

WEEKLY BULLETIN

JANUARY 7, 2024

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SUNDAY

JANUARY 7 – FEAST DAY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

8:15 a.m. Orthros
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Memorials: Diane (Geannopulos) Van Zandt, Louis Van Zandt
Fellowship Hour: Vasilopita, Hosted by Philoptochos
11:45 a.m. GOYA Board Meeting
40 Day Blessing: Megan Savas, Son-Theofanis

TUESDAY

JANUARY 9

10:00 a.m. Clergy Syndesmos Meeting at Sts. Peter & Paul
1:00 p.m. Caregivers Support Group
4:30 p.m. Greek School & Vasilopita Cutting
6:15 p.m. JOY
7:00 p.m. Neighborhood Bible Study – Elmhurst (Milak Home)
7:00 p.m. Philoptochos Board Meeting

THURSDAY

JANUARY 11

6:45 a.m. Brotherhood of St Peter the Apostle
10:00 a.m. TOTS
1:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
4:30 p.m. Greek School

SATURDAY

JANUARY 13

5:00 p.m. Vespers
6:00 p.m. Vespers Pot Luck Dinner

Epistle Reading—Acts 19:1-8

Reader—Alyssa Chow

Gospel Reading—John 1:29-34

Sunday School resumes today! We are looking forward to seeing the children in class.

Traditional Vasilopita Celebration – At the conclusion of today’s Divine Liturgy, approximately 30 parishioners, representing Jesus Christ, Virgin Mary, the Twelve Holy Apostles, St. Basil, Metropolitan Nathanael and our various ministries, will be called forward to receive a piece of Vasilopita. Thanks to those participating and special thanks to Eleni Poteres for her baking talent.

Welcome to Holy Apostles Church! If you are new to our church today, please complete a welcome and information card located in the pew pocket in front of you. At the conclusion of the service, after receiving the blessed bread, give the card to a member of the Welcome Ministry located at the back of the church. Please consider staying for our Fellowship Hour. A Welcome Ministry member will be happy to escort you and answer your questions.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον.

Ἦχος πλ. β´.

Ἀγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμα σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν· καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ· ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωροῦμενος τὴν ζωὴν. Ὁ ἀναστάς 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' aftu, ipintisas ti Partheno, dorumenos tin zoin. O anastas ek ton nekron, Kirie thoxa si.

Resurrectional Apolytikion.

Mode 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—Acts 19:1-8

In those days, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve of them in all. And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, arguing and pleading about the kingdom of God.

The Gospel—John 1:29-34

At that time, John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, for he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but for this I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John bore witness, "I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him; but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

Neighborhood Bible Study (Elmhurst) on Tuesday, January 7 – Please note the location change. Steve and Toni Milak will host Elmhurst Bible Study this Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Toni.milak@gmail.com or 630-341-2013 if you're planning to attend.

8th Annual Feed6 Challenge on Saturday, January 20 – 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.

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. Register online by using the link in your Weekly News email on Wednesday. If you have any questions about the event, please contact stewardship@holypostleschurch.com.

Adventure Theater Rehearsals Begin on Friday, February 2 – We urgently need boys and girls from fourth grade and older to participate in our spring radio play, which is currently scheduled for Sunday, April 21. In radio plays, lines are read, not memorized. Rehearsals will be held on the first and third Fridays through April 5, from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. There will also be a dress rehearsal on Saturday, April 20 at 10:00 a.m. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Mr. D in person, or by phone, text, or email: (708) 528-2782 or fanari@me.com.

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.

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 to reserve seats or ask questions.

Fellowship Hour – Hosts Wanted

Are you looking for a way to give back your time and talents? Please consider volunteering to host an upcoming Fellowship Hour. They can be hosted by individual families, multiple families, or ministries. Whether it's to honor someone's memory or celebrate a special event, your generosity allows our Holy Apostles' family and friends to gather and warmly welcome visitors to our parish. We are looking for interested hosts on Sundays, January 14 and February 18, as well as other dates throughout 2024. Please sign up on our website or on the clipboard in the Multi-Purpose Room after Liturgy. Thank you!



CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

A HOLY APOSTLES MINISTRY

Please join us for Coffee and Discussion

Tuesday, January 9th

At 1:00 pm In the Philoptochos Room

Please contact Kathy Steffenson at gksteff@gmail.com or Val Dranias at valdranias@aol.com with any questions.
We hope that you will join us.



NEOLEA

Hellenic Dancers

OF CHICAGO'S SOUTH SUBURBS

You may have seen us perform at various Hellenic events, including Greek Night with the Chicago White Sox, Field Museum, Greek Church Festivals, as well as other events.

If you are interested in learning Greek dances and meet other kids, from the various parishes, stop by to see what we have to offer.

Our next practice will be on

**Monday
January 15
6:30pm**

Holy Apostles Church

2501 S Wolf Road * Westchester, Illinois * 60154

**YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH TO JOIN
WE WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH OTHER ACTIVITIES AND SPORTS SO PLEASE
ATTEND WHEN YOU ARE ABLE.**

We ask that you let us know you would like to join so that we can put you on the roster even if you will not be able to attend each practice.

If you have any questions, please contact us at:

chicagoneolea@gmail.com

Find us on Instagram and FB to get the latest updates!



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Neolea Hellenic Dancers

January 20, 2024

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

FEED 6 CHALLENGE

Be a Part of Something Great!

\$52,500 Donation Goal	400 Volunteer Goal	150,000 Meal Goal
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HOLY APOSTLES
TRIVIA NIGHT

Bring your family, friends and ministry group!

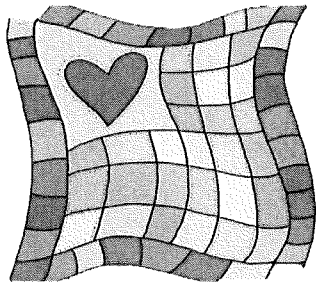
\$10 per person

Register as an individual or a team of 6-8.
All proceeds go to the Westchester Food Pantry

Saturday, Jan 27th 7:00 pm
Holy Apostles Multi-Purpose Room

Bring your own food, alcoholic & non-alcoholic beverages

Register online with the link in your Weekly News Email
Questions? Contact: stewardship@holypostleschurch.com



Philoptochos Blanket Making Day
February 3, 2024

The Philoptochos annual Blankets of Love collection typically takes place during the entire month of February. This year, however, we have decided to make fleece lap blankets for each of the “Pillars and Rocks” seniors visits that we will make for Valentine’s Day. Philoptochos will hold a Blanket Making Day on Saturday, February 3rd in the multipurpose room starting at 10:00am to accomplish this. There are approximately 60 seniors that will receive a visit and a goody bag from Philoptochos right before Valentine’s Day. We have some blankets already made, but we need more. We are looking for about 25 volunteers to help us on this day.

The blankets are easy to make and require no sewing! Philoptochos will purchase fleece and prepare it. We will provide a short tutorial the morning of the event. A Sign-Up Genius will go live in January for those who wish to participate. Sharp scissors are needed. We can provide some, but please bring your own if you have them.

Philoptochos will still hold a collection the entire month of February. Any monetary or blanket donations we receive in February will go to a social organization(s) yet to be determined.

If you wish to support this project with a monetary contribution, please send a cash or check donation to the church office payable to “Holy Apostles Philoptochos” indicating “Blankets of Love” in the memo line or on-line via the link in the Weekly News.

**For more information, please contact Faye Adams
at geofaye.adams@gmail.com or Maria Patt at mdpatt59@comcast.net**

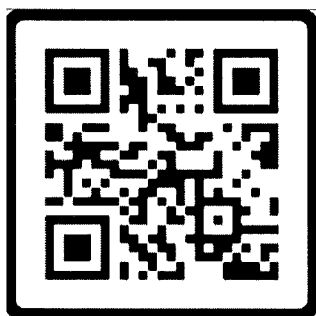


PLEASE JOIN THE PHILOPTOCHOS
AS THEY HOST THE

Godparents' *Luncheon*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4
FOLLOWING LITURGY

RSVP TO: WWW.TINYURL.COM/HAPHILOPTOCHOS
312-501-1533 OR MARIANNA.BANNOS@GMAIL.COM
BY JANUARY 29



CATERED BY
GREEK ISLANDS

PHOTOBOOTH FUN

\$10 FOR AGES 4 AND OLDER
FREE FOR AGES 3 AND YOUNGER

BASILE

GREEK COMEDY SHOW

benefitting

Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024

Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church

2501 Wolf Road | Westchester

Doors open: 7 PM Show Begins: 8 PM

Tickets: \$65

Students (14 & over - PG-13) & Seniors (65 & over): \$55

Pastries and coffee served during intermission

AFTER PARTY featuring DJ George Markopulos

We're bringing "Everyone's Favorite Greek" to town for a fun and entertaining fundraiser for Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church.

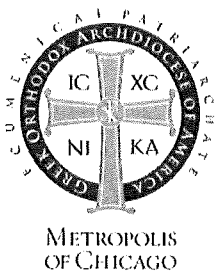
Basile's comedy has been enjoyed by millions around the world with his unique blend of material, improvisation and characters. His PG-13 show is Greek themed and spoken in both Greek and English.

GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

Ticket sales start 1/7/24 following Divine Liturgy or online:



← scan to purchase tickets or visit <http://tinyurl.com/basilefundraiser>



JANUARY 2024

MESSAGES *from* the METROPOLIS

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LATEST NEWS



SCAN FOR
MORE NEWS

- 12/25** CHRISTMAS MESSAGES:
Patriarch Bartholomew's Patriarchal Encyclical
for Christmas (2023)
Archepiscopal Encyclical on the Feast
of Christmas (2023)
Metropolitan Nathanael's Archpastoral
Christmas Encyclical 2023

12/24 Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
receives Hierarchical dedication and blessing as
the parish begins a new chapter in its spiritual life

UPCOMING EVENTS



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- 12/27** Orthodox Roots: Married Couples
Evening Retreat, *Holy Taxiarchai & St. Haralambos*
Greek Orthodox Church
- 12/28** 63rd Annual Metropolis-Wide Vasilopita
Celebration, *Holy Taxiarchai & St. Haralambos*
Greek Orthodox Church
- 2/16-19** YAL Chicago Conference 2024
Hyatt Regency O'Hare Chicago (Rosemont, IL)

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Sermon Notes

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