



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΣΙΚΑΓΟΥ

Each year at this time, the Metropolis of Chicago acquaints the faithful as to the Lenten period worship offerings so that all may participate fully in this Holiest of seasons. 'Solemn Vespers' begins on Sunday, March 6, 2011 on the Eve of Great Lent, and are celebrated on each Sunday evening throughout Lent. Many parishes have incorporated this liturgical practice in their own communities. For all others, various parishes throughout the Chicagoland area will host the Sunday Vespers services as follows:

Sunday, March 6 (Eve of Great Lent)

- Solemn Vespers beginning at 7.00PM. Holy Trinity Church of Chicago, Chapel of St. Dionysios. His Eminence, Metropolitan ΙΑΚΟΒΟΣ of Chicago, preacher.
- Solemn Vespers beginning at 6.00PM. St. George of Des Moines, Iowa. His Grace, Bishop DEMETRIOS of Mokissos, preacher.

Sunday, March 13 (Sunday of Orthodoxy)

Pan-Orthodox Vespers Celebration beginning at 6.30PM. Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church (1220 S. 60th Court, Cicero, Illinois 60804). Reverend Father John Behr, Dean and Chancellor (CEO) of St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary.

FESTIVAL OF ORTHODOX BOOKS WEEK

ALL PROGRAMS AT HOLY APOSTLES GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF WESTCHESTER, IL

- **Sunday, March 20 (St. Gregory of Palamas)**
Solemn Vespers beginning at 6.30PM.
The Very Rev. Dr. Archimandrite Meletios Webber, Lecturer
Topic: "Bread and Water: Wine and Oil"
- **Tuesday, March 22, Great Compline** beginning at 6.30PM.
Rt. Reverend Bishop Elias Katre, Lecturer
Topic: "Christianity in the Albanian World Today"
- **Wednesday, March 23, Great Compline** beginning at 6.30PM.
Mr. Matthew Namee, Lecturer
Topic: "The History of the Greek Orthodox Church in Chicago"

Sunday, March 27 (Veneration of the Holy Cross)

Solemn Vespers beginning at 7.00PM. St. Demetrios Church, Libertyville, IL.
Rev. James Gordon, preacher.

Sunday, April 3 (St. John of the Ladder)

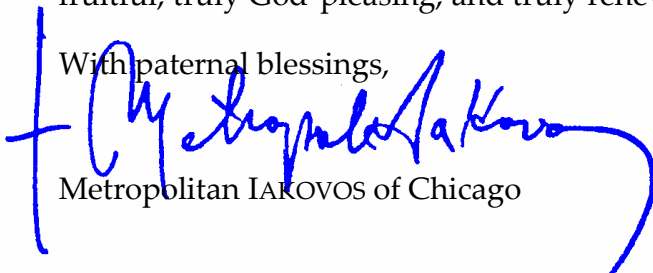
Solemn Vespers beginning at 7.00PM. St. John the Baptist Church, Des Plaines, IL.
Rev. Nicholas Georgiou, preacher.

Sunday, April 10 (St. Mary of Egypt)

Solemn Vespers beginning at 7.00PM. Saint Sophia Church, Elgin, IL.
Rev. Sotirios Malamis, preacher.

All our beloved clergy and faithful and invited to participate in these moving services. We pray that our Christ will richly bless and strengthen us all as we once again undertake this Lenten journey. May the ways of prayer, fasting and almsgiving make our Great Lent truly fruitful, truly God-pleasing, and truly renewing for all.

With paternal blessings,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Metropolitan Iakovos", written over the printed name below.

Metropolitan IAKOVOS of Chicago