

WEEKLY BULLETIN NOVEMBER 12, 2023

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**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12** 8:15 a.m. Orthros 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Barbara Nikolas Memorials: Fellowship Hour, hosted by the Theotikos Family, in memory of Barbara Nikolas 11:30 a.m. Christmas Pageant Information Table NOVEMBER 13 – FEAST DAY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM **MONDAY** 8:00 a.m. Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 6:00 p.m. GOYA Friendsgiving / Gift Wrap **TUESDAY NOVEMBER 14** 1:00 p.m. Caregivers Support Group 4:30 p.m. Greek School 6:15 p.m. JOY 7:00 p.m. Neighborhood Bible Study (Fr Nicholas & Presbytera Michelle's home) 7:30 p.m. League of Chanters Practice/Meeting WEDNESDAY **NOVEMBER 15 – NATIVITY FAST BEGINS** 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Jr. GOYA Meeting Missions Meeting 7:00 p.m. **THURSDAY NOVEMBER 16** Brotherhood of St. Peter the Apostle 6:45 a.m. 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 1:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study 4:30 p.m. Greek School 7:00 p.m. YAL Friendsgiving (MPR) 7:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting (Philoptochos Room) FRIDAY **NOVEMBER 17** 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 4:30 p.m. Adventure Theater 7:00 p.m. Paraklesis Service 8:00 p.m. **Practical Parenting SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18** 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Baptism: Stella, daughter of Michael and Kim Poulos 12:00 p.m. Sponsor: Allison Baier Vespers 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m Vespers Pot Luck Dinner **Epistle Reading**—2 Corinthians 9:6-11 Reader – Joanna Clohessy

Gospel Reading—Luke 10:25-37

**Communion** – Children receive Communion first, so they may be dismissed directly to Sunday School. Once done, ushers will direct the adult congregation to join the line in an orderly manner.

#### Απολυτίκιον Άναστάσιμον. Ήχος πλ. β΄.

Άγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνῆμα σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν· καὶ ἵστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ· ὑπήντησας τῆ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωήν. Ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Angelike thinamis epi to mnima su, ke I filasontes apenekrothisan, ke istato Maria en to tafo zitusa to ahranton su soma. Eskilefsas ton Athin, mi pirasthis ip' aftou, ipintisas ti Partheno dorumenos tin zoin. O anastas ek ton nekron, Kirie thoxa si.

## Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode pl. 2.

When the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary, who was seeking Your immaculate body. Unassailed by Hades, You divested it of spoils. Then You met the Virgin. You granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory to You!

#### The Epistle—2 Corinthians 9:6-11

Brethren, the point is this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

#### The Gospel—Luke 10:25-37

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Today's Artoklasia is in honor of our veterans. Thank you for your service to our country.

Welcome to Holy Apostles Church! Please welcome Pastor Scott Oberle and his students, who are visiting us today from First Congregational United Church of Christ in Downers Grove.

#### **Fashion Show Kudos!**

Heartfelt congratulations to Philoptochos Luncheon & Fashion Show Chairwomen, Pam Crouthamel and Anthoula Pomrening, and President, Diane Dietz, and their committee for a phenomenal event, "A Mediterranean Adventure" on Saturday, October 21. Our event would not have been possible without the loyalty of our sponsors, patrons, donors, and guests to make this event extraordinary. The net profits totaled approximately \$113,000 which will be dedicated to the Hydrocephalus Association, Greek American Rehabilitation & Care Centre, and other Philoptochos philanthropic endeavors. AXIOS!

#### Pillars and Rocks

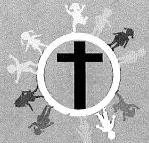
Koukla's Kafenio Luncheon was held on Thursday, November 9. A delicious luncheon was served, catered by Greek Islands, and entertainment was provided by "The Men of Spirito" choral group to honor our veterans. Philoptochos is always pleased to host and celebrate the pillars of our community, who have laid the foundation for future generations. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this event so special for our seniors! Pillars and Rocks is led by Aleka Mandelaris and Cathy Magas. This ministry also coordinates members of Philoptochos and our community to visit and deliver goody bags of plants and sweets to many of our seniors. Visits were made in September and are scheduled in December. We respect and honor our seniors who share their wisdom and life experiences.

Psalms Reading Group Begins – Everyone is invited to join in reading the Psalms throughout the Nativity Fast, November 15-December 24 in the privacy of your home. Use a resource that employs the Greek numbering system (Septuagint). Resource examples include: The Orthodox Study Bible, The Psalter, or Songs of Praise by Sylvia Leontaritis. All are available in our HARC. Register through today by sending your name/email to: psalter@holyapostleschurch.com

Caregivers Support Group – Please join us on Tuesday, November 14 at 1:00pm in the Philoptochos Room for discussion and coffee. See you then!

Adventure Theater – On Sunday, December 3, 2023, immediately following Divine Liturgy, the Holy Apostles Adventure Theater is presenting their performance *Aunt Harriet's Christmas Gift*, in the multipurpose room, preceded by a delicious luncheon, hosted by the Adventure Theater. Here's a preview of the show: Aunt Harriet, wishing to renew relationships with her family which she has neglected for years, gives her niece and nephew each \$350 on Christmas Eve, to buy gifts for themselves. She anxiously awaits the end of the day to see what they bought. Instead, life-changing surprises await them. Free-will donations of \$5 are encouraged for persons 13-89 years of age. All others may enter FREE of CHARGE. Make your reservations with members of the Adventure Theater, starting Sunday, November 12th, as well as Sunday, November 19th and 26th, following Divine Liturgy, in the Multipurpose room. You can also make reservations by telephoning, texting, or e-mailing Mr. D. at (708) 528-2782 or <a href="mailto:fanari@me.com">fanari@me.com</a>. Please make checks payable to the Holy Apostles Adventure Theater.

**Feed6 Date Set!** – Please save the date of Saturday, January 20, 2024 for our annual event to help feed the hungry. Registration and donation information will be shared as we get closer to the date.



## 2023 - 2024 Meeting Dates

JOY typically meets at church every other Tuesday for dinner and Orthodox faith based activities from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. (directly after Greek School on Tuesdays, unless otherwise noted)

Deepen your youth's understanding of our relationship with God and His Church.

Learn what it means to live out the Orthodox faith.

Join a network of families from our parish with children in grades K-5.

Pray and have dinner with your fellow Orthodox friends.

Joy is led by Madeline Stone and Kassondra Schref.

Please email us at JOY@holyapostleschurch.com

Sign up to host / sponsor dinner





Planned meetings 2023 - 2024:

Tuesday, September 26 Tuesday, October 10 Tuesday, October 24 Tuesday, November 14 Tuesday, December 19 Tuesday, January 9 Tuesday, January 23 Tuesday, February 13 Tuesday, February 27 Tuesday, March 12 Wed., April 10 (Church & dinner)

Friday, May 3 (Good Friday Retreat II a.m. - 2 p.m.)

Tuesday, May 14

Additional outings & fundraising events may be announced throughout the year! Info at holyapostleschurch.com/JOY



You are invited to the Holy Apostles
YAL



NOVEMBER 16TH, 6:30PM
AT
HOLY APOSTLES CHURCH

Please Participate by bringing a food item!

Access this link https://tinyurl.com/holy-apostles-yal

# Saturday Vespers Potluck

#### 2023

#### 2024

August 12\*

January 13

September 23

February 10

October 14

•March 9

•November 18\*

April 13\*

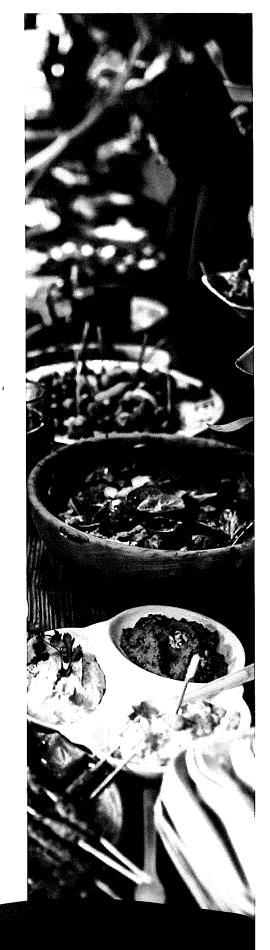
December 16\*

∘May 18

\*On these days, please bring fasting-friendly dishes

Vespers Service Begins at 5:00 PM
Potluck Immediately
Following at 6PM

Sign up each month using the link in the weekly email



**QUESTIONS?** 

Email stewardship@holyapostleschurch.com

73RD ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP BALL

# Celebrating Philotimo

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023 6:00 PM COCKTAILS AND SILENT AUCTION 7:00 PM DINNER AND DANCING

> THE WESTIN O'HARE ROSEMONT, IL

#### CELEBRATING OUR 73rd GALA HONOREES



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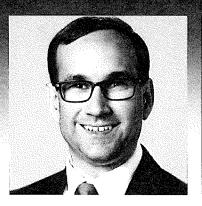
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**AWARD** 

SERVICE

Arlene Siavelis Kehl



LAWYER OF THE YEAR

Perry Siatis



RISING STAR AWARD

Eleni Katsoulis





# Holy Apostles Greek School Bake Sale

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

After Divine Liturgy
Holy Apostles Multi-Purpose Room



Join us for coffee and fellowship after Divine Liturgy! All proceeds benefit the Holy Apostles Greek School.

• GREEK & AMERICAN SWEETS \* FROZEN PITA TRAYS TO GO \*



It's not too early to start thinking about Christmas and helping us make purchases for those who are less fortunate. Philoptochos has supported Metropolitan Family Services (f/k/a Family Shelter Services) for many years by purchasing new toys and clothing for families affected by domestic abuse.

Please look for the Philoptochos volunteers collecting funds in the multipurpose room after the liturgy on Sundays, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Donations can also be made by check made out to "Holy Apostles Philoptochos" and dropped off or mailed to the church office in an envelope marked "Family Shelter Service Donation". If you prefer, donations can also be made through the church website at <a href="www.tinyurl.com/haphiloptochos">www.tinyurl.com/haphiloptochos</a> under "Family Shelter Services" donation.

Volunteers willing to help with the monetary collection, shopping and delivering of the gifts are asked to contact Angela Neboyskey (773-719-2619) or <a href="mailto:arkarras@gmail.com">arkarras@gmail.com</a>) or Marion Karras (630-561-5972) or <a href="mailto:marion.karras@gmail.com">marion.karras@gmail.com</a>). Giving your time for this project ensures that many families who cannot buy gifts will be able to do so. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

#### \*\*\*HOLIDAY FOOD COLLECTION - EXTENDED!!!\*\*\*

Through Sunday, December 10



The Hillside Food Pantry is so grateful for the donations the Holy Apostles parish made for their Thanksgiving Food Giveaway. We collected close to 400 pounds of food! Unfortunately, the Village of Hillside forgot to put the flyer publicizing the food drive in their monthly bulletin. This has negatively impacted the food that the Hillside Food Pantry has been able to collect. The Holy Apostles HOPE Team and parish clergy have agreed to extend the food collection through December 10<sup>th</sup> in an effort to help them. The Hillside Food Pantry has added canned fruits to their list and is short on instant mashed potatoes.

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

<u>ANY</u> donation is greatly appreciated.

#### **Suggested Items:**

NEW to the list - canned fruits (pineapple, oranges, peaches, pears, etc..)

boxed stuffing

\*\*instant mashed potatoes (could use more)

canned cranberry sauce

canned or packets of turkey gravy (no glass jars please)

canned pumpkin

biscuit or cornbread mix

pasta/spaghetti sauce — this is the one item that the food pantry runs out of on a regular basis. Even though this is not a traditional "holiday food", donations of this item would be greatly appreciated. This is also the only item that they can accept in glass jars.

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.

If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, please feel free to send a check to the church office made out to Holy Apostles Philoptochos with Holiday Food Collection on the memo line.

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

Together, we can make the holidays a little brighter for those in need.

We thank you for your understanding and support!



## Phíloptochos Chrístmas Party and General Meeting

Please join us for the annual Philoptochos Christmas Party and General Meeting on Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the multi-purpose room.

Our hostesses Helen Kasimos, Karen Anagnos, Georgia Kass, Tina Kourafas, Litsa Lekatsos, Patty Pappas, Elaine Papanton, and Effie Stojka will bring us an evening filled with holiday cheer.

Director Serge Penksik and the Hinsdale High School Chamber Orchestra will return as entertainment.

We will also be collecting hats, mittens, and scarves for both adults and children for donation to People's Resource Center.

Please RSVP to Aleka Ernst no later than 12/5 at (630) 561-1660 or alekaernst@aol.com.



# Holy Apostles Christmas Pageant Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

We are pleased to announce that the children of Holy Apostles will be presenting the annual Christmas Pageant on December 17th. Kindergartners through third graders will play the silent roles of the characters in the Nativity scene. Fourth through eighth grade students will sing traditional Christmas Carols for the program, some serving as narrators. High school students are encouraged to sign up to be assistants. High School vocalists and instrumentalists who are interested in joining the musical ensemble should contact Mrs. Zoe Tomaras at 630-476-0223 or email her at the email below.

Information was mailed to all Sunday School students. Non-registered youth are welcomed to participate, as well. The forms will also be available at church or email to get them electronically. All participants must fill out a form so that role assignments can be made. Please mail the forms back to Sandy Pihos, 512 Williamsburg Road, Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

An informational table will be set up in the Multipurpose Room om Sunday, November 5th and November 12th. The first rehearsal will take place on Sunday, November 19th. There will be rehearsals on December 3rd and December 10th. Sunday School participants will be dismissed from their classrooms and rehearsals will start promptly at 11:20. A dress rehearsal will take place on Saturday, December 16th at 9:00 am. Please attend as many rehearsals as possible.

Please feel free to contact Sandy Pihos, Pageant Director, for more information at: <a href="mailto:christmaspageant@holyapostleschurch.com">christmaspageant@holyapostleschurch.com</a> or call/text 630-640-5811



#### Christmas Breakfast with Santa

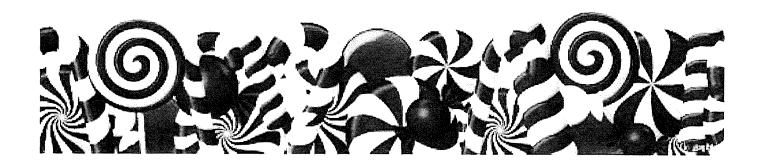
Please reserve a spot at the pancake Christmas Breakfast, following Liturgy and the Pageant, on Sunday December 17th.

Santa will make a special appearance, in spite of his busy schedule.

Thank you to our chairwoman, Anna Fattore and her volunteers for hosting again this year.

Cost will be \$10 for Adults and children 5 and older - children 4 and under are free.

Please make reservations <u>by December 14th</u> either online at <u>www.tinyurl.com/haphiloptochos</u>, in person after liturgy on Sundays, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and December 10<sup>th</sup> or contact Anna Fattore at <u>afattore@aol.com</u>.



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