

**WEEKLY BULLETIN**  
**NOVEMBER 19, 2023**

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SUNDAY

8:15 a.m.  
9:30 a.m.  
Memorials:  
11:20 a.m.  
11:30 a.m.

NOVEMBER 19 – STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Orthros  
Divine Liturgy  
Theodore (Ted) Adams  
Christmas Pageant Rehearsal  
Fellowship Hour, hosted by Terry & Karen Chiganos  
Greek School PTO Bake Sale  
Christmas Pageant Information Table  
40 Day Blessing: Vanessa Kladis, Daughter-Stephanie  
5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball vs. Sts Andrew/George @ Westchester Park District  
7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball vs. Sts Andrew/George @ Westchester Park District  
High School Basketball vs. Sts Andrew/George @ Westchester Park District

MONDAY

8:00 a.m.

NOVEMBER 20

Divine Liturgy

TUESDAY

8:00 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.

NOVEMBER 21 – ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE

Orthros  
Divine Liturgy  
No Greek School

7:30 p.m.

League of Chanters Practice/Meeting

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER 22 – FEAST DAY (OBSERVED) OF ST. KATHERINE

Thanksgiving Eve Divine Liturgy

THURSDAY

NOVEMBER 23 – THANKSGIVING DAY

Office Closed  
No Greek School

FRIDAY

NOVEMBER 24

Office Closed

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**Epistle Reading**—Ephesians 2:14-22

Reader – Nicole Govostis

**Gospel Reading**—Luke 12:16-21

**Communion** – Children and Sunday School teachers receive Communion first, so they may be dismissed directly to their classrooms. Once done, ushers will direct the remaining congregation to join the line in an orderly manner. Thank you!

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**Today's Artoklasia** is in honor of Terry and Karen Chiganos, who are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. May they both be blessed with health and happiness to reach 100 years!

**Today is Stewardship Sunday** – Our 2024 stewardship campaign, "Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant" begins this Sunday, November 19. Materials were mailed out earlier this week to our families. If you already received yours, please feel free to join our Parish Council members in placing your pledge card into the offering basket at the conclusion of today's Divine Liturgy.

### **Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον.**

#### **Ἦχος βαρύς.**

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον· ἠνέωξας τῷ ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον· τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρῆνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας, ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Katelisas to Stavro sou ton thanaton, ineoxas to Listi ton Paradison, ton Miroforon ton thrinon metevalas, ke tis sis Apostolis kiritin epetaxas; oti anestis Christe o Theos, parehon to kosmo to mega eleos.

### **Resurrectional Apolytikion.**

#### **Grave Mode**

You destroyed death by Your Cross, You opened Paradise to the Robber. You turned the Myrrh-bearing Women's lament into joy, and You commanded Your Apostles to preach that You rose, O Christ God, granting the world the great mercy.

### **The Epistle—Ephesians 2:14-22**

Brethren, Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

### **The Gospel—Luke 12:16-21**

The Lord said this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As he said these things, he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

**Psalms Reading Group Begins** – Everyone is invited to join in reading the Psalms throughout the Nativity Fast 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](mailto:psalter@holyapostleschurch.com)

**Greek Heritage Nights at United Center** – Last February, a group from Holy Apostles attended the Bulls-Bucks game to see Giannis Antetokounmpo and pick up a custom designed Greek Heritage Night hat. This year, we are planning an outing to attend the Blackhawks-Columbus Blue Jackets game on Saturday, March 2. Stay tuned for more ticket information! Meanwhile, if you are interested, the Bulls Greek Heritage Night once again features a date with Giannis, as he and the Bucks will be in town on Thursday, November 30. If you are interested in attending that game, please call Lou at 708.562.2744.

**Children in the Loft: Calling All Voices!** Sunday School students, grades 3rd through 8th are invited to participate in the next Children in the Loft date, **Sunday, December 3**. Contact Bette Schieber at [loft@holyapostleschurch.com](mailto:loft@holyapostleschurch.com) with questions and to RSVP.

**Adventure Theater** – On **Sunday, December 3**, 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 today and next Sunday, November 26, 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 [fanari@me.com](mailto:fanari@me.com). Please make checks payable to the Holy Apostles Adventure Theater.

### **From the Consulate General of Greece in Chicago**

Every day, the Consulate General of Greece in Chicago welcomes Greek citizens, who travel to Chicago in order to take care of their affairs with the Greek state. While a number of consular services have been digitized and are offered electronically, without the physical presence of the citizens, there are still a number of services which require physical presence, which may be a challenge for many older (60+) citizens. For this reason, we have organized consular visits to the states of our jurisdiction. With regards to the state of Illinois, where our Consulate is based, we have secured the invaluable contribution of the Hellenic Foundation to provide free transport to the Consulate. The Metropolis of Chicago has arranged to have its parishes serve as the meeting venues for the interested citizens. **The next scheduled "Seniors Day" at the Consulate will be on December 6th, 2023, from the Holy Apostles Church.** Please contact the Consulate directly ([grgencon.cic@mfa.gr](mailto:grgencon.cic@mfa.gr) or 312-335-3915) with any questions or to register for this event.

**Fifth Saturday Serve Day** – Please join us on Saturday, December 30 in the Multipurpose Room at 10:00 am for a 90-minute service project. We will be making hand stitched heart pillows for the charity group Stuffed Love. They distribute the pillows to patients and families who are affected by congenital heart defects.

# Holy Apostles Greek School

## Bake Sale

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

After Divine Liturgy  
Holy Apostles Multi-Purpose Room

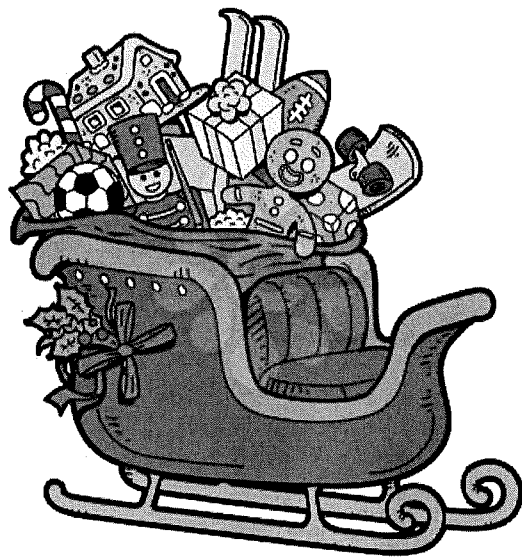
Prices  
As Marked



Coffee  
Served

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 [www.tinyurl.com/haphiloptochos](http://www.tinyurl.com/haphiloptochos) 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 [arkarras@gmail.com](mailto:arkarras@gmail.com)) or Marion Karras (630-561-5972) or [marion.karras@gmail.com](mailto:marion.karras@gmail.com)). 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.  
**ANY** 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](mailto:mdpatt59@comcast.net)) or Faye Adams ([geofaye.adams@gmail.com](mailto: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!





## *Philoptochos Christmas 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](mailto:alekaernst@aol.com).*





## Holy Apostles Christmas Pageant

### Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN!!

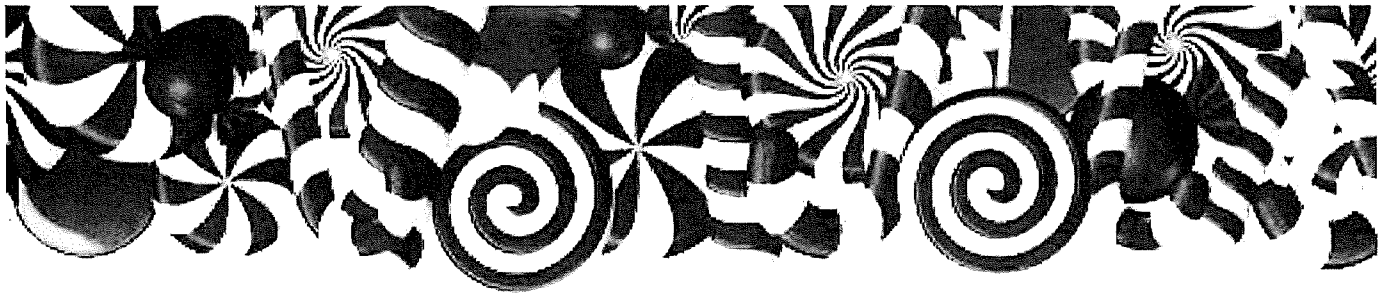
We are pleased to announce that the children of Holy Apostles will be presenting the annual Christmas Pageant on December 17<sup>th</sup>. **WE NEED MORE PARTICIPANTS.** Kindergartners through third graders will play the silent roles of the characters in the Nativity scene. Fourth through eighth grade 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. The choir will report to Room 208 for practice.

Information was mailed to all Sunday School students. Non-registered youth are welcomed to participate, as well. The forms will also be available at rehearsals on November 19<sup>th</sup>, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and December 10<sup>th</sup>.

The first rehearsal will take place on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be rehearsals on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and December 10<sup>th</sup>. 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 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Please attend as many rehearsals as possible.

Please feel free to contact Sandy Pihos, Pageant Director, for more information at:

[christmaspageant@holypostleschurch.com](mailto:christmaspageant@holypostleschurch.com) or call/text 630-640-5811



## Christmas Breakfast with Santa

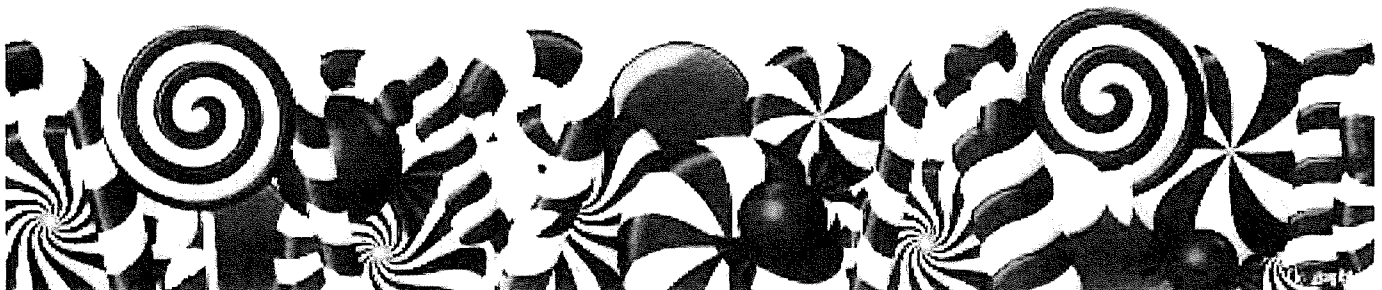
Please reserve a spot at the pancake Christmas Breakfast,  
following Liturgy and the Pageant,  
on Sunday December 17th.

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 **by December 14th** either  
online at [www.tinyurl.com/haphiloptochos](http://www.tinyurl.com/haphiloptochos) , in person after  
liturgy on Sundays, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and December 10<sup>th</sup>  
or contact Anna Fattore at [afattore@aol.com](mailto:afattore@aol.com).



# Telos Corner

Telos helps young adults and parishes engage one another deeply.  
**Each parishioner can help make a difference.**

Young adults step out into the world in possession of new skills and mastery, new perspectives wrought in the crucible of their particular generation, and a powerful drive to apply themselves to something. They are ready for new complexity, new intimacy, new commitment. **Are you and your parish ready for them?**

**Action:** Get to know a young adult and learn about how they like to spend their time, what skills or hobbies they have, and connect them with a person or ministry in the church where they might be able to share their giftedness.

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