

from Fr. Nicholas

Harvest Moon

Harvest Moon is a popular and well-known farm simulation role-playing video game. It is also the moon, which starts showing on Friday evening, September 29, and is the closest full moon to the Fall Equinox.

This is a chance to observe the dazzlingly bright moon in the early evening. The moon doesn't rise at the same time every night; instead, it varies by about 50 minutes.

However, this alters during the nights surrounding the Harvest Moon, and for a few evenings, the moon will rise at nearly the same hour.

The Harvest Moon got its name because farmers used to harvest crops that were produced in the summer by using the extra light that the moon provided shortly after sunset. Harvest Moon marks the transition from summer into fall and the preparation for the harvest to begin.

This **Harvest Moon teaches us about God's creation and our relationship with Him!** They are part of God's creation. "He made the moon to mark the seasons, and the sun knows when to go down. You bring darkness, it becomes night. O Lord, how manifold are Your works. In wisdom You have made them all" (Psalm 104:24) is recited at each Vespers service.

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Fr. George blesses the children on the first day of Sunday School

Sunday School Begins

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it ~ Proverbs 22:6

We welcomed more than 100 students on Sunday, September 10 for their first day of Sunday School this year.

Teachers have been planning meaningful and fun lessons for the children on four different themes: Old Testament; the Gospels; Epistles, Feasts and Sacraments; and Church History.

Director Toni Milak explained that the

purpose of Sunday School is not only to help the children learn facts about their faith, but to joyfully welcome them with love and to give them opportunities to encounter God. "Our incredible teachers really make this program shine!" said Milak.

Children are still welcome to join Sunday School by filling out the Youth Registration form or contacting Toni at sunday-schooldirector@holypostleschurch.com.



A YOUTH GROUP FOR EVERY AGE!

TOTS: Parents and toddlers up to 5 years.

JOY: Kindergarten - Grade 5. Meets every other Tuesday from 6:15 - 7:15 PM

JR GOYA: Grades 6 - 8. Meets monthly.

GOYA: Grades 9 - 12. Meets twice a month on Tuesdays.



FEED THE CHILDREN



"A generous person will be blessed, for he gives some of his food to the poor." ~ Proverbs 22:9

Dimitri Dokos and Chris Kipp



Evie and Marika Dokos



Presvytera Christa Dokos



Ellie and Addie Sage, Nikodimi Dokos

Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) is a Christian, non-profit organization who's mission is to feed God's starving children who are hungry in body and spirit.

Philoptohos has participated for many years in helping to pack specially formulated meals which are distributed to mal-nourished children around the world.

Join other Holy Apostles parishioners at our next volunteer day at the FMSC facility in Aurora!

Contact Emily Rehn at platovalentine@hotmail.com for more details.

**NEXT VOLUNTEER DAY:
SAT. 11/4
9 - 10:45 AM**

Old Face in a New Place

After almost 25 years of service, Liz Doerner has retired from her position in our church office. We will miss her knowledge and graciousness. It is with deep appreciation that we wish her a happy and healthy retirement.

As of September 1, 2023 Lou Kafkes was hired by the Parish Council to take over the position of Parish Administrator. Lou has attended Holy Apostles for almost 50 years.

Since 2019, he has served the Church and its parishioners on the Parish Council, most recently as its Treasurer. During this time, he has proven to be a trusted partner, collaborator and problem solver. Professionally, over the last twenty years, he has held business development, operations, and client service leadership roles for firms in the financial services sector.

He attended Northwestern University where he received a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering and a Masters of Business Administration.

Previously, he worked as an industrial engineer and project manager for various manufacturers, helping them implement Total Quality Management principles and MRP systems at their facilities.

Lou and his wife of 33 years, Stacy, live in Western Springs and have two adult children, Alaina and Diana, who live in San Francisco and Boston, respectively.

Please stop by and welcome Lou to his new position.



Harvest Moon *(continued)*

God has ordered the heavens and the earth precisely. Harvest Moons are part of God's plan, His providence and grace.

Day in and day out, month in and month out, year in and year out, we enjoy God's blessings, comfort, joy, family, health, food, shelter, and material blessings. The sun does not move from its spot.

The Prophet Isaiah reminds us: "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways" (Isaiah 55:9). Our merciful God's purposes move us to some great distant goal which we cannot see. God is the same. He does not change! We are part of God's providence for our lives.

David guarantees us that the Lord will bring us to "our desired haven" (Psalm 107:30). **God divinely designed all of creation.**

The six days (hexaemeron) of creation are beautifully described by St. Basil the Great. He writes something very powerful on the creation of luminous bodies: "If such is the beauty of visible things, what shall we think of invisible things? If the grandeur of heaven exceeds the measure of human intelligence, what

minds shall be able to trace the nature of the everlasting?" **God acts beyond our limited understanding.**

We may see the full moon's rays and wonder how they can be so bright. The moon borrows light from the sun and reflects the sun's rays. If the sun had no rays, the moon would not shine.

In the same way, **we would have no blessings or comfort unless God shines and gives them to us.** This is so easy for us to forget.

The moons of comfort can hide the Lord from us. We can be clouded by our possessions. Maybe we love things more than people. A certain sin might grip us. Maybe hatred has a hold. The alcohol and drug cloud may be present. Carnal passions and unhealthy living may cloud our relationship with the Lord.

We can become so attached to these unhealthy ways that they cloud and keep us from the Lord. If we call out to God, He will give us strength, grace and mercy. We cling to these beautiful words: "Oh Blessed light of the Holy Trinity, Originating Unity, now as the fiery sun declines, pour radiance in our hearts" (Fifth century hymn).

+ Fr. Nicholas



How to Benefit from the Divine Liturgy

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| 1. Attend early | 5. Enjoy the sermon |
| 2. Participate through song and prayer | 6. Pray the Jesus Prayer |
| 3. Be reverent | 7. Pray the Pre-Communion prayers |
| 4. Listen carefully to the readings | 8. Give heartfelt thanks to God |

Feast Day of St. Phanourios

On August 27th, we celebrated the Feast of St Phanourios. Little is known about St. Phanourios; his icon was discovered in the year 1500 among the ruins of an ancient church on Rhodes. Other icons were badly damaged, however his appeared as though it had been painted that day.

St Phanourios' (Φανούριος) name certainly is unique and thought to have derived from the Greek word, φανερώ which means to reveal. We pray to St. Phanourios to help recover things that have been lost or when in search of something.



It is a tradition in the Orthodox Church to bake a sweet cake and offer it to the Saint for health and well-being. This bread is known as Φανουρόπιτα. It is usually prepared when someone who was in search of something and found it by the intercessions of St Phanourios. This would also apply if someone was in search of another person, or when they found their spouse to marry. Whatever the circumstance, it is indeed the working of the Saint.

It is also tradition that people bake the Φανουρόπιτες for the Feast of the Saint as well. Thanks for all who contributed their Φανουρόπιτες.

A Mediterranean Adventure

HOLY APOSTLES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY
ANNUAL FASHION SHOW & LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023

Drury Lane | 100 Drury Lane | Oakbrook Terrace, IL

Tickets Available:

In-person: 9-9-2023 at 9 am in Multi-Purpose Room and Following Sundays through 10-15-23 (after Liturgy)

Online: See online access below

Proceeds to Benefit: Hydrocephalus Association; Greek American Rehabilitation and Care Centre and other Philoptochos Endeavors

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Luxe RAFFLE

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YVES SAINT LAURENT

A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS FROM THIS RAFFLE WILL BENEFIT THE HYDROCEPHALUS ASSOC. & THE GREEK AMERICAN REHABILITATION CENTRE.

Holy Apostles Philoptochos Society thanks our donor for their support!

Silent Auction

SNEAK PEEK + EARLY BIDDING

ONLINE BIDDING STARTS 10/7
WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT AT LUNCHEON TO WIN

Blackhawks Night: VIP Tickets, VIP Parking, Club Parking

Bulls Night: Courtside Tickets + Parking Pass

Lyric Opera: Four Main Floor Center Tickets for Cinderella, Lunch in Member's Only Graham Room, Parking



Broadway In Chicago Night: Gift Certificate to Broadway in Chicago, Overnight Hotel (Marriott), Gift card for Signature Room at the 95th

Theater Night: Tickets for Drury Lane Theater; Zazu Gift Basket, Luxury Haircut & Treatment

Golf: Ruth Lake threesome includes carts and Fore caddie

Baseball: Ticket packages for both White Sox and Cubs

Super Bowl: Super Bowl XX Coach Ditka Autographed Football, Gift certificate at a Ditka restaurant

Lake Michigan Sailing: Day of Sailing on Lake Michigan for four includes lunch and refreshments

Pickleball: Two private lessons for 1 – 4 players, Lifetime Fitness/ Burr Ridge w/ a pickleball pro; pickball paddles, bag and balls.

Yoga: Personal Home Yoga Session, mat, blocks and strap.

The Sharing Season



OCTOBER COAT DRIVE

October 7 - 22 - Multi-Purpose Room

Philoptochos will collect gently used, clean coats for men, women, and children from October 7 to October 22.

Please leave the coats on hangers on the racks in the multi-purpose room (opposite the kitchen). The coats will be donated to two worthy organizations.

The youth coats will be donated to Warm Coats for Cool Kids, located in Elmhurst, Illinois and will serve families in the western suburbs of Chicago.

Adult coats will be donated to Repeat Boutique, a Christian, non-denominational, all volunteer service ministry providing clothing and practical household goods to those in need. For further questions, please contact Debbie Chiganos at debbchig@att.net or Laura Pepke at laurapepke@gmail.com.



HOLIDAY FOOD COLLECTION

Oct. 22 - Nov. 5 - HOPE Box

The holidays can be very difficult for those with food insecurity. Our most recent HOPE collections have been going to the Hillside Food Pantry (HFP) at Immanuel Lutheran Church while HOPE is researching a new storage facility.

The Hillside Food Pantry feeds an additional 275 families each holiday and would really appreciate non-perishable add-ons to give away with turkeys they will provide.

Please consider making a non-perishable holiday donation to help those less fortunate.

ANY donation is greatly appreciated. A turkey themed collection box will be set up in front of the HOPE collection counter to receive donations. This holiday collection is in addition to our on-going HOPE bags.

Please feel free to contact either Maria Patt (mdpatt59@comcast.net) or Faye Adams (geofaye.adams@gmail.com) with any questions.

Suggested Donation Items:

- Boxed stuffing
 - Instant mashed potatoes
 - Canned cranberry sauce
 - Canned or packets of turkey gravy
(no glass jars please)
 - Canned pumpkin
 - Biscuit or cornbread mix
- and
- Pasta/spaghetti sauce – They run out of this on a regular basis. Although not a traditional “holiday food”, donations are greatly appreciated. NOTE: Only item that they accept in glass jars.

“Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help.” ~ Isaiah 58:7

*Thank You For Your Support!
Together we can make the holidays a little brighter for those in need.*



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE AUGUST 24 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

PC SECRETARY: STEVE MILAK EDITED BY: VAL DRANIAS

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Parish Council President Norm Pomrening followed by the opening prayer by Fr. George and the reading of the Mission Statement. The minutes of the July meeting were approved unanimously. Correspondence was presented by Steve Milak. We received a thank you note from Crossroads for their recent visit; the PC approved a \$125 full page donation to the 2023 Church Music Conference; a notice from the Metropolis was read regarding the upcoming Clergy Laity Assembly on Oct. 11-13, 2023; a motion was made to donate \$1000 for the Clergy-Laity Assembly in October- motion passed; a packet was received for nominations to the Metropolis Board.

Ecclesiastical Report: Fr. George shared a meditation on the topic of "The Church Year Begins".

Ministries:

Chris Pepke reported on Building and Grounds: Steve Savas is stepping down as the chairperson of the Building and Grounds Committee (B&G) and Chris Pepke is the new chairperson. Received bids for building out new cabinets in the multi-purpose and GOYA rooms next to the windows for \$12,000. Motion passed to go ahead with the project. A bid was received for painting the multi-purpose room, repairing the wall paper, and touching up the altar for \$8,000. Motion passed unanimously. The B&G committee met yesterday to put together a budget. They discussed pulling in the timeline for redoing the parking lot. The committee anticipates this will cost \$350,000 with work commencing in spring or summer. Chris Pepke has been researching old church documents and is discovering reasons for previous issues with the building for example, why the drain tile might have been damaged. Bill Leider has been appointed by the B&G committee as the lead for the choir loft project that will work on replacing the carpet.

Lou Kafkes reported on Finance: The Operating account cash balance has increased by \$181,797 year-to-date. As of 7/31, the total Operating account cash balance, including monies parked to earn higher rates of interest, is \$873,289. The Capital account cash balance has increased by \$1,350 year-to-date. As of 7/31, the total Capital account cash balance, including monies parked to earn higher rates of interest, is \$363,917. Although our YTD Net Revenue through 7/31 is \$181,800, our goal of a balanced budget will still be challenging given that our monthly expenses will easily outpace Gross Revenue from now until the end of the year.

Steve Milak reported on Technology: *Outsource Solution Group Support Hours:* The contract was signed for the twenty additional support hours. *WiFi Project:* Additional equipment will be ordered this month with a tentative completion date sometime before the end of September. *Data Connection:* Thanks to the efforts of George Chechopoulos the fiber optics data cable installation project has been completed.

Lou Kafkes reported on Stewardship and Welcoming: Here is the 2023 Stewardship report, detailing our results through July and how we compared to 2022: Our 590 YTD pledges are 4% LESS than the 613 we had received by the end of July 2022. We have achieved 79% of our 2023 Stewardship Goal to receive pledges from 750 families. Our \$751K pledged is 6% MORE than the \$709K we had received by the end of July 2022. We have achieved 66% of our 2023 Stewardship Goal to fund our entire operating budget of \$1,139K through pledges. Our \$625K collected is 3% MORE than the \$607K we had received by the end of July 2022. Our median pledge is \$700, EQUAL TO the \$700 YTD July 2022 median pledge. Our average pledge of \$1,272 is 10% MORE than the \$1,157 YTD July 2022 average pledge. Lou reported that the stewardship committee is planning a Bears Tailgate after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, September 17. Burgers, brats, hot dogs and chili will be the featured food items and there will be a cash bar for beer and wine. This event is free to attendees, with the only fundraising done in a split-the-pot manner through the sale of \$25 squares.

George Chechopoulos reported on Ushering: *Locking Up:* About five new members have been trained on lock up procedures. *Candles Responsibilities:* Procedures for how to lock up and manage money at the candle stand were reiterated along with handling of the hearing loop receivers. *Money Handling:* Proper procedures were reiterated. *Usher Schedule:* The schedule for the coming months was discussed.

Father George reported on Youth and Young Adults: 134 kids have been registered as of last night for youth ministries. 25 young adults have registered for YAL/Lampros. 18 addresses have been added for "Fall Care Packages". New Lampros leadership is Tommy Pepke, Alex Pomrening, and Steph Chiganos as advisor. YAL leadership is Steph Chiganos, Lia Chiganos, Nicole Papanton, and Anastasia Kourafas. A discussion ensued about the ages for the Lampros and YAL groups. The reason for having two groups at Holy Apostles is because these young people are at totally different stages of life. It was shared that schedules are often different for college aged kids when compared to young working adults.

Lena Theotikos reported on Greek School: As of today, Greek School has 96 kids signed up. An extra helper has been hired due to the Increase. Tuition collected should be approximately \$85,500.

Peter Bell reported on Missions: Members of the Missions Committee and Parish Council met with the Hoppes since they are back in the United States. There was concern that they are back in the United States and not doing missionary work in Albania. However, it was clarified they are still doing mission work as they are continuing their education before heading back to Albania next year. They are looking for a home base church and are wanting it to be Holy Apostles. The consensus of the group was to continue to support the Hoppes while they are in the United States. It was noted that while Holy Apostles budgeted \$1,000 per month for the Hoppes in 2023, the church did not cut any checks to them over the past nine months. Motion was passed to make a payment of \$9000 of back support for the Hoppes. Another motion passed to support the Hoppes at \$1,000 per month while they are on their "home mission" in the United States through the end of December 2023.

Old Business.

Val Dranias reported on the Mosaic: The draft of the next edition has been completed. There have been eighty-eight opt-ins for mailed copies as of today. The issue will be sent out in early September.

Val Dranias reported on the Fund Raiser with the comedian: Basile has been booked for Feb. 24, 2024. Other venues aside from Holy Apostles are being examined in order to hold more people.

Jim Maragos reported on the HA Foundation: It was reported that the committee is about two-thirds complete in the by-laws document. It's being looked into if Joan Berg can produce a final version of by-laws for the Parish Council by the September meeting, which would allow the council to examine it for a month. Jim Maragos shared that the purpose of the foundation board is to support Holy Apostles Church. Other information on the makeup of the foundation board of directors and other mechanics were shared.

Norm Pomrening reported on the Employee Handbook Revision: Emilia Linardakis is working on finishing up the employee handbook for the church. Vanessa Clohessy is working on the legal considerations that apply.

Fr. Nick reported on the new website: The new draft version of the website has been shared with the Parish Council, ministry leaders, and many other members of the church. Alexa Cussick has been working with Fr. Nicholas and the website designer and will be the one to maintain the site in the future. It was shared that various points of feedback were received and are being taken into consideration for the final product.

New Business

Sandy Pihos brought up Emergency Contact info for the church: It was shared that there is no explicit emergency contact information on the church voicemail messages, but both priests' voicemails do say in the case of an emergency dial their cell phone number, which is provided in the message. It was suggested there be a prompt for emergency contact for the priests in the case of a pastoral emergency.

Norm Pomrening reported on the Parish Council Vacancy & Parish Council Treasurer Vacancy: It was noted that Lou Kafkes is resigning from the parish council and that the vacancy will need to be addressed since he has been hired to fill the parish administrator position. A motion was made to nominate Steve Milak to move from Secretary to Treasurer effective September 1st. Nominee accepts. Motion passes. A motion was made to nominate Val Dranias to fill the Secretary position. Nominee accepts. Motion passes. An announcement will be sent to the parish asking for nominations for the Parish Council remaining term.

Norm Pomrening reported on the Parish Assembly: In order to accommodate timing of foundation by-laws review and approval the Parish Assembly will be on Sunday, October 22, 2023.

Norm Pomrening reported on the 2024 Budget Process and Timing: The finance committee will prepare the budget. A meeting will be held where the budget is reviewed and approved by the parish council. After approval the budget will be presented at the parish assembly meeting on October 22.

Candles: It was shared that the taper candles are burning messily. Fr. George will follow up with the vendor.

Father Nicholas reported on staffing: It was asked that the Parish Council consider combining the communication specialist and youth director positions into one full time salaried position.

Key Dates:

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| a. | Start of Greek School - 9/7 | d. | PC Meeting – 9/21 |
| b. | Start of Sunday School - 9/10 | e. | Clergy-Laity - 10/11 - 10/13 |
| c. | Ministry Fair - 9/10 | f. | Stewardship Sunday - 11/19 |

Adjournment.

Father Nicholas gave the closing prayer. Meeting was adjourned at 10:28 pm.



HA BASKETBALL PROGRAM

Holy Apostles Basketball is Looking for Players and Coaches!!!

Our HA Basketball Program is **seeking players from 3rd grade through High School** to participate as we look forward to the upcoming season.

Given the success of our Jr. High and High School teams, and the excitement generated by our Bidy team at the recent Jr. Olympics, our goal is to have teams at all four levels in the Greek Orthodox Athletic League "GOAL." Teams are divided into 3rd/4th grade (biddy), 5th/6th, Jr. High, and High School.

This program has generated life-long friendships for both players and parents. We also welcome anyone who would be interested in coaching any of these teams to sign up as well. Please contact Nick Kirkeles at athletics@holyapostleschurch.com.



TO CARE FOR THOSE WHO ONCE CARED FOR US IS ONE OF LIFE'S HIGHEST HONORS.



THE HOLY APOSTLES CAREGIVERS HALF-DAY SEMINAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023

PROGRAM

Registration & Continental Breakfast: 8:30 am – 9:00 am

Session One: Caregiver's View of Dementia

Presenter: Jessica Haines, MSW, CDP – Aging Care Connections

Session Two: Checking Out of The Hospital. What Do I Need to Know and Do?

Presenter: Alexandra Bernard, RN

Session Three: My Parish Needs A Caregivers Group

Presenters: Val Dranias & Kathy Steffenson

Session Four: Navigating the Caregiver's Journey

Presenter: Dino Varnavas – Director of The Greek American Rehabilitation and Care Center

Please register at

<https://form.jotform.com/holy.apostles.westchester.il/caregiver-support-group>

or call the church office: 708-562-2744

The seminar is free. Funded by a grant from the Hellenic Foundation.



HOLY APOSTLES MEN'S GROUP

Brotherhood of St. Peter the Apostle Morning Meetings First & Third Thursday Mornings, 6:45 AM

The Holy Apostles Men's Group - The Brotherhood of St. Peter the Apostle - started its second year on September 7. The Brotherhood has meetings on the first and third Thursday mornings of the month at 6:45am.

Breakfast and coffee are served followed by an active 45 minute discussion on a variety of topics, which then concludes promptly at 8am. These morning meetings are planned to run through May and conclude in early June.

The content of the meetings will range from discussing the Epistle and Gospel readings for a given day, going over a short passage of a book, discussing a podcast, or

other Orthodox media. The first social will be a "Low Country Boil", which will be held on October 22.

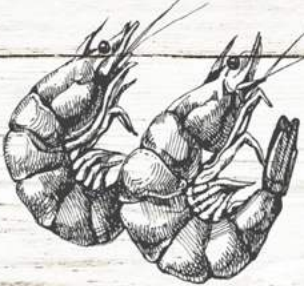
Average attendance at the morning meetings is generally around 12-15 men. The ministry is led by Fr. George Dokos and Demetri Malamis. For more information, please contact them directly, email brotherhood@holypostleschurch.com, visit <https://www.holypostleschurch.com/ministries/mens-ministry> or scan for more info.




Second Annual Men's Cookout
Brotherhood of St. Peter the Apostle
 INVITES ALL MEN FROM THE COMMUNITY FOR GOOD TIMES & CAMARADERIE

Low Country Boil

Holy Apostles
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Sunday
October 22
 AT FIVE O'CLOCK
 COME HUNGRY FOR DINNER


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Celebrating The Elevation of the Cross

On Sept. 14 we commemorated the finding of the True Cross by Saint Helen, the mother of the Emperor Constantine.

Saint Helen found the Cross together with the crosses of the two thieves with no way to determine which was the Cross of Christ until a dying woman was healed after touching one of them.

Following Divine Liturgy, the Cross is placed on a tray surrounded by basil branches and is taken in solemn procession through the church to the chanting of the Hymn of the Feast.



The tray is placed on a table, and the priest takes the Cross and offers petitions from each side of the table, the four directions of the compass.

This represents the universal nature of the offering of Christ upon the Cross.

At the conclusion of the service, parishioners come and venerate the Cross and receive the basil from the priest. The basil is used and offered, as it was the fragrant flower growing where the Cross was found.



H.A.R.C. BOOKSTORE

If you haven't stepped into the HARC Bookstore after Sunday Liturgy during Coffee Hour, come see the many items including gifts, books, icons, and cards for all ages.

Just in for our younger readers: *The First Children's Bible Reader-Old and New Testament*. It is filled with beautiful color illustrations in Byzantine style and maps and is approved by the Orthodox Church.

For our older readers, we have prayer books in large print.

On sale at 50% off is 2023 *Daily Lives, Miracles, and Wisdom of the Saints & Fasting Calendar*. Each day has an inspirational quote and story of the life of a saint, as well as bible readings

for that day. A great educational and interesting reference for any day of the year.

For all our customers we have a **Rewards Program too!** So, please, stop by after Sunday Liturgy in the back of the multipurpose room. See the many treasures we have for you.

See Presvytera Michelle Georgiou with questions and information.



OPEN Every Sunday
During Coffee Hour

Women's Pilgrimage to St. Paisius Monastery

Stafford, AZ

February 6 - 10, 2024

Limited space!

Contact Evie Dokos for more information:
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Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church

OCTOBER 2023

1 8:15 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:30 am GOYA Board Meeting 12:00 pm Baptism	2 6:00 pm Neolea Dance Troupe	3 4:30 pm Greek School 7:00 pm GOYA Meeting 7:30 pm Philoptochos Board Meeting 7:30 pm League of Chanters Practice/Meeting	4 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	5 6:45 pm Brotherhood of St. Peter The Apostle 10:00 am TOTS 1:00 pm Adult Bible Study 4:30 pm Greek School 5:00 pm Greek School PTO Meeting 7:00 pm Discoveries in Orthodoxy 7:00 pm YAL Meeting	6 FEAST DAY OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE 8:00 am Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 4:30 pm Adventure Theater 7:00 pm Paraklasis Service	7 FALL COAT DRIVE BEGINS 1:00 pm Wedding 5:00 pm Vespers
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October

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