

# *Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church*

Sunday September 8th, 2024

Nativity of the Theotokos



*We welcome all our Parishioners and Friends and Guests to our Holy Cross Community.*

*Service Hours are as follows: Sunday:*

*Orthros 8:30a.m. Liturgy 9:45a.m.*

*Sunday School begins right after communion.*

*Friday September 13th ~ Verpers of Holy Cross ~ 7pm  
Supplication Service to the Holy Cross ~ 10pm*

*Παρασκευή, 13η Σεπτεμβρίου ~ Μέγας Εσπερινός Υψώσεως Τιμίου Σταυρού ~  
7:00μμ.; Παράκλησης 10:00μμ.;*

*Saturday September 14th ~ Elevation of the Holy Cross ~ Orthros 8:30am,  
Divine Liturgy 10am*

*Σάββατον, 14η Σεπτεμβρίου ~ Η Ύψωσις του Τιμίου και Ζωοποιού Σταυρού ~  
Ορθρος 8:30 π.μ. Αρχιερατική Θεία Λειτουργία 10:00 π.μ.*

*All Week Day Divine Liturgy Services are as follows:*

*Orthros 9:00a.m. and Liturgy 10:00a.m.*



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Γαλ 6:11 – 18

Ἀδελφοί, ἴδετε πη-  
λίκοις ὑμῖν γράμμασιν  
ἔγραψα τῇ ἐμῇ χειρί.  
ὅσοι θέλουσιν εὐπρο-  
σωπήσαι ἐν σαρκί,  
οὗτοι ἀναγκάζουσιν  
ὑμᾶς περιτέμνεσθαι,  
μόνον ἵνα μὴ τῷ σταυ-  
ρῷ τοῦ Χριστοῦ  
διώκωνται. οὐδὲ γὰρ  
οἱ περιτετημημένοι  
αὐτοὶ νόμον  
φυλάσσουσιν, ἀλλὰ  
θέλουσιν ὑμᾶς πε-  
ριτέμνεσθαι, ἵνα ἐν τῇ  
ὑμετέρᾳ σαρκὶ καυ-  
χήσωνται. ἐμοὶ δὲ μὴ  
γένοιτο καυχᾶσθαι εἰ  
μὴ ἐν τῷ σταυρῷ τοῦ  
Κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ  
Χριστοῦ, δι' οὗ ἐμοὶ  
κόσμος ἐσταύρωται  
καὶ γὰρ τῷ κόσμῳ. ἐν  
γὰρ Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ  
οὔτε περιτομὴ τι ἰσχύει  
οὔτε ἀκροβυστία,  
ἀλλὰ καινὴ κτίσις. καὶ  
ὅσοι τῷ κανόνι τούτῳ  
στοιχήσουσιν, εἰρήνη  
ἐπ' αὐτοὺς καὶ ἔλεος,  
καὶ ἐπὶ τὸν Ἰσραὴλ τοῦ  
Θεοῦ. Τοῦ λοιποῦ  
κόπους μοι μηδεὶς πα-  
ρεχέτω· ἐγὼ γὰρ τὰ  
στίγματα τοῦ Κυρίου  
Ἰησοῦ ἐν τῷ σώματί  
μου βαστάζω. Ἡ χάρις  
τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν  
Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ μετὰ  
τοῦ πνεύματος ὑμῶν,  
ἀδελφοί· ἀμήν.

Gal. 6:11 – 18

Brethren, see with  
what large letters I am  
writing to you with my  
own hand. It is those  
who want to make a  
good showing in the  
flesh that would com-  
pel you to be circum-  
cised, and only in or-  
der that they may not  
be persecuted for the  
cross of Christ. For  
even those who re-  
ceive circumcision do  
not themselves keep  
the law, but they de-  
sire to have you cir-  
cumcised that they  
may glory in your  
flesh. But far be it from  
me to glory except in  
the cross of our Lord  
Jesus Christ, by which  
the world has been  
crucified to me, and I  
to the world. For in  
Christ Jesus neither  
circumcision counts for  
anything, nor uncir-  
cumcision, but a new  
creation. Peace and  
mercy be upon all who  
walk by this rule, upon  
the Israel of God.  
Henceforth let no man  
trouble me; for I bear  
on my body the marks  
of Jesus. The grace of  
our Lord Jesus Christ  
be with your spirit,  
brethren. Amen.

Ἰω 3:13 – 17

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος·  
οὐδεὶς ἀναβέβηκεν  
εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν εἰ-  
μὴ ὁ ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ  
καταβάς, ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ  
ἀνθρώπου ὁ ὢν ἐν  
τῷ οὐρανῷ. καὶ κα-  
θὼς Μωϋσῆς  
ὑψωσε τὸν ὄφιν ἐν  
τῇ ἐρήμῳ, οὕτως  
ὑψωθῆναι δεῖ τὸν  
υἱὸν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου,  
ἵνα πᾶς ὁ πιστεύων  
εἰς αὐτὸν μὴ  
ἀπόληται, ἀλλ' ἔχη  
ζωὴν αἰώνιον. οὕτω  
γὰρ ἠγάπησεν ὁ  
Θεὸς τὸν κόσμον,  
ὥστε τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ  
τὸν μονογενῆ  
ἔδωκεν, ἵνα πᾶς ὁ  
πιστεύων εἰς αὐτὸν  
μὴ ἀπόληται, ἀλλ'  
ἔχη ζωὴν αἰώνιον.  
οὐ γὰρ ἀπέστειλεν ὁ  
Θεὸς τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ  
εἰς τὸν κόσμον ἵνα  
κρίνη τὸν κόσμον,  
ἀλλ' ἵνα σωθῆ ὁ  
κόσμος δι' αὐτοῦ.

Jn. 3:13 – 17

The Lord said, "No  
one has ascended  
into heaven but he  
who descended  
from heaven, the  
Son of man who is  
in heaven. And as  
Moses lifted up the  
serpent in the wil-  
derness, so must  
the Son of man be  
lifted up, that who-  
ever believes in him  
should not perish  
but have eternal life.  
For God so loved  
the world that he  
gave his only-  
begotten Son, that  
whoever believes in  
him should not per-  
ish but have eternal  
life. For God sent  
the Son into the  
world, not to con-  
demn the world, but  
that the world might  
be saved through  
him.



# Holy Cross Sunday School Registration/Meet and Greet

***Sunday September 22nd***

*Aigaismos after Divine Liturgy.*

*Following Liturgy, parents and students are to come to the tables in the gymnasium to register for the Sunday School year and meet your teacher. We will also have a BBQ and ice cream social hour to follow.*

*Classes will start on September 29th after Holy Communion. If you are interested in teaching/co-teaching Sunday School, please contact the office at 708-594-2040.*

## **SACRAMENTS AND 40 DAY CHILD BLESSINGS**

Congratulations to James Tuscher and Angie Diamantopoulos on their wedding.

Καλά Στέφανα!

## **SAVE THE DATE AND EVENTS**

**MARRIAGE SEMINAR 2024:** *October 12*

**SEPT 10th** *Philoptochos Meeting at 6:30pm*

**SEPT 13th** *Great Vespers of Holy Cross, 7pm*

**SEPT 14th** *Elevation of the Holy Cross, Orthros 8:30am, Divine Liturgy 10am*

**SEPT 22nd** *Sunday school registration, meet & greet*

**SEPT 29th** *First day of Sunday School*

**OCT 2nd** *Fall Catechism Classes start 7:30pm*

**OCT 5th** *Blessing of the Animals, 11am rain or shine event*

**OCT 19th** *Lake Geneva Pumpkin Drop Excursion*

**OCT 26th** *Pumpkin Carving; 3:00pm*

**NOV 9th** *Christmas Lighting of our church; 7pm*

**NOV 15th** *Boxing Fight Night; Details to come*

**DEC 20th** *Goya Lock in; Details to come*

**JAN 24-25** *Lake Geneva Ski Trip*



# Stewardship 2024

We want to thank our *2023 Stewards*, the grand total of 227 families with their contributions last year that averaged \$643.25 a household.

As of this year we have 207 Stewards with an average of \$590.65 a family.



*Please if you have not committed to giving to Stewardship as of this year please do so. Find it in your heart not to give the least but the best you can. Stewardship is also part of our salvation and God loves a cheerful giver.*



## ALTAR BOY SERVERS

Boys from the age of 7 years old and up are welcomed. Please give the name to the office or to Fr. John. All altar boys to be dressed and ready to serve by

## STEWARDSHIP QUOTE

*Fall is the time of harvest. All those who have planted their crops are now receiving the fruits of their works. As we approach this season of autumn, let us take a moment to harvest what we have planted in fulfilling our offering for our Stewardship 2024. Please look at your stewardship offering and if you haven't done so, fulfil it today. As always give the best to God's house for the gifts that He has given to all of us.*



## MEMORIALS

No Memorials.

Everyone is invited to our community hall  
to enjoy Fellowship.





**LAKE GENEVA  
ZIPLINES &  
ADVENTURES**

Pumpkin  
Drop

**\$30**  
for pumpkin  
drop



# *Holy Cross* **PUMPKIN DROP ZIP LINE EXCURSION**



Saturday  
October 19th



The Event starts  
at TBD

Join us is some fall fun at Lake  
Geneva Zipline and Adventures!

Full Course/ 9 Line Run: 2.5-hour course  
9 Ziplines, 5 Sky Bridges, 4 Spiral Staircase  
Adults/Youth \$120 per person  
Short Course/ 4 Line Run: 1-hour course  
4 Zipline, a shorter experience  
Adults/ Youth \$60 per person

Participation Requirements:  
Must be 70-250lbs and at least  
4 feet tall



Call office at 708-594-2040 for more information



# Saturday, September 21st Metropolis of Chicago Dive for the Cross and BBQ

St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church  
5649 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago, IL 60660

**10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

## CALLING ALL YOUTH OF THE METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO

All Parishes are invited to join the Clergy of Chicago  
as they bless the Waters of Lake Michigan  
then throw the Cross for the youth to retrieve

BBQ lunch at St. Andrew's to follow

Parishes, please collect your RSVPs and send them  
to St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church  
no later than September 12th for food counts

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