

WEEKLY BULLETIN
DECEMBER 3, 2023

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SUNDAY

8:15 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
Memorials:
11:20 a.m.
40 Day Blessing:
11:30 a.m.
12:00 p.m.
3:30 p.m.
4:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 3

Orthros
Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with Bishop Timothy
James Fotopoulos
Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
Teri Pappas, Son-James
GOYA Board Meeting
Adventure Theater Luncheon & Play
Great Vespers for St. John of Damascus
Metropolis of Chicago Community Christmas Celebration at The Carlisle

MONDAY

8:00 a.m.
TUESDAY

8:00 a.m.
4:30 p.m.
5:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 4 – FEAST DAY OF ST. BARBARA

Divine Liturgy
DECEMBER 5
Divine Liturgy
Greek School
Greek School PTO Christmas Party Meeting
GOYA Meeting
Neighborhood Bible Study – Elmhurst (Clohessy Home)

WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 6 – FEAST DAY OF ST. NICHOLAS

Orthros
Divine Liturgy
Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

6:45 a.m.
8:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
1:30 p.m.
4:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 7

Brotherhood of St. Peter the Apostle
Divine Liturgy
TOTS
Adult Bible Study
Greek School

FRIDAY

8:00 a.m.
SATURDAY

8:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 8

Divine Liturgy

DECEMBER 9

Divine Liturgy
Vespers
GOYA Christmas Party (Mandelaris Home)

Epistle Reading—Ephesians 5:8-19

Reader – Zoe Panton

Gospel Reading—Luke 18:35-43

Holy Apostles welcomes His Grace, Bishop Timothy Bakakos, Chancellor of the Holy Metropolis of Chicago, and Deacon Antonios Calash, Registrar of the Metropolis of Chicago. Please join us immediately after Liturgy in the Multi-Purpose Room to greet them.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον.

Ἦχος α΄.

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν. Διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

Tu lithu sfragisthentos ipo ton Iutheon, ke stratioton filasonton to ahranton su Soma, anestis triimeros Sotir, thorumenos to kosmo tin zoin; thia tuto e Thinamis ton uranon, evoon si Zoothota. Thoxa ti Anastasi su Christe, thoxa ti vasiliasu, thoxa ti ikonomia su, mone filathrope.

Resurrectional Apolytikion.

Mode 1.

The stone having been sealed by the Pharisees and chief priests, * and Your all-immaculate body being guarded by soldiers, * You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. * Then the powers of the heavens cried out to You, O Giver of Life, and shouted, * "Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! * Glory to Your eternal rule! * Glory to Your plan for saving us, only benevolent God!"

The Epistle—Ephesians 5:8-19

Brethren, walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

The Gospel—Luke 18:35-43

At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to 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 – This morning, Sunday School students, grades 3rd through 8th have been invited to sing in the Choir. Special thanks to Bette Schieber for coordinating this event.

Adventure Theater – Immediately following today's 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. There are still seats available, so come join us! Free-will donations of \$5 are encouraged for persons 13-89 years of age. All others may enter FREE! Please make checks payable to Holy Apostles Adventure Theater.

Seniors Day at the Consulate - 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. 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 Wednesday, 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.

Caregivers Support Group – There will be no meeting on Tuesday, December 12. We'll see you in January. Meanwhile, have a blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy 2024!

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.

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, 2024 – 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.

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.

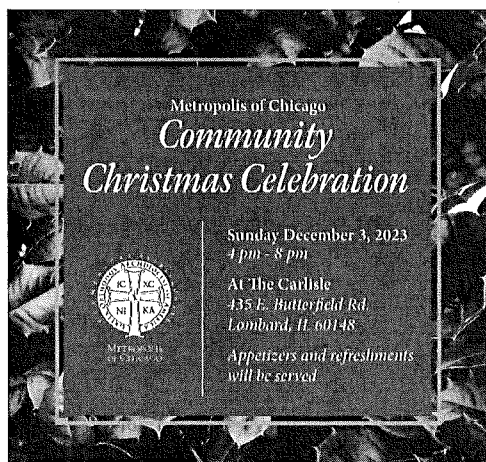
HOLY APOSTLES CHURCH

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

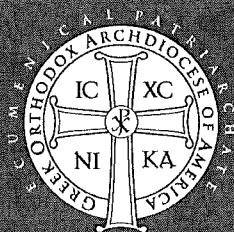
The Carlisle - 435 E. Butterfield Rd., Lombard, IL (until 8pm)



St. John of Damascus League of Chanters Metropolis of Chicago
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Metropolis of Chicago
Community
Christmas Celebration



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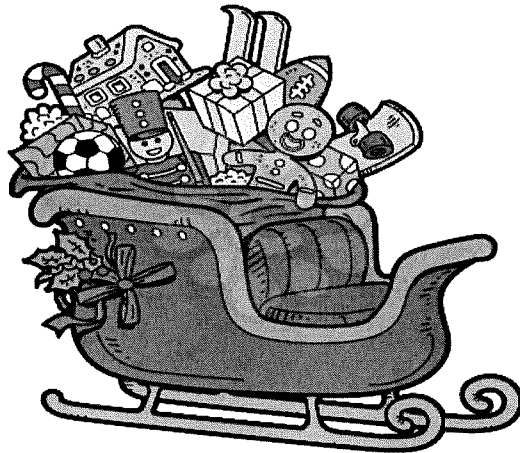
Sunday December 3, 2023
4 pm - 8 pm

At The Carlisle
435 E. Butterfield Rd.
Lombard, IL 60148

*Appetizers and refreshments
will be served*

Collection for Metropolitan Family Services Holiday Shoppe

EXTENDED COLLECTION DATES!



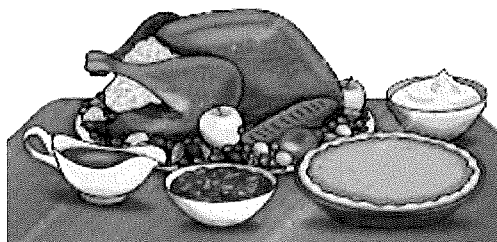
It's not too early to start thinking about Christmas and helping us make purchases for those who are less fortunate. Philoptochos has supported Metropolitan Family Services (f/k/a Family Shelter Services) for many years by purchasing new toys and clothing for families affected by domestic abuse.

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

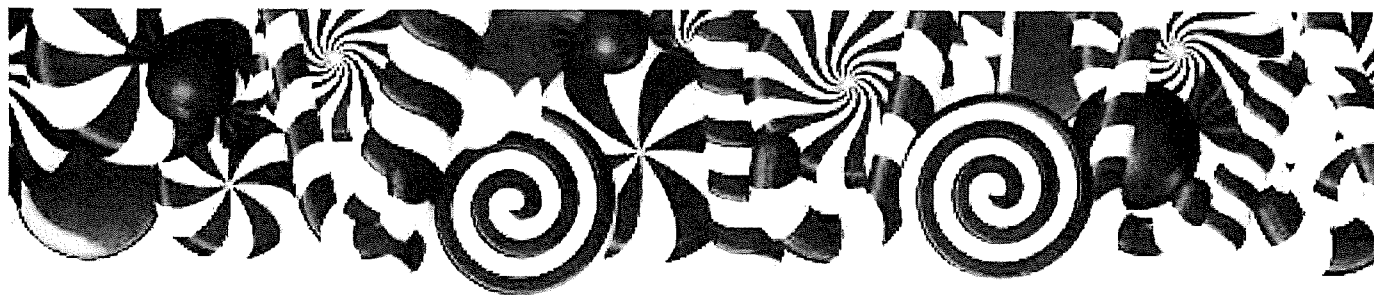
IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN!!

The annual Holy Apostles Christmas Pageant is quickly approaching. **WE NEED MORE PARTICIPANTS, ESPECIALLY THIRD GRADE BOYS AND ONE MORE 7TH OR 8TH GRADE NARRATOR.** Forms will be available at the December 3rd rehearsal to register. 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.

The next rehearsals are on December 3rd and 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@holypostleschurch.com or call/text 630-640-5811



Christmas Breakfast with Santa

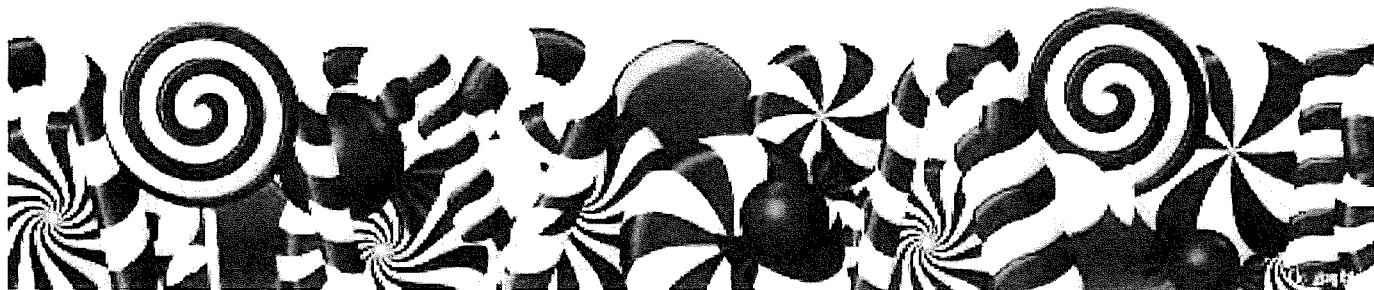
Please reserve a spot at the pancake Christmas Breakfast,
following Liturgy and the Pageant,
on Sunday December 17th.

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





The
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of Greater Chicago

Invites you to a

NATIVITY CONCERT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023 | 6pm

New HOLY NATIVITY ROMANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

5825 N Mozart St, Chicago 60659

(S of Peterson, E of Lincoln - next to Mather High School)

Also featuring parish choirs represented in the Pan Orthodox Choir:

- Holy Nativity Romanian Orthodox Church, Chicago
- Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church in America, Palatine
- Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Cathedral, Chicago
- Old Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Church, Chicago
- Saints Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Church, Glenview

Free-will Offering | All are welcome!

AMPLE, LIGHTED, FREE PARKING

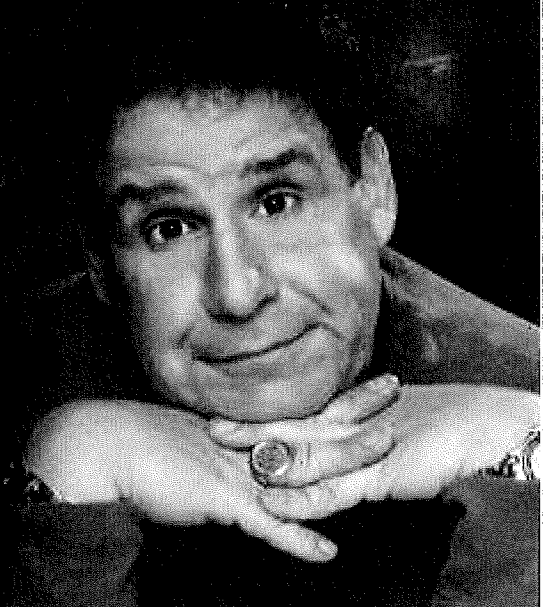
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SAVE THE DATE! HOLY APOSTLES FUNDRAISER!

BASILE

#EveryonesFavoriteGreek



SATURDAY, FEB. 24, 2024

We're bringing "Everyone's Favorite Greek" to town for a fun and entertaining fundraiser for Holy Apostles. Basile's comedy has been enjoyed by millions around the world with his unique blend of material, improvisation and characters. His show is Greek themed and spoken in both Greek and English.

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SESSION 1

Boston June 8-18

SESSION 2

Northern California June 18-28

SESSION 3

Boston June 22-July 2

SESSION 4

Chicago July 6-16

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Priority: January 16, 2024

Regular: February 20, 2024

Sermon Notes

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