

WEEKLY BULLETIN
NOVEMBER 26, 2023

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SUNDAY

8:15 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

Memorials:

11:30 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

MONDAY

8:00 a.m.

TUESDAY

8:00 a.m.

4:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

8:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

1:30 p.m.

4:30 p.m.

6:15 p.m.

FRIDAY

8:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER 26

Orthros

Divine Liturgy

John Katzioris, Nikoletta Katzioris, Antonea Malleris, Stanley Malleris, Panagiota (Betty) Matsoukas, Dorothy Pontikes

Fellowship Hour, hosted by the Katzioris & Breslin families

Baptism: Ariana, daughter of Steven & Andrea Ebbole

Sponsor: Alaina Hausen

NOVEMBER 27

Divine Liturgy

NOVEMBER 28

Divine Liturgy

Greek School

League of Chanters Practice/Meeting

NOVEMBER 29

Divine Liturgy

Choir Rehearsal

NOVEMBER 30 – FEAST DAY OF ST. ANDREW

Orthros

Divine Liturgy

Adult Bible Study

Greek School

Greek School Staff Meeting

DECEMBER 1

Divine Liturgy

Paraklesis Service

DECEMBER 2 – FEAST DAY OF ST. PORPHYRIOS

Orthros

Divine Liturgy

Adventure Theater Dress Rehearsal

Vespers

Epistle Reading—Ephesians 4:1-7

Reader – Leah Rupp

Gospel Reading—Luke 18:18-27

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!

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον.

Ἦχος πλ. δ΄.

Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ Εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφὴν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Ex ipsous katilthes o Efsplahnos, tafin katethexo tri-imeron, ina imas eleftherosis ton pathon, i zoi ke i anastasis imon, Kirie thoxa si.

Resurrectional Apolytikion.

Mode pl. 4.

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and consented to a three-day burial, to free us from the passions. O Lord, our life and resurrection, glory to You!

The Epistle—Ephesians 4:1-7

Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

The Gospel—Luke 18:18-27

At that time, a ruler came to Jesus and asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.' " And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

40 Liturgies - During the 40-day Nativity Fast (November 15-Christmas), the Divine Liturgy is offered daily! This time is a wonderful opportunity to prepare and sanctify our souls for the coming of the Lord while praying for our loved ones. Please bring the names of loved ones titled "40 Day Liturgies" and we will pray for them each Liturgy.

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 with questions and to RSVP.

Greek Heritage Night at United Center – On **Thursday, November 30**, the Chicago Bulls Greek Heritage Night once again features a date with Giannis, as he and the Bucks will be in town. If you are interested in attending that game, please call Lou Kafkes in the Church Office by Tuesday, November 28: 708.562.2744.

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! Make your reservations with members of the Adventure Theater today 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. Please make checks payable to 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 6, 2023, from the Holy Apostles Church.** Please contact the Consulate directly (grgencon.cic@mfa.gr or 312-335-3915) with questions or to register.

Holy Apostles Choir Concert on Saturday, December 16 – Our choir has been invited to perform a Christmas concert at the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church in Justice, IL. The concert begins at 4:00 p.m. The Holy Cross Philoptochos will host a coffee hour reception immediately following the performance. All Holy Apostles parishioners are invited to attend this special Christmas concert event, as are all Orthodox parishes. The host is requesting only a free will offering from those attending. Please join us at this inaugural event which is sure to fill everyone's hearts with the holiday spirit.

Elsewhere, there are two holiday events happening at Sts. Peter & Paul for your consideration – **Saturday, December 2:** Philoptochos **Holiday Faire** to benefit Misericordia Home Chicago and Camp One Step, 10:00am–4:00pm. For more information about the day, please visit sppglview.org. **Saturday, December 16:** District 13 AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope **Donuts with Santa**, 9:00am-11:00am. For more information, please contact: ahepadistsecretary@gmail.com.

The Metropolis of Chicago St. John of Damascus
League of Chanters invites you to celebrate the:

FEAST DAY OF OUR PATRON SAINT, ST. JOHN OF DAMASCUS



Sunday, December 3, 2023

Great Vespers at 3:30p.m.

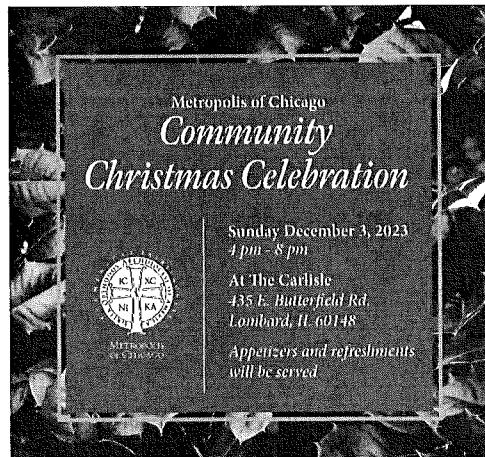
HOLY APOSTLES CHURCH

2501 S. Wolf Road, Westchester, IL

At the conclusion of Vespers, we extend the invitation of
His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael and
of our Metropolis, to join them for the

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

The Carlisle - 435 E. Butterfield Rd., Lombard, IL (until 8pm)

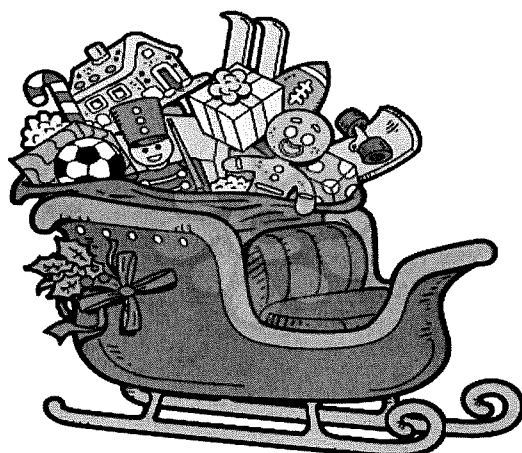


St. John of Damascus League of Chanters Metropolis of Chicago
sjdsyllogo.com - sjdsyllogo@gmail.com - 708.247.5880



Collection for Metropolitan Family Services Holiday Shoppe

EXTENDED COLLECTION DATES!



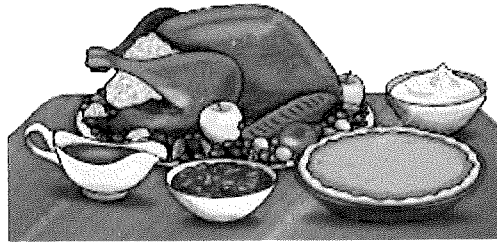
It's not too early to start thinking about Christmas and helping us make purchases for those who are less fortunate. Philoptochos has supported Metropolitan Family Services (f/k/a Family Shelter Services) for many years by purchasing new toys and clothing for families affected by domestic abuse.

Please look for the Philoptochos volunteers collecting funds in the multipurpose room after the liturgy on **Sundays, November 26th and December 3rd**. 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 Friday, December 8th** via the church website at 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) or Marion Karras (630-561-5972) or 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 10th 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) 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!



Philoptochos Christmas Party and General Meeting

*Please join us for the annual
Philoptochos Christmas Party and
General Meeting
on Tuesday, December 12th 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.*



NATIVITY SERVICE PROJECT

Missions, Stewardship Ministry and Philoptochos will be filling out Christmas cards and including a food or grocery gift card which will be distributed to families in need at the Beds-Plus holiday party.

Thursday
December

14

Following the
Evening Liturgy
at 6:00pm

BEDS Plus Care helps vulnerable individuals stabilize their lives through housing and supportive services.

Questions?

stewardship@holypostleschurch.com



Holy Apostles Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 17th

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN!!

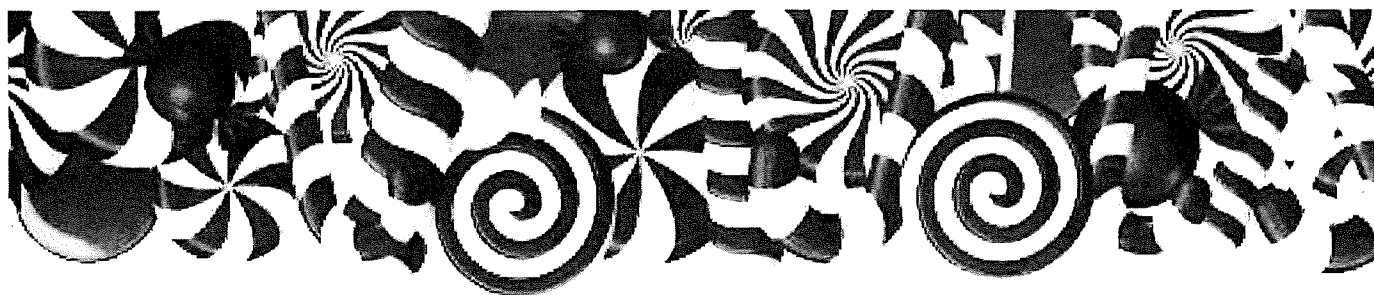
We are pleased to announce that the children of Holy Apostles will be presenting the annual Christmas Pageant on December 17th. **WE NEED MORE PARTICIPANTS, ESPECIALLY THIRD GRADE BOYS.** Kindergartners through third graders will play the silent roles of the characters in the Nativity scene. Fourth through eighth grade students will sing traditional Christmas Carols for the program, some serving as narrators. 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 all rehearsals.

The next rehearsals are 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:

christmaspageant@holyapostleschurch.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 , in person after
liturgy on Sundays, December 3rd and December 10th
or contact Anna Fattore at afattore@aol.com.

