

2022: Commenced preparations for the 100th year anniversary and consecration + so much more! An amazing year!

Pastoral Care and Sacraments: Father Chrysanthos and Father Peter attended to the many pastoral and sacramental needs: 208 hospital visits, 411 memorial prayers at cemeteries, 390 pastoral appointments at St. George, and numerous weddings, baptisms, and funerals.

Philanthropy: Helping those in need

New Line item for expanded Philanthropy in the approved budget: an amount equal to 10% of net proceeds from fundraisers, including the festival, are for philanthropy. This enabled our Parish to donate to Lincoln Park Community Services, Greek American Rehabilitation & Care Center, Hellenic College, and to various outreach and philanthropic initiatives for a total of \$22,307.

New: The Chicago Bike Project: commenced in August. Thank you to the Chicago Metropolitan Mustard Seed Fund for \$6,000 in seed money and thank you to the Hellenic Foundation for a \$10,000 matching grant.

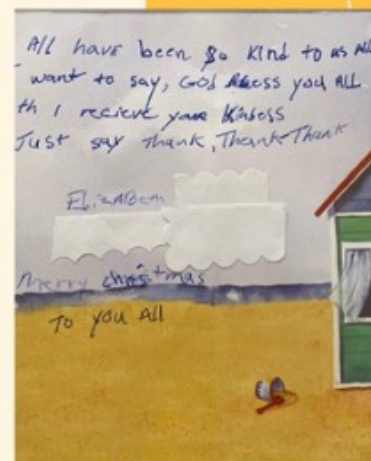
This ministry provides free bicycles, locks, lights and helmets as well as free maintenance to enable individuals in financial need greater access to food pantries, shelters, work opportunities, church services, legal obligations and most importantly, the opportunity to travel without cost. In those few months, 69+ individuals have volunteered, we helped 48 individuals fix their bikes, and gave bikes to 12 individuals.

Hot Meals to Go: Hot meals are prepared at the church and are provided to those in need on the second Thursday of each month, and Thanksgiving and Christmas. Thank you to the Hellenic Foundation for awarding a \$10,000 matching grant. Total number of meals served: 2,270

Philoptochos: Provided a life-line to individuals and families in need by paying utility bills, rent, medical and funeral expenses. It also made donations to various national and international charitable organizations, and participated in Feed the Hungry and other local food distributions. Total life-line help and donations: \$15,000

Ladies Ed: Awarded 6 college scholarships for a total of \$11,000.

DCFS Drive: Parishioners provided Christmas gifts to 100 children.



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Altar Boys, Little Angels, School and Youth Programs:

Altar Boys: Blessed to have the dedicated service from the Altar Boys each and every Sunday. There's an average of 10 per Sunday with 15-20 on special church holidays.

Sunday School: Quotations from our Sunday School children:

"Sunday School helps me to understand what the priest is trying to explain, especially when he speaks Greek."

"I learned a lot about the Bible and I like that we get to ask questions."

"Sunday school is fun and I look forward to it and the projects we get to do."

Saturday Greek School: Our mission is the preservation of the Greek language and culture. 58 students were enrolled. We are thrilled that our school is vibrant and continues to grow.

Little Angels: Forty days to four years old: 12 families come together Tuesdays from 9:45-11:30. The children learn through singing, fingerplays and engagement with playmates.

Youth programs. Blessed to have so many participants in our youth programs and to have worked together with the Greek Orthodox Churches city-wide to bring young people together to form friendships and common bonds as they learn about our faith through fellowship as the success of the first overnight lock-in illustrated.

Basketball: Together with St. Andrew, St George and Assumption, we are part of the Greek Orthodox Athletic League.

GOYA: Hope, Joy, and Biddy basketball: Activities are planned throughout the year! These programs have been enthusiastically received and continue to grow.

Junior Olympics: Together with Saint Andrew, Assumption and St Basil thirty-five (35) athletes participated in the Junior Olympics during Memorial Day Weekend in the annual Junior Olympics



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Our Beautiful Saint George Home: The last phase of construction, remodeling, renovation and restoration continues on the Narthex, Altar, Iconography, and Mezzanine; including upgrading all lighting and HVAC, and communication systems to smart energy conservation technology.

Our mission is to have our church be a beautiful, functional, and efficient place of worship and gathering for today and for generations to come.

Lincoln Park Greek Fest: Three days of dancing in the street, eating delicious food, meeting with friends and having fun! The best attended and financially successful fest in the history of St. George Thank you to our sponsors, donors, the St. George Community and the thousands of guests. Thank you to all of our volunteers who gave generously of their time and talent and made it all possible! OPA! Thank you to ALL!

Stewardship: You, the Parishioners and Stewards, by giving Time, Talent and Treasure have made it all possible!

Thank you!

★No. of Stewards: 483.

★Pledged amount: \$402,696.90.

