



**Weekly bulletin**

**DECEMBER 17, 2023**

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**SUNDAY**

8:15 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

Memorials:

After Liturgy:

1:30 p.m.

2:30 p.m.

3:30 p.m.

**MONDAY**

8:00 a.m.

**TUESDAY**

8:00 a.m.

4:30 p.m.

6:15 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**

8:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

**THURSDAY**

6:45 a.m.

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

1:30 p.m.

4:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY**

9:00 a.m.

6:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY**

8:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

**DECEMBER 17 – FEAST OF ST DIONYSIOS OF ZAKYNTHOS**

Orthros

Divine Liturgy

Helen Alex, Jean Demas, Anastasia Georgiou, Deanne Mavrick, Panayiotis Sahlas, Peter Sigalos

Annual Christmas Pageant

Philoptochos Christmas Breakfast

5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball @ St George of Schererville, IN

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball @ St George of Schererville, IN

High School Boys Basketball @ St George of Schererville, IN

**DECEMBER 18**

Divine Liturgy

**DECEMBER 19**

Divine Liturgy

Greek School

JOY

Neighborhood Bible Study – La Grange/Western Springs (Maragos Home)

**DECEMBER 20**

Divine Liturgy

Choir Rehearsal

**DECEMBER 21**

Brotherhood of St Peter the Apostle

Divine Liturgy

TOTS

Adult Bible Study

Greek School & Greek School Christmas Party

Parish Council Meeting

**DECEMBER 22**

Royal Hours of Christmas

Lampros College Dinner (Clohessy Home)

**DECEMBER 23**

Orthros

Divine Liturgy

Vespers

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**Epistle Reading**—Colossians 3:4-11

Reader – Joanna Clohessy

**Gospel Reading**—Luke 14:16-24

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**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 γ΄.**

Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιášθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος· ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον· πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο· ἐκ κοιλίας ἄδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Efrenestho ta ourania, agaliastho ta epiyia, oti epi-ise kratos, en vrahioni aftu, o Kyrios, epatise to thanato ton thanaton, prototokos ton nekron eyeneto, ek kilias Athu erisato imas, ke pareshe to kosmo to mega eleos.

**Resurrectional Apolytikion.**

**Mode 3.**

Let the heavens be glad. Let the earth rejoice exceedingly. For the Lord has shown strength with his arm. He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead. Out of the belly of Hades, He has rescued us, and to the world He has granted the great mercy.

**The Epistle—Colossians 3:4-11**

Brethren, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away; anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

**The Gospel—Luke 14:16-24**

The Lord said this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time of the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I must go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and there is still room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet. For many are called, but few are chosen.'"

**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.

**8th Annual Feed6 Challenge on Saturday, January 20, 2024** – This event is a wonderful opportunity for our entire community, from Yiayias and Pappous to grade schoolers, to come together to help those less fortunate in our local community. To meet our goal of making 150,000 meals, we need \$52,500 in donations and 400 volunteers. We need everyone's participation this year to meet our aggressive goal. Thank you for volunteering your time, talent, and treasure to help those in need.

**SAVE THE DATE: Second Annual Trivia Night on Saturday, January 27** – Bring your family, friends, ministry group or register as an individual! Teams of 6-10 will be formed to compete. The cost is \$10 per person with proceeds donated to the Westchester Food Pantry. More details will be included in future editions of the Weekly News.

**SAVE THE DATE: Basile on Saturday, February 24** – We're bringing "Everyone's Favorite Greek" to town for a fun and entertaining fundraiser. Basile's comedy, featuring a unique blend of material, improvisation and characters, has been enjoyed by millions around the world! His show is Greek themed and spoken in Greek and English.

**SAVE THE DATE: Chicago Blackhawks Greek Heritage Night on Saturday, March 2** – Hockey fans, please mark your calendar for a chance to see Connor Bedard, the NHL's latest phenom, in action, as he and the Blackhawks take on the Columbus Blue Jackets at 7:00pm. Tickets in our block are \$74 each (or \$84 including a commemorative Greek Heritage hat). Please contact Lou at [office@holypostleschurch.com](mailto:office@holypostleschurch.com) to reserve seats or ask questions.



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**APPLICATION DEADLINES**

**Priority:** January 16, 2024

**Regular:** February 20, 2024