

Have you made
your 2017
Stewardship
Pledge Yet?

Sunday, May 21st, 2017
Feast of St. Constantine and Helen

CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!
ΧΡΗΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ! ΑΛΗΘΩΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!

Xronia Polla to all who celebrate their name day today!

ARTOKLASIA

For the health and wellbeing of Tom Dimoulis & Family
For the health and wellbeing of Konstantinos Alonistiotis & Family

The General Assembly Meeting will take place today immediately after the Divine Liturgy in the Cathedral Hall. All Stewards in Good Standing may participate. Please sit in the chairs facing the podium if you will be participating.

TUESDAY, MAY 23

5:00 p.m. – Catechism Classes
6:00 p.m. – 125th Gala Committee Meeting
7:30 p.m. – Parish Council Meeting
8:30 p.m. – Metropolis wide Hierarchical
Divine Liturgy at St. Demetrios – Elmhurst
+ΑΠΟΔΟΣΙΣ ΟΥ ΠΑΣΧΑ

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

7:00 p.m. – 9th Hour followed by
Hierarchical Great Vespers at
Ascension Church – Lincolnshire, IL
Fr. Stamatios, Homilist

THURSDAY, MAY 25

9:00 a.m. – Orthros and Divine Liturgy
+Feast of the Ascension of our Lord

SATURDAY MAY 27

8:00 a.m. – Annual opening ceremony for Junior Olympics, SS. Constantine & Helen, Palos Hills, IL - *We are pleased to announce that the Cathedral will be represented by some of our parents and youth at the Annual Metropolis of Chicago Junior Olympics! May our children have a fun filled weekend of Christian fellowship and sportsmanship!*

ΤΡΙΤΗ 23 ΜΑΪΟΥ

5:00 μ.μ. – Κατήχηση
6:00 μ.μ. – Συνεδρίαση 125 έτη
7:30 μ.μ. – Συνεδρίαση Δ. Συμβουλίου
8:30 μ.μ. – Μητροπολιτική Αρχ. Θεία
Λειτουργία/Αγ. Δημήτριο - Elmhurst
+ΑΠΟΔΟΣΗΣ ΤΟΥ ΠΑΣΧΑ

ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗ 24 ΜΑΪΟΥ

7:00 μ.μ. – 9^η Ώρα και Μέγας Αρχ.
Εσπερινός στον Ιερό Ναό
Αναλήψεως - Lincolnshire, IL
π.Σταμάτιος θα προσφέρει το κήρυγμα

ΠΕΜΠΤΗ 25 ΜΑΪΟΥ

9:00 π.μ. – Όρθρος κ. Θεία Λειτουργία
+ Η Ανάληψη του Κυρίου

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We are glad you came, and we hope your visit was memorable and meaningful in every way. Our doors and hearts are always open to you. Please join us for fellowship following the liturgy and visit with our Clergy and with members of our parish council. They will answer questions you may have and provide you with information regarding the programs we offer.

A NOTE TO VISITORS ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION

We welcome to this celebration those Christians who are not united with us. It is a sad consequence of the divisions in Christianity that we cannot extend a general invitation to receive Holy Communion. We thank you, though, for joining us in prayer and invite you to partake of the blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. We also invite you to join us for fellowship in the church hall after the Divine Liturgy.

WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?

Saint Paul said, in his great Epistle on Stewardship, “*He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully, will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful give.*” (2Cor. 9:6-7). ***Please become a steward TODAY!***

125th CATHEDRAL GALA CELEBRATION: Please spread the word and mark the date of the 125th Anniversary Gala Celebration for our beloved Cathedral in your calendars from now! ***Saturday, December 2, 2017 – The Drake Hotel***

GRADUATION SUNDAY

Please submit names of graduates to be recognized on ***Sunday, June 4th***! If you have a graduate in 8th, High School, College, or Masters please let us know so that you may be recognized on Graduate Sunday! We will also give Promotional certificates to our Sunday School and Greek School Students after the Divine Liturgy. We welcome the entire community to join us in congratulating all of our students and youth for all their accomplishments!

SAVE THE DATES

It is time to begin planning for the Gold Coast Greek Fest! This year our Festival will take place over the weekend of ***June 23-25!*** Please mark the dates in your calendar and plan on volunteering to help make this year’s festival an even bigger success than last! We need all of our stewards and friends help! Please visit us online to fill out your volunteer form!

2017-2018 GREEK SCHOOL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN! Register today for our upcoming Greek School year and save \$100 by July 15th! Spread the word and register your children today! A pre-k (3 & 4 year old class) will be available this year! Register today!!!

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING:

At that time, as Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess him to be Christ he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe": and he worshipped him.

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