

**WEEKLY BULLETIN**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2023**

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**SUNDAY**

**DECEMBER 31, 2023**

8:15 a.m. Orthros  
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
Fellowship Hour: Hosted by the Milak Family

**MONDAY**

**JANUARY 1 – FEAST DAY OF ST. BASIL**

8:45 a.m. Orthros  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**TUESDAY**

**JANUARY 2**

7:00 p.m. GOYA Social Meeting

**FRIDAY**

**JANUARY 5 – EVE OF THEOPHANY**

9:00 a.m. Royal Hours of Theophany  
6:00 p.m. Vespers

**SATURDAY**

**JANUARY 6 - THEOPHANY**

8:00 a.m. Orthros  
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
5:00 p.m. Vespers

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**Epistle Reading**—2 Timothy 4:5-8

**Reader**—Alyssa Chow

**Gospel Reading**—Mark 1:1-8

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**Father George** is on Mount Athos leading a pilgrimage of several men from our parish. He will return on January 6.

**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.

**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 in 2024. Please sign up on our website or on the clipboard in the Multi-Purpose Room after Liturgy. Thank you!

## **Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον.**

**Ἦχος πλ. α΄.**

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν· ὅτι ἠϋδόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγεῖραι τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

Ton sinanarhon Logon Patri ke Pnevmati, ton ek Parthenu tekthenta is sotirian imon, animnisomen pisti ke proskinisomen, oti ivthokise sarki anelthin en to stavro, ke thanaton ipomine, kai egire tus tethneotas, en ti enthoxo anastasi aftu.

## **Resurrectional Apolytikion.**

**Mode 1.**

As the Father and Spirit are unoriginate, so the Word, who was born from the Virgin for us. Let us praise Him, O believers, and let us worship Him. For our salvation He was pleased to be crucified in the flesh, and to undergo death, and to resurrect the dead, by His glorious resurrection.

## **The Epistle—2 Timothy 4:5-8**

Timothy, my son, always be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil your ministry. For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

## **The Gospel—Mark 1:1-8**

The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, 'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who shall prepare your way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.' John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

## **GOAL Volleyball Tournament on Saturday & Sunday, January 6-7**

Divisions of Play are High School Boys, High School Girls, and Young Adults (Coed). Team fees are \$175.00. Locations of matches are Sts Constantine & Helen, St Demetrios (Chicago) and Sts Peter & Paul. All teams that are interested need to reply with Divisions that you will participate in with a preliminary roster by January 1, 2024. Those interested can email Aleka Ernst at [athletics@holyapostleschurch.com](mailto:athletics@holyapostleschurch.com).

**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@holyapostleschurch.com](mailto:stewardship@holyapostleschurch.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@holyapostleschurch.com](mailto:office@holyapostleschurch.com) to reserve seats or ask questions.



## 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](mailto:gksteff@gmail.com) or Val Dranias at [valdranias@aol.com](mailto:valdranias@aol.com) with any questions.  
We hope that you will join us.

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and the Metropolis of Chicago Philoptochos

CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO THE  
63<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL METROPOLIS WIDE



*Vasilopita Celebration*

TO BENEFIT SAINT BASIL ACADEMY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024

6:00 PM

HOSTED BY HOLY TAXIARHAI & SAINT HARALAMBOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
7373 N. CALDWELL AVE. • NILES, ILLINOIS 60714

PARISH RESERVATIONS MAY BE MADE  
BY CALLING THE CHURCH OFFICE AT (847) 647-8880  
OR EMAILING OFFICE@SAINTHARALAMBOSGOC.ORG

PLEASE RSVP BY MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024





NEOLEA HELLENIC DANCERS  
OF CHICAGO'S SOUTH SUBURBS

# NEOLEA IS STARTING BACK UP THIS JANUARY

Information about our groups will be posted in FB and Instagram. Please follow the pages to get the latest updates. Practices will be held every other Monday at Holy Apostles Church in

Westchester for BOTH the Neolea (14+) and Neolea Jr (9-13).

All are welcome to come and dance!!



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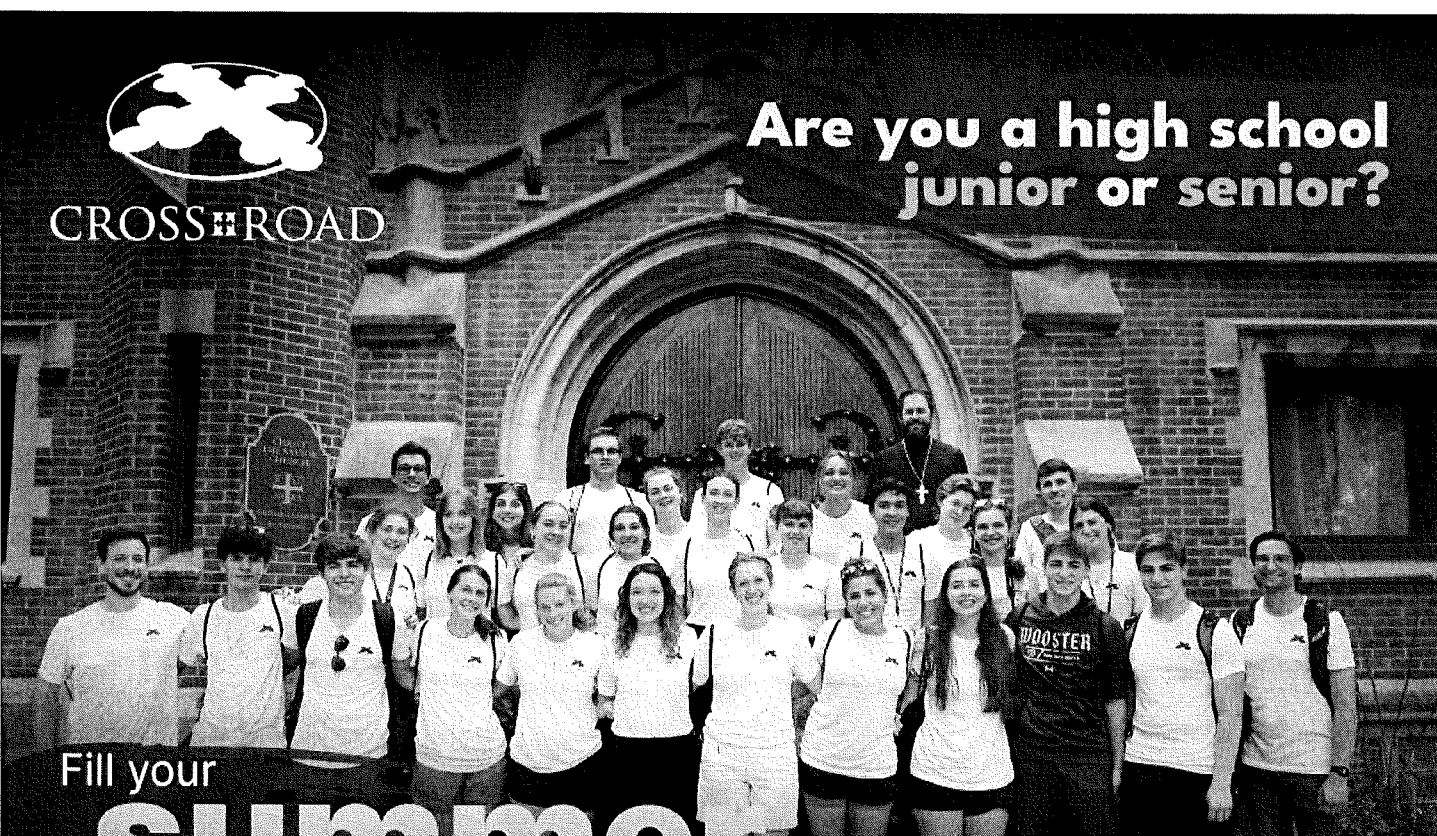
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Are you a high school  
junior or senior?



Fill your

**summer**  
with what counts

Join one of our  
four sessions:

**Explore what's next**

CrossRoad is a ten-day immersive summer program designed for **YOU** as you prepare to make big life decisions and start new adventures.

By connecting with the Orthodox Christian theological and spiritual tradition in a deep and meaningful way, you will find a place to form authentic and lifelong friendships, ask hard questions, and explore what it means to be an Orthodox Christian in the 21st century.

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

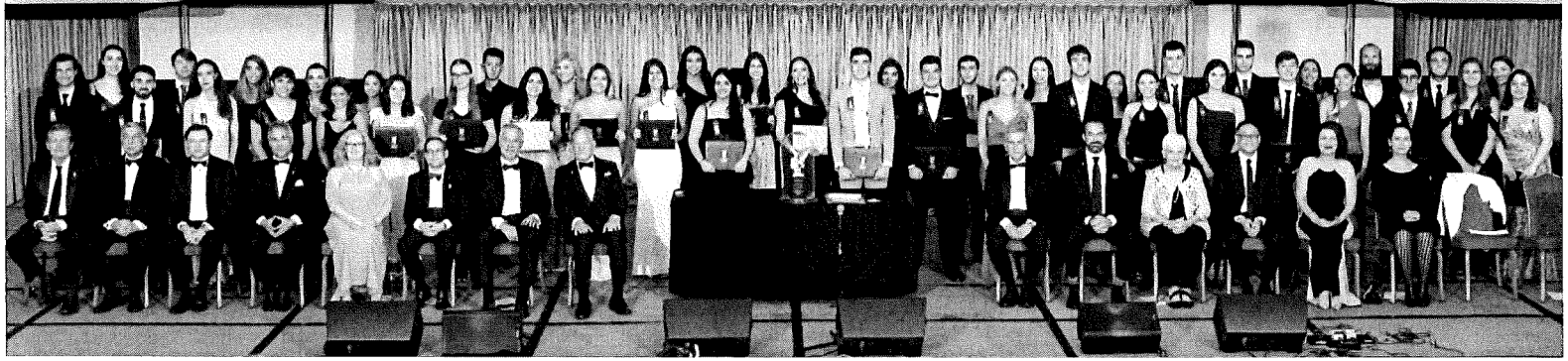
APPLICATION DEADLINES

Priority: January 16, 2024

Regular: February 20, 2024



**SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS OF HELLENIC DESCENT!**



# SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

2023-2024



## \$250,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

**20 Awards of \$10,000 each**

based on academic achievement, financial need, & Hellenic values

\*\$20,000 allocated to music or arts majors

**20 Awards of \$2,500 each**

based on academic achievement & Hellenic values

### In order to apply students must:

- Be U.S. Citizens/U.S. Permanent Residents and living in the U.S
- Be of Hellenic descent
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.5
- Be enrolled at an accredited university/college in the U.S. as of Fall 2023
- Be full-time students who are pursuing a four-year bachelor's degree

Applications are due

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The application, criteria, requirements, and guidelines are available at **[www.panhellenicsf.org](http://www.panhellenicsf.org)**

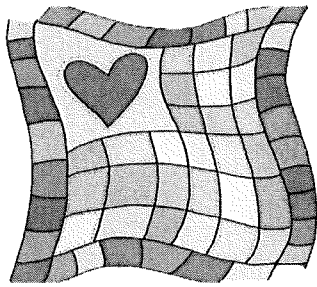
For inquiries please email **[scholarships@panhellenicsf.org](mailto:scholarships@panhellenicsf.org)** or call our office at **(312) 357-6432**



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**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:geofaye.adams@gmail.com) or Maria Patt at [mdpatt59@comcast.net](mailto:mdpatt59@comcast.net)**

# 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>

