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Philoptohos fashion show combines philanthropy and fun

A wonderful afternoon was enjoyed by the guests at the Philoptohos Luncheon Fashion Show. This year "It's In the Bag" presented thirty-six raffle prizes as an assortment of different purses, ranging from gym bags to evening purses, with accompanying gift packages. One lucky person at each table went home with a centerpiece, a set of small suitcases, and a black and white polka dot scarf. Tracey Tarrantino of Zzazz Productions always comes up with a dynamite show of high fashion, great models, and spirited music. Of course, the children of Holy Apostles, as usual, stole the show with the great outfits and personalities that shone on the stage.

The proceeds were directed toward Cooley's Anemia Foundation and the Greek American Rehabilitation & Nursing Center. Representatives from both organizations attended and graciously accepted their donation gift.

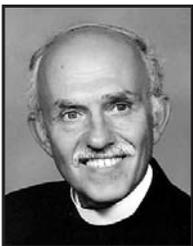
Co-chairmen Aleka Ernst and Wanita Loupakos were recognized as the women behind the individually talented and powerhouse subcommittees that make the fashion show possible. Aleka was handpicked by her



Natalie, left, and her sister Lillian Rabe model coats during the Philoptohos fashion show.

sister, Eleni Poteres, Philoptohos President; and Wanita comes to us from New Orleans,

where she was very involved in fund-raising for her local Philoptohos chapter.



From Father Bill...

The dictionary defines the word perseverance as steadfastness in purpose. To persevere means "to continue to do something in spite of difficulty or opposition," climbing our Mt. Everests with courage and determination despite obstacles and disappointments. Perseverance is the key to every worthy achievement of mankind. It is by way of hardships and disappointments that we find our souls and grow in capacity and competence. As Henry Austin noted wisely, "Genius, that power which dazzles mortal eyes, is oft but perseverance in disguise."

Don't quit too soon!

I just returned from Mayo Clinic. More than 2 million people afflicted with some form of pain visit this well-known medical facility. They all go filled with hope that a diagnosis of their affliction may be found and treatment can follow. The corridors are filled with people rushing to their appointments or next treatment. Although they each have an individual diagnosis for healing, all appear to have etched on their face a determined spirit. No matter what, they will not quit.

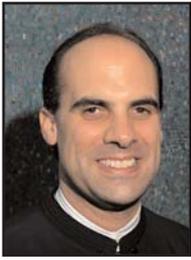
A beautiful piano is located in one of the large waiting areas and throughout the day individuals provide beautiful music to lift the spirit. It is not uncommon to listen to voices lifted up in song, a positive reality of the will

to go on.

Each day I acknowledged the challenge and the battle that stretched before me. Close to my heart were my daily devotions and a firm grip on the miracle icon of St. Nectarios and the knowledge that many were offering prayers for deliverance of pain and suffering. Without an awareness of God's presence and my faithful companion and caregiver at my side, it would have been easy to quit. What is necessary is to say, in the words of Ulysses, "My purpose holds!" If that purpose is valid and worthy, it provides the dynamic and power of tenacity. It kept St. Paul going despite persecution, illness, and frustration.

...See Fr. Bill on P. 6

From Father Nicholas



Eternal Relationships

It is hard to believe that winter is almost here. We are already getting into the holiday season. Thanksgiving provides an opportunity for families to gather and thank God for all of their blessings. As our family gathers together each year, I think back to when we were together: my siblings, parents, both sets of grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. This past year both Presbytera and I lost our last living grandparent, our grandmothers. We miss their love, support, wisdom, and wit. Grandparents share a special relationship with their grandchildren and make indelible marks on their lives. As I remembered our relatives that have gone to be with the Lord, I asked myself, "Are they still with us now?" Some people have asked me, "Will we see our departed loved ones again?"

We grieve the loss of an earthly relationship with that person whom we love so much. I can't call Yiayia and talk to her on the phone. No more holiday visits. An empty place remains at the table. Stories are no longer told, memories are no longer shared, and wisdom is no longer given. We still have a relationship, but it is changed. The Book of Hebrews reassures us that a great and dense "cloud of witnesses" surrounds us who are still living on earth. These clouds of witnesses are our loved ones that were united to the Lord while on earth and are united to Him in heaven. We read "for if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus." (1 Thess 4:14) According to one of the Church Fathers, not only the Lord Jesus Christ, or the Theotokos, but all of the departed faithful, pray fervently for us. They lovingly follow our spiritual progress with great interest and concern. Our faithful departed loved ones rejoice over our virtuous life and grieve when we fall. They celebrate our victories. Well-known contemporary Orthodox theologian, Fr. George Florovsky, wrote "earthly death, the separation of the soul from the body, does not destroy the relationship of the believer with the Church, it does not alienate him from his familiar place and condition; it does not separate him from his other co-members in Christ." Love is eternal just as God is eternal. Even though other earthly relationships between the living and dead are interrupted, love endures unto the ages of ages.

Through this love and prayer, a spir-

...See Fr. Nicholas on P. 6



Gavel to Gavel



BY PETER POTERES... Parish Council Secretary

Parish Council meeting of Thursday, September 16

Present: Fr. Bill Chiganos, Fr. Nicholas Georgiou, George Alex, Don Alexander, John Anos, George Aravosis, James Banakis, George Chechopoulos, Terry Chiganos, Sandy Fiascone, Jim Fotopoulos, Nick Kirkeles, George Mannos Jr., Peter Poteres, Dennis Poulos, Steve Savas, Peter Tomaras, and Chris Zurales.

Finance

✦ Nick Kirkeles reported that for the month of August, the church was favorable \$27,186.43. Year-to-date the church is favorable \$28, 591.54. \$71,000 of revenue was noted on the dinner dance line item. Many of the expenses were not reflected in the ledger as of 8/31. Revenues for the candles, trays, and the golf outing were the same as 2003 year-to-date. A discussion was held concerning the church purchasing another CD. Don Alexander was asked to review investment options and report at the next meeting. Dennis Poulos moved to approve the financial statement for August. The motion passed unanimously.

Stewardship

✦ George Mannos Jr. reported that for August, the church had received 841 pledges (down 34 from 2003) totaling \$574,981 (up \$40,643.50 from 2003) for an average pledge of \$683.69 (up \$73.01). Amount paid YTD was \$483,623.98 (up \$28,173.73 from 2003).

Correspondence

✦ Metropolitan Iakovos' Dinner is October 28. Holy Apostles has committed to three tables.

Meditation

✦ Fr. Bill said that the dinner dance was a fantastic success. He reviewed The Elevation of the Life Giving Cross that we celebrate on September 14 when St. Helen found the vasiliko (basil) at the sight of the Cross. We must maintain our humility as we enter our 46th year. Fr. Bill said that our activity should be theocentric in our lives. The Eucharist is and must stay at the center of our lives. The vision of the church is important, and without this vision, we perish. Father challenged each council member to read a book on salvation.

Building and Grounds

✦ Jim Fotopoulos and George Alex reported that the security system is operational. Jim is working on finalizing the inspection of the fire system. Jim reported that the flag

pole will be installed shortly. Jim has received approximately \$1,000 to date in donations with commitments of another \$1,000.

✦ George Alex stated two lamps were purchased for the office. A meeting will be held with the landscaper for shrubbery at the South entrance.

Ways and Means

✦ Sandy Fiascone reported that the final number of attendees at the dinner dance was 465. A wrap up meeting will be held in 3-4 weeks. All committee chairs will be asked to present their final reports. Income for the ad book was \$61,200, but the final cost of the ad book has not been received to date.

Greek School

✦ Two teachers resigned before the semester began. One teacher has been replaced and another teacher is needed for the kindergarten class. Peter Tomaras has given Principal Gouvas permission to hire the additional teacher.

Old Business

✦ The AED unit has arrived at the church. Peter Tomaras will be scheduling training for Parish Council members and key employees.

New Business

✦ The General Assembly meeting will be held November 14.
 ✦ The date of Parish Council elections will be December 12.
 ✦ In the bulletin two weeks ago there was an entry by Mr. D that his computer is failing. Parishioners questioned why the Parish Council didn't replace it. Since no one on the Parish Council or Clergy were aware of this need, Peter Tomaras will follow-up.

✦ Chris Zurales spoke about the homeless gentleman that just walked into the church last month. Chris is working on a response list that would be available that includes information for people in need. The information will help the parish be prepared to handle similar situations in the future. Peter Tomaras reminded everyone that in this instance, the Parish Council did respond to the needs of the gentleman who went to the church to sleep overnight. The idea of having reference material is a very good one and should include information for homeless, battered women, or runaway children who may come to the church.

***Did you know...
that to open Holy Apostles' doors each day
in 2005 requires:***

- \$2840 - per day from total budget.**
- \$1780 - per day is the share from stewardship pledges.**
- \$700 - average stewardship pledge.**
- 10% - average increase from last years pledges.**

Each year your stewardship pledge provides the funds for Holy Apostles to maintain services and to assure continuance of its programs. Once more in 2004, each of you met your obligations in a true Orthodox Christian fashion and for that we thank you.

Now, we need your help to continue to meet the challenges for the year 2005. Costs continue to increase, especially in items such as energy and insurance. Even with stringent financial controls, we must plan for nominal increases in the projected income in order to meet next year's budget.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

General Assembly Meeting	Sunday, November 14
Stewardship Sunday	Sunday, November 21
Parish Council Elections	Sunday, December 12

Holy Apostles Choir members help Choir Federation and St. John The Baptist Church celebrate anniversaries

BY NICK PALOUMPIS

The Choir Federation of Chicago celebrated its 47th Annual Choir Conference in Des Plaines on October 8-10. Hosted by the St. John the Baptist Church, it is one of many events the church scheduled this year to commemorate its 45th anniversary.

The Divine Liturgy was celebrated by His Eminence Metropolitan Iakovos and Rev. Father John Rallas, Proistamenos of the church. The choir, 119 voices strong, was directed by guest conductor Christopher Kypros of Norfolk, VA. The organ was played by guest accompanist John Revezoulis, who is also the organist at the St. Spyridon Church in Sheboygan, WI. The choir sang a musical score arranged by Revezoulis for the Liturgy. John, who is a first cousin of Holy Apostles members Liz and Phil Dorner, also composed a special arrangement of the hymn of St. John to commemorate the church's anniversary.

Nick Paloumpis was re-elected President of the Federation for a seventh term and Joanne Volakakis was re-elected Treasurer. Other members of the Holy Apostles choir participating were: Elaine Alex, Elaine Fotopoulos, Dena Kentes, and Angie and George Vrettos. The following choir members were recognized at the Grand Banquet for their years of service in church choirs: Elaine Alex, 35 years; Cathy Anderson, Greg Dimas, Kathy Obmascik and Anne Theophilos, 25 years. Elaine received

an icon of St. Kassiani and the others, a certificate adorned with a drawing of St. Romanos the Melodist.

Highlights of the Grand Banquet included the honoring of Rosemary Cunningham-DeSanto for her lifetime devotion to the Music Ministries of the Church. She received the Patriarch Athenagoras Medallion and letter of congratulations from His Eminence. Rose has been church organist and choir director for St. Nicholas Church in Oak Lawn for over 20 years.

Nick addressed the General Assembly Friday afternoon, with an update regarding church choir issues including the dwindling membership of Senior choirs, formation of Junior choirs, and newly composed church music throughout our Metropolis and the country. He also announced the upcoming Junior Choir Conference for the children of our Metropolis aged 8-15 hosted by the St. Iakovos Church in Valparaiso, IN the weekend of November 6-7. The choir will be directed by Alexis Bratsakis, organist at Ss Constantine & Helen Church in Merrillville, IN. Nick also announced plans for a combined Conference in the fall of 2005 when the Metropolis will schedule their Clergy/Laity Conference with the Federation's 48th Conference. This first-time event will be hosted by the St. Nicholas Church in St. Louis, MO, October 27-November 2, 2005.

Fr. Bill from p.1

Fr Bill says stay on God's path and don't try your own detour

Neither shipwreck nor being whipped with the lash could keep him from preaching in the name of the Lord. To quit too soon is to sacrifice the possibility of arriving at the goal we have set.

While in Rochester, I had the opportunity to visit with Father Nicholas Kassemiotes, the pastor of Ss. Anargyroi Church. Before our departure for home, Fr. Nick escorted us to view the new church under construction. I was very impressed and proud of the accomplishment of this small community (125 families). Having gone through our building programs these 45 years, I sensed the resolve this parish had to complete the goal set before them. I know there were moments when it would have been easier to quit, but by God's grace and their determined will, they moved forward and upward.

During the past two years, I have been challenged by some unexpected bumps in my path of life. I have learned that God knows that our lives must be balanced so that we have sunshine and rain, calm and storm, laughter and tears.

On the road of life, there are level places that delight us, and there are difficult places that challenge us. If we get off the path of God's will and go on a detour, the way will be rough from start to finish. The detour is always rougher than the main road, but there are rocks and bumps even on the paths of God's choosing, and we have to learn to accept them and benefit from them. I have been taught that the bumps are what you climb on.

The writer of the Book of Hebrews urges us to look to Jesus Christ and keep on trusting. "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame and has set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

We are not to look not at ourselves, our circumstances, our afflictions, or the bumps in the road, but unto our Saviour. Yes, bumps are what you climb on!

Don't quit too soon. The truth is we can go on if we only persevere in loyalty to a valid purpose. Thank you for your prayers. They have helped to make the climb a reality.



Guests enjoy brunch at the Orthodox Christian Student Living Center.

Nick Poteres, leads a tour of the Orthodox students' new home.



Orthodox U of I students now have a center and place to call home



Metropolitan Iakovos assisted by Fr. George Pyle blesses the opening of the new Orthodox Student Living Center near the U of I campus in Champaign, IL.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY ELLEN DIMAS

On this past warm and sunny September 25, the Illinois football team was poised to meet the Purdue Boilermakers on home turf. The Champaign campus was abuzz with pre-game excitement, especially at the corner of Second and John Streets. Not only was a delicious tailgate brunch being served at this location but something more significant was to take place there...the door opening ceremony of the nation's first Orthodox Christian Student Living Center.

According to Rev. Fr. George Pyle, presbyter of Three Hierarchs Greek Orthodox Church in Champaign, while walking across the U of I campus five years ago, he realized that every major faith and even some cults had housing facilities. Orthodox Christianity had no permanent presence on this or any other American college campus. With the blessings and support of Metropolitan Iakovos of Chicago, the endeavor to find and provide "a place where Orthodox Christian students can live out their faith in fellowship with other Orthodox Christians" began.

At that time, a voluntary organization, the Orthodox Christian Alumni Association (O.C.A.A.), was established. Per Tom Pekras, a Holy Apostles' parishioner, strong U of I supporter, and O.C.A.A. board member, the group's primary responsibilities were to raise funds; secure a building; and develop a code of conduct, rules and regulations for this endeavor.

He said, "I was not always optimistic about this house becoming a reality because there were a lot of hindrances, but it is a wonderful start."

After an extensive search for a suitable building and location, a former fraternity house, known as 'The Palace', became available in November, 2003. The four story building has central air conditioning/heating, a large dining room, a TV lounge, bathrooms on each floor, a laundry area, and eighteen fully-furnished, single rooms with Ethernet and cable. The basement now houses a chapel for private devotional prayers and meditation. The center will also serve as the permanent meeting site for the weekly Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) gatherings, which were previously held at The Newman House, a Catholic facility. By January, 2005, the commercially-equipped kitchen will be manned and offer a fasting-friendly menu, making it easier for the residents to observe church fasts, unlike in the university resident halls.

Nick Poteres, a grandson of HA parishioners Liberty and Othon Poteres, is one of five men and two women representing Indian, Greek, and Egyptian Orthodox students, residing at the Orthodox Christian Student Living Center. During a house tour that he led that Saturday morning, Nick stated that when he tells people where he lives, they respond, "Oh, that house." He enthusiastically retorts, "It is not just a house, it is my home!" As the yiayia

of a college student, Liberty Poteres strongly feels that "we (elders) know and keep our faith, but we have to think about the future (of Orthodoxy) and plant seeds to prepare our youth (to do so)." She added, "I think the house is a wonderful way to do that."

Metropolitan Iakovos reiterated those remarks during the door opening prayer service that afternoon. He told the crowd of 250 that, "When your sons and daughters or grandchildren leave your house for another house, we want them to remain close to God. We want them to have a place where they can lead a clean, Orthodox Christian life."

While Purdue was victorious on the football field that weekend, the true winners are the present and future Orthodox students at U of I. As Tom Kanelos, current president of O.C.A.A., proclaimed, "...I am convinced that this project is one of the most important advancements of Orthodox Christianity in America, and we pray it will be an example that is much imitated."

Editors Note: At September's end, over 100 donors had contributed \$145,000 towards the \$800,000 center. For more information about the Orthodox Christian Student Living Center or to make a donation, (make checks payable to O.C.A.A.), you may write to:

Orthodox Christian Alumni Association
2010 Three Hierarchs Court
Champaign, IL 61820



Kindergarten teacher Adriane Bicos greets parents at a recent Greek School open house.

An exciting year for Greek School gets underway

The summer vacation is over and a new school year has begun. We welcome you and wish the new school year is very productive and rewarding.

This past summer was undoubtedly a memorable one, especially for those who had the privilege to watch and experience up close the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece. Thus, invigorated and proud of our Greek descent and rich cultural heritage, we have now successfully started our school year with great expectations and an increased number of students.

On September 14, the feast of Elevation of the Holy Cross, Father Bill and Father Nicholas explained the importance of the day to our students and blessed the beginning of our school year.

We welcome the students and their families to our community. We thank you for your support in achieving our goals, which are the

children's educational progress and moral and spiritual development.

The high enrollment numbers in the kindergarten class required an extra section and an additional teacher. The adult class is going to start in January, if a sufficient number of students show interest.

On Sunday, November 21, we will have our annual Bake Sale. The funds generated will be used to sponsor various activities (such as field trips, participation in the March 25th parade with a float) and to purchase educational materials for the school. Please support this effort.

In December, the students will sing carols for the residents of the Greek Rehabilitation and Nursing Home in Wheeling. We invite parish members to join us. Further information will be forthcoming.

... by Mando Gouvas,
Greek School Principal.

Philoptohos will again assist the needy in the holiday season

The Welfare Committee, under the direction of Anna Eriotes, has established an effective system of holiday collections for the needy. Those who signed up for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Basket Program will be called upon. Donations are requested for the purchase of grocery gift certificates. Anna and a small committee will package the gift certificates with cookies, cakes and other goodies for needy families.

If you did not sign up for this committee in September and would like to donate toward this program, please call Anna Eriotes at (630) 832-7839.

The Needy Children's Fund is a multi-faceted gift-giving program. Dolly Panton will collect donations after church in the multi-purpose room. Philoptohos buys toys and delivers them to Holiday House, a part of the DuPage Family Shelter Services. Mothers are able to browse and pick out toys for their child's Christmas. Philoptohos is one of the largest contributors to this program. Holiday House provides shelter and counseling services for victims of domestic abuse. Toys and clothing are also sent to Hellenic Family and Community Services, whose mission is to help poor families in need. Gift certificates are sent to St. Basil's Academy. Generous parishioners also buy gifts for children of individual needy families. If anyone is so moved, please call Anna Eriotes at (630) 821-7832. Everyone's involvement is necessary to bring a joyous holiday season to all of those around us.



Holy Apostles adds flagpole to church landscape

Greg Vanderakis, left, and Jim Fotopoulos, right, a.k.a. Frick and Frack, mix concrete for the hole they had just dug for the new flagpole. The new flagpole, in foreground, was raised into position the next day.

November Registry

Baptisms

Jennifer, daughter of Jennifer and Dimitrios Economou
Sponsors: Vasiliki & Vasili Bamidis

Weddings

None

Fr. Nicholas from p.2

Prayers for the departed are part of a living faith

itual communion exists between the church in heaven and the church on earth. Together we constitute one communion of saints. We read "then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord." (1 Thessalonians 4:17) The Saints and the pious people that have gone to be with the Lord, pray for us. They are heavenly co-citizens. We are united to them through love, faith and prayer. St. Gregory of Nyssa said that they are "trustworthy comforters and our strong guardians against our enemies as we continue to be members of the Church on earth." Our loved ones are really intercessors and petition God on our behalf. They are ambassadors for us. Our loved ones' (that have gone to be with the Lord) prayers are more fervent because they are closer to the Lord.

At every Divine Liturgy, we pray for the dead. People bring the names of their departed loved ones and the priest prays for them. This is a deeply rooted practice based on the belief that the Church of Christ is constituted not only of her living members but also of her departed ones.

Our relationships with our departed loved ones have not ended. They have changed. My relationship with Yiayia started when I was born. Although she is no longer here on earth she prays for her loved ones. The good news is that we can look forward to the day when all of us (those on earth and loved ones in heaven) will share a place together and always be with the Lord.

Interesting facts about Iraq

Iraq is a country with deep roots and is a very significant country in the Bible.

- ✦ The Garden of Eden was in Iraq.
- ✦ Mesopotamia, which is now Iraq, was the cradle of civilization.
- ✦ Noah built the ark in Iraq.
- ✦ The Tower of Babel was in Iraq.
- ✦ Abraham was from Ur, which is in Southern Iraq.
- ✦ Isaac's wife, Rebekah, is from Nahor, which is in Iraq.
- ✦ Jacob met Rachel in Iraq.
- ✦ Jonah preached in Nineveh, which is in Iraq.
- ✦ Assyria, which is in Iraq, conquered the ten tribes of Israel.
- ✦ Amos cried out in Iraq.
- ✦ Daniel was in the lion's den in Iraq.

Holy Apostles Happenings

Adventure Theater Christmas Play

"The Star of Bethlehem Manor"
Sunday, December 5 following Divine Liturgy
preceded by a delicious luncheon
\$7.00 donation per person.
You may make your reservations by contacting Mr. D.
at 708-562-0869, or by e-mail: fanari@interaccess.com
We promise that our play will make you laugh a little,
cry a little, and scare you a little.

Altar Boys

November 6 at 4 pm,
'Formation and Fun'

GOYA

Mark Your Calendars:
November 2 at 7:30 pm,
discussion "Orthodoxy 101"
November 16 at 7:30-9pm,
tree trimming and pizza

Feed The Hungry

Get into the holiday spirit
by helping to feed the
hungry at a soup kitchen
in downtown Chicago.
Meals will be prepared in
the afternoon Sunday
Nov. 7 and taken to
needy people in the
evening. Contact Adolph
or Elena Galinski at (630)
215-8815 for more infor-
mation.

Greek School Bake Sale

Sunday, November 21

YAL

November 19 (YAL Meeting) at 7:15pm:
"Why do we do what we do?"

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	5:15pm The Way	9:45am TOTS 4:30pm Greek School 7:30pm GOYA Meeting	1:00pm Adult Christian Fellowship And Study Group 7:00pm Bible Study 7:30pm Catechism Instruction 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	4:30pm Greek School	4:30pm Adventure Theater	4:00pm Altar Boys Meeting 4:00pm Lumphlighters 5:00pm Vesper Service
8:00am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Fellowship Hour	1	2	3	4	5	6
	FEAST DAY OF THE ARCHANGELS MICHAEL AND GABRIEL 8:00am Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy	FEAST DAY OF ST. NECTARIOS 8:00am Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy	1:00pm Seniors Social 7:00pm Bible Study 7:30pm Catechism Instruction 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	4:30pm Greek School	4:30pm Adventure Theater	FEAST DAY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 8:00am Divine Liturgy 9:00am Prayer Breakfast
8:00am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Fellowship Hour General Assembly Meeting	7	8	9	10	11	12
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PRESENTATION OF THE VIRGIN MARY TO THE TEMPLE 8:00am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Fellowship Hour Greek School Bake Sale	14	15	16	17	18	19
			THANKSGIVING EVE FEAST DAY OF ST. KATHERINE 6:00pm Vesperal Divine Liturgy	 THANKSGIVING		
8:00am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy Fellowship Hour NO Sunday School	21	22	23	24	25	26
			FEAST DAY OF ST. ANDREW 8:00am Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy			
			29	30		

"The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and left untried."
... G.K. Chesterton

Memorials

*Helen Karkazis
Mary Zarcone
Michael Pihos
William Tselepis Jr.
Eftihia Deimer
Vasiliki Postada
Constance Patsavos
Angeline Kusulas
Nicholaos Sahlas
Vasiliki Karegianes*

Funeral

Bob Vakos

Mosaic Deadline

The deadline
for the December Mosaic is
Thursday, November 4.

Seniors Social

The Seniors Social Group invites you to view the movie, "Do You Wanna Dance?" with them on Wednesday, November 10, at 1pm in the multi-purpose room.

The Christmas Party is scheduled for Wednesday, December 8.

JOY Advent Retreat

The sixth annual Metropolis of Chicago JOY Advent Retreat will be held on November 20 from 9:30am to 3:00pm at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Oak Lawn.

This year's theme is *The 12 Days After Christmas, the Celebration of Epiphany*. The retreat is for children in K-6 grade. The \$20 cost covers both breakfast and lunch.

This should be a wonderful day of learning for your children and a good way for them to meet other Orthodox kids.

If you would like to register your children for the retreat, please pick up the registration forms in the church office.

Mailing Help Needed

One of our largest ministries at Holy Apostles is the publication and distribution of over 90,000 Bible Guides. The office staff needs help in mailing these guides. Please call Liz Dorner at 708-562-2744, if you can spare a few hours in early December to assist her. Actual mailing dates have yet not been determined.

Weekday Services

Vespers

Saturday, November 6
Saturday November 20
5:00pm

Feast Day of The Archangels Gabriel and Michael

Monday, November 8
8:00am Orthros
9:00am Divine Liturgy

Feast Day of St. Nectarios

Tuesday, November 9
8:00am Orthros
9:00am Divine Liturgy

Feast Day of St. John Chrysostom

Saturday, November 13
8:00am Divine Liturgy
9:00am Prayer Breakfast

Thanksgiving Eve & Feast Day of St. Catherine

Wednesday, November 24
6:00pm Vespers Divine Liturgy

Feast Day of St. John Chrysostom

Tuesday, November 30
8:00am Orthros
9:00am Divine Liturgy

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