THREE HIERarchs: Although our Orthodox Church has a special day to honor and commemorate Saint Basil, Saint Gregory the Theologian and Saint John Chrysostom, we also have the 30th of January to honor them. The 3Hierarchs are considered the Patron Saints of education and culture, because they used the art of education and Greek classics to teach about God. The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America has the week around the 30th of January as the Week of Greek Letters and Culture. Through this celebration we are reminded of the contribution ancient Greece made to both civilization and to Christianity. So join us on Friday, January 30th for Divine Liturgy in commemoration of these great saints of the church.

FROM THE FATHERS: The Lord of all gave to His apostles the power of the gospel, and by them we also have learned the truth, that is, the teaching of the Son of God - as the Lord said to them, 'He who hears you hears Me, and he who despises you despises Me, and Him Who sent Me' [Lk.10:16]. For we learned the plan of our salvation from no other than from those through whom the gospel came to us. The first preached it abroad, and then later by the will of God handed it down to us in Scriptures, to be the foundation and pillar of our faith. For it is not right to say that they preached before they had come to perfect knowledge, as some dare to say, boasting that they are the correctors of the apostles. For after our Lord had risen from the dead, and they were clothed with the power from on high when the Holy Spirit came upon them, they were filled with all things and had perfect knowledge. They went out to the ends of the earth, preaching the good things that come to us from God, and proclaiming peace from heaven to all men, all and each of them equally being in possession of the gospel of God. – **St. Irenaeus**

The reading is from Paul's Letter to The Hebrews

Brethren, it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did this once for all when he offered up himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever. Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man but by the Lord.

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν ἀγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, διήρχετο τὴν Ἱεριχώ· καὶ ιδού ἀνὴρ ὄνοματι καλούμενος Ζακχαῖος, καὶ αὐτὸς ἦν ὁρχιτελώνης, καὶ οὗτος ἦν πλούσιος, καὶ ἔζητε ιδεῖν τὸν Ἰησοῦν τίς ἐστι, καὶ οὐκ ἡδύνατο ἀπὸ τοῦ ὄχλου, ὅτι τῇ ἡλικίᾳ μικρὸς ἦν. καὶ προδραμών ἐμπροσθεν ἀνέβη ἐπὶ συκομορέαν, ἵνα ἴδῃ αὐτὸν, ὅτι ἐκείνης ἡμελλε διέρχεσθαι. καὶ ὡς ἥλθεν ἐπὶ τὸν τόπον, ἀναβλέψας ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶδεν αὐτὸν καὶ εἶπε πρὸς αὐτόν· Ζακχαῖε, σπεύσας κατάβιθι σήμερον γάρ ἐν τῷ οἴκῳ σου δεῖ με μεῖναι. καὶ σπεύσας κατέβη, καὶ ὑπεδέξατο αὐτὸν χαίρων. καὶ ιδόντες πάντες διεγόγγυζον λέγοντες ὅτι παρὰ ἀμαρτωλῷ ἀνδρὶ εἰσῆλθε καταλῦσαι. σταθεὶς δὲ Ζακχαῖος εἶπε πρὸς τὸν Κύριον· ιδού τὰ ἡμίση τῶν ὑπαρχόντων μου, Κύριε, δίδωμι τοῖς πτωχοῖς, καὶ εἴ τινός τι ἐσυκοφάντησα, ἀποδίδωμι τετραπλούν. εἰπε δὲ πρὸς αὐτόν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὅτι σήμερον σωτηρίᾳ τῷ οἴκῳ τούτῳ ἐγένετο, καθότι καὶ αὐτὸς νιὸς Ἀβραάμ ἐστιν. ἥλθε γὰρ ὁ νιὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ζητῆσαι καὶ σῶσαι τὸ ἀπολωλός.

The Gospel According to Luke

At that time, Jesus was passing through Jericho. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

YOUR COOPERATION IS NEEDED: We remind our faithful that the Divine Liturgy begins at 9:45 a.m. Sharp! On Sunday. **Please be prompt and on time!** Please turn off cell phones before entering church. No conversation should take place during worship. During the reading of the Gospel people in the narthex should not be purchasing or lighting candles but standing reverently and listen to the reading. If possible avoid using center aisle during high points of Divine Liturgy. Lipstick and lip-gloss should be removed before kissing icons, receiving Holy Communion and kissing the hand of the priest. Please keep the Center aisle clear for the ushers and wait until they dismiss your row. Please avoid standing right behind the ushers we do not want anyone tripping over a child. When receiving antidoron, please use both hands and do not allow the crumbs to fall to the floor.

Ὕχος πλ δ

Ἐξ ὑψους κατῆλθες ὁ εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφὴν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσῃς τῶν παθῶν. Ή ζωὴ καὶ ἡ ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Mode Plagal of the Fourth

From the heights didst Thou come down, O Compassionate One. And Thou didst submit to three day burial that from the passions Thou might deliver us. O our Life and Resurrection, O Lord, glory be to Thee.

Hymn for the Saints

Ὕχος α'.

Ὀποιμενικὸς αὐλὸς τῆς θεολογίας σου, τὰς τῶν ῥητόρων ἐνίκησε σάλπιγγας· ὡς γάρ τὰ βάθη τοῦ Πνεύματος ἐκζητήσαντι, καὶ τὰ κάλλη τοῦ φθέγματος προσετέθη σοι. Άλλὰ πρέσβευε Χριστᾶ τῷ Θεῷ, Πάτερ Γρηγόριε, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Mode 1.

The shepherd's pipe of your theology overpowered the horns of the orators. For the more you plumbed the depths of the Spirit, ever greater eloquence was bestowed on you. O Father Gregory, intercede with Christ God, entreating Him to save our souls.

Hymn for the Dormition of the Theotokos

Ὕχος α

Ἐν τῇ Γεννήσει, τὴν παρθενίαν ἐφύλαξας. Ἐν τῇ Κοιμήσει, τὸν κόσμον οὐ κατέλιπες Θεοτόκε. Μετέστης πρὸς τὴν ζωήν, Μήτηρ ὑπάρχουσα τῆς ζωῆς, καὶ ταῖς πρεσβείαις ταῖς σαῖς λυτρουμένη, ἐκ θανάτου τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

First Mode

You gave birth yet preserved your virginity. You fell asleep in death yet did not desert the world, O Theotokos. You were transported to life, as you are Mother of Life and, by virtue of your intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

Kontakion

Ὕχος α

Ομήτραν παρθενικὴν ἀγιάσας τῷ τόκῳ σου, καὶ χεῖρας τοῦ Συμεὼν εὐλογήσας ὡς ἔπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νῦν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός. Άλλ' εἰρίνευσον ἐν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον Βασιλεῖς οὓς ἡγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλάνθρωπος.

First Mode

You sanctified the womb of the Virgin by Your birth, and by Your presentation You blessed the hands of Symeon, when You came, and You saved us, O Christ our God. Now we pray You give peace to Your world at war, and let love for Your people prevail in all, O only benevolent Lord.

Πρὸς Ἐβραίους Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

Ἄδελφοί, τοιοῦτος γάρ ἡμῖν ἐπρεπεν ἀρχιερεύς, ὄσιος, ἄκακος, ἀμίαντος, κεχωρισμένος ἀπὸ τῶν ἀμαρτωλῶν, καὶ ὑψηλότερος τῶν οὐρανῶν γενόμενος· ὃς οὐκ ἔχει καθ' ἡμέραν ἀνάγκην, ὡσπερ οἱ ἀρχιερεῖς, πρότερον ὑπὲρ τῶν ιδίων ἀμαρτιῶν θυσίας ἀναφέρειν, ἐπειτα τῶν τοῦ λαοῦ· τοῦτο γάρ ἐποίησεν ἐφάπαξ, ἐαυτὸν ἀνενέγκας. Ὁ νόμος γάρ ἀνθρώπους καθίστησιν ἀρχιερεῖς, ἔχοντας ἀσθένειαν· ὁ λόγος δὲ τῆς ὄρκωμοσίας τῆς μετὰ τὸν νόμον, νιὸν εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα τετελειώμενον. Κεφάλαιον δὲ ἐπὶ τοῖς λεγομένοις· τοιοῦτον ἔχομεν ἀρχιερέα, ὃς ἐκάθισεν ἐν δεξιᾷ τοῦ θρόνου τῆς μεγαλωσύνης ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς, τῶν ἀγίων λειτουργός, καὶ τῆς σκηνῆς τῆς ἀληθινῆς, ἣν ἐπηξεν ὁ κύριος, καὶ οὐκ ἀνθρωπος.

SAINTS OF THE DAY: GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN

This great Father and Teacher of the Church was born in 329 in Arianzus, a village of Cappadocia, not far from Nazianzus. His father, who later became Bishop of Nazianzus, was named Gregory (commemorated Jan. 1), and his mother was named Nonna (Aug. 5); both are proclaimed Saints, as are his brother Caesarius (Mar. 9) and his sister Gorgona (Feb. 23). At first he studied in Caesarea of Palestine, then in Alexandria, and finally in Athens. As he was sailing from Alexandria to Athens, a violent sea storm put him in peril not only his life but also his salvation, since he had not yet been baptized. With tears and fervor he besought God to spare him, vowing to dedicate his whole self to Him, and the tempest gave way to calm. At Athens Saint Gregory was later joined by Saint Basil the Great, whom he already knew; but now their acquaintanceship grew into a lifelong brotherly love. Another fellow student of theirs in Athens was the young Prince Julian, who later as Emperor was called the Apostle because he denied Christ and did all in his power to restore paganism. Even in Athens, before Julian had thrown off the mask of piety; Saint Gregory saw what an unsettled mind he had, and said, "What an evil the Roman State is nourishing". After their studies at Athens, Gregory became Basil's fellow ascetic, living the monastic life together with him for a time in the hermitages of Pontus. His father ordained him presbyter of the Church of Nazianzus, and Saint Basil consecrated him Bishop of Sasima (or Zansima), which was in the archdiocese of Caesarea. This consecration was a source of great sorrow to Gregory, and a cause of misunderstanding between him and Basil; but his love for Basil remained unchanged, as can be plainly seen from his Funeral Oration on Saint Basil. About the Year 379, Saint Gregory came to the assistance of the Church of Constantinople, which had already been troubled for forty years by the Arians. With words of wisdom and many labors he freed it from the corruption of heresy, and was elected Archbishop of that city by the Second Ecumenical Council, which assembled there in 381. When Saint Gregory came to Constantinople, the Arians had taken all the churches and he was forced to serve in a house chapel dedicated to Saint Anastasia the Martyr. From there he began to preach his famous five sermons on the Trinity, called the Triadica. When he left Constantinople two years later, the Arians did not have one church left to them in the city. Saint Meletius of Antioch, who was presiding over the Second Ecumenical Council, died in the course of it, and Saint Gregory was chosen in his stead; there he distinguished himself in his expositions of dogmatic theology. Having governed the Church until 382, he delivered his farewell speech - the Syntacterion, in which he demonstrated the Divinity of the Son - before 150 bishops and the Emperor Theodosius the Great; in this speech he requested, and received from all, permission to retire from the see of Constantinople. He returned to Nazianzus, where he lived to the end of his life, and reposed in the Lord in 391, having lived some sixty-two years. His extant writings both prose and poems in every type of metre, demonstrate his lofty eloquence and his wondrous breadth of learning. In the beauty of his writings, he is considered to have surpassed the Greek writers of antiquity, and because of his God-inspired theological thought, he received the surname "Theologian." Although he is sometimes called Gregory of Nazianzus, this title belongs properly to his father; he himself is known by the Church only as Gregory the Theologian. He is especially called "Trinitarian Theologian," since in virtually every homily he refers to the Trinity and the one essence and nature of the Godhead.

2026 YAL Chicago Conference



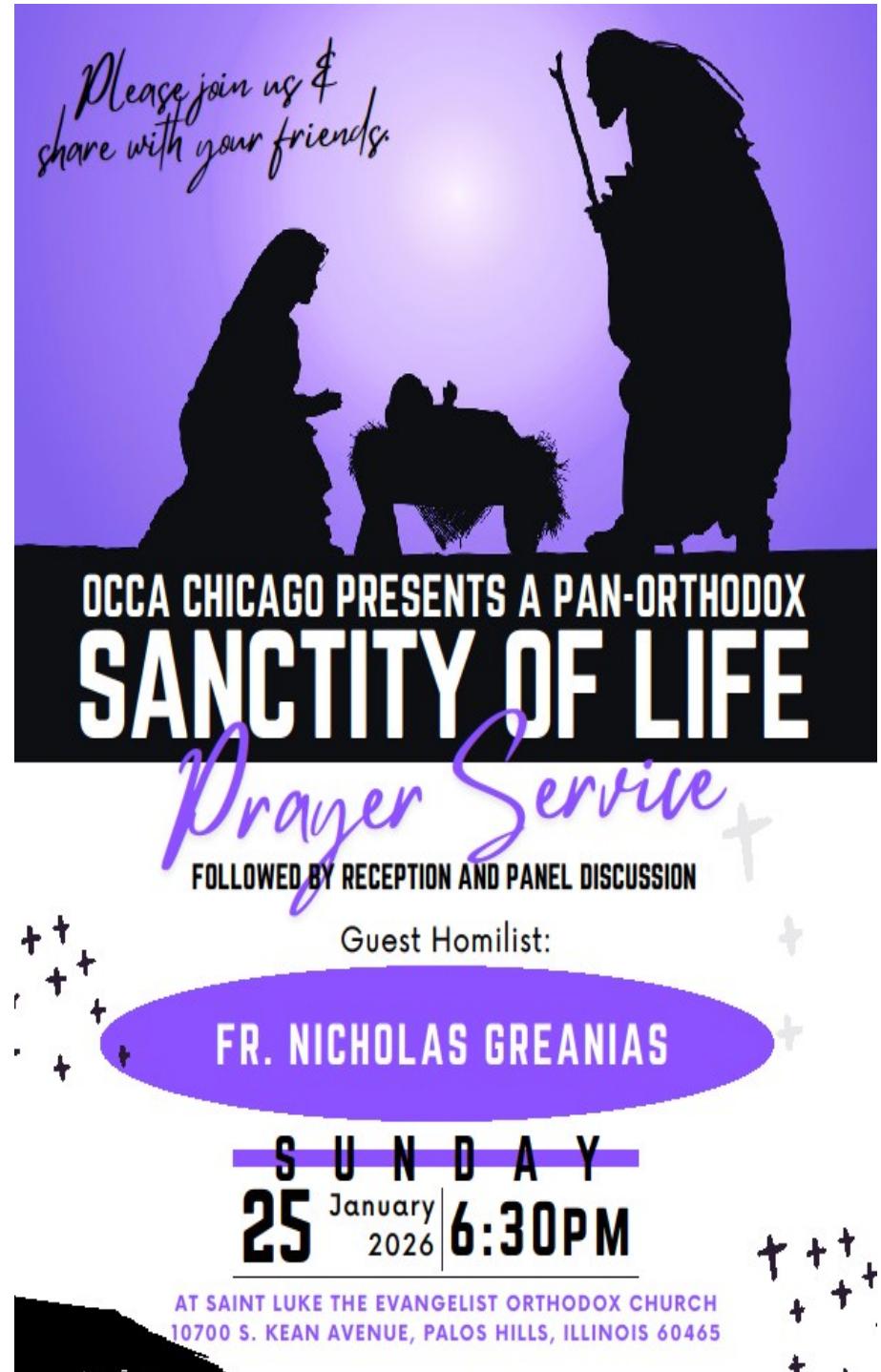
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BOWLING *Night*

Details will be announced later

Sunday February 15th



2026 Parish outing to the Madison Capitol's Hockey Team



On Saturday, February 21st 2026 we will have a Parish Outing to the Madison Capitol's Hockey Game vs the Des Moines Buccaneers

This year we have one of the Suites reserved for the church. This means we will only have a limited amount of Tickets available. The cost is \$25 which will include food in the Suite.

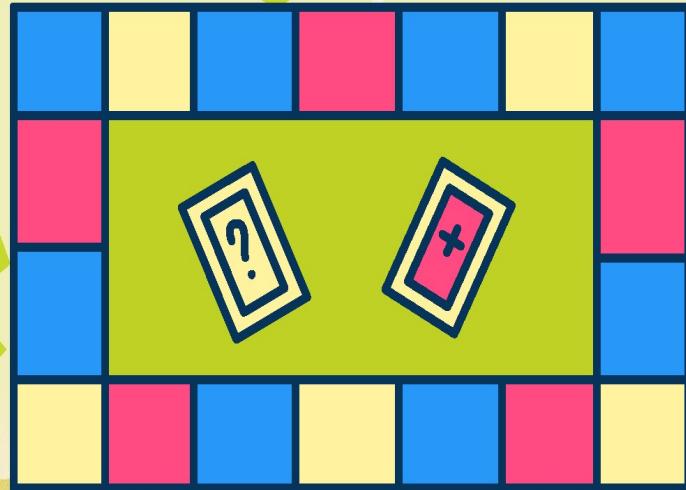
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