

WEEKLY BULLETIN
FEBRUARY 11, 2024

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SUNDAY

8:15 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
Memorials: Paraskevi Dokos, Liberty Poteres, Nicoletta Sahlas, Nikitas Sahlas
Artoklasia: Ministry Outreach Recognition
Fellowship Hour: Hosted by Fr George, Presvytera Christa and the Dokos Family in loving memory of Paraskevi Dokos
12:30 p.m. Baptism: Grayson, son of Justin Marcinkowski & Jacqueline Mavros
Sponsor: Alexandra Friedrichs

MONDAY

6:30 p.m. Neolea Dance Troupe

TUESDAY

10:00 a.m. Clergy Syndesmos Meeting at Ascension Church in Lincolnshire, IL
4:30 p.m. Greek School
6:15 p.m. JOY
7:30 p.m. League of Chanters Practice

THURSDAY

6:45 a.m. Brotherhood of St Peter the Apostle
1:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
4:30 p.m. Greek School
7:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

FRIDAY

4:30 p.m. Adventure Theater Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Small Paraklesis

SATURDAY

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

FEBRUARY 11

Orthros

Divine Liturgy

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FEBRUARY 15

Brotherhood of St Peter the Apostle

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FEBRUARY 16

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Small Paraklesis

FEBRUARY 17 – FEAST DAY OF ST. THEODORE THE TYRO

Orthros

Divine Liturgy

Vespers

Epistle Reading—2 Corinthians 6:1-10

Reader: Ariana Mandelaris

Gospel Reading— Matthew 25:14-30

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. γ´.

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

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

Resurrectional Apolytikion.

Mode pl. 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—2 Corinthians 6:1-10

Brethren, working together with him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, “At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation.” Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

The Gospel—Matthew 25:14-30

The Lord said this parable: “A man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.’ And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.’ He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to every one who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.’” As he said these things he cried out: “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

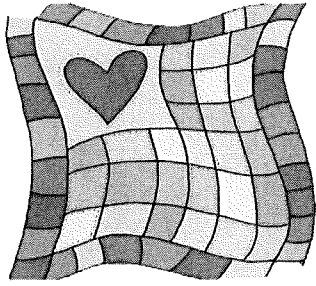
Today's Artoklasia is celebrated to thank these Holy Apostles' ministries for their service and recognize their outreach projects performed from October through December 2023:

- Caregivers Support Group: Held a seminar to provide resources to caregivers, along with information for setting up caregivers support groups at other parishes.
- GOYA: Wrote get well cards to a sick child from Holy Apostles and bought Christmas gifts for needy children as part of the Humanitarian Project, a group that serves children and seniors living in poverty.
- Missions/Philoptochos/Stewardship: Wrote Christmas cards and included food or grocery gift cards for distribution to families from BEDS Plus Care for the Nativity Fast Project.
- Missions/Philoptochos: Project HOPE
- Philoptochos: Made donations to the Hydrocephalus Association and Greek American Rehabilitation and Care Centre from proceeds of the Fashion Show; Pillars and Rocks senior visits and Koukla's Kafenio; Feed My Starving Children; holiday food collection to benefit the Hillside Food Pantry; coat drive for children and adults; Christmas collection to purchase gifts for the Metropolitan Family Services Holiday Shoppe; Christmas cards and gift cards to each resident of St. Basil's Academy, along with a donation for field trips; and collected hats and gloves at the December meeting that were then donated to the Peoples Resource Center.
- Stewardship: Fifth Saturday Serve: Stuffed Love project to make hand stitched heart pillows for patients and their families affected by congenital heart defects.
- Stewardship: Veteran's Service Project to make gift bags for parish veterans and care packages for two active military members.

Adventure Theater Spring Radio Play – The Holy Apostles Adventure Theater urgently needs boys and girls to participate in its Easter radio performance 'The Tomb with the Unbreakable Seal' on Sunday, April 21. Lines are read, not memorized. Rehearsals are held from 4:30-7:00pm on the following Fridays: February 16, March 8, March 15 and April 5. Additionally, a dress rehearsal will be conducted on Saturday, April 20 from 10:00am-2:00pm. Interested? Contact Mr. D. at (708) 528-2782 or fanari@me.com.

The Handmaidens Ministry is looking for high school age girls who wish to participate more deeply in the liturgical life of the church. They serve the church in two important and meaningful ways: Epistle reading at Sunday and weekday Divine Liturgies and baking prosphoron for the fifth Sunday Divine Liturgies. The ministry uses a sign-up sheet for readers. Please contact Vanessa Clohessy if interested at handmaidens@holypostleschurch.com.

Fellowship Hour Hosts Needed – 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. Please sign up on our website or on the clipboard in the Multi-Purpose Room after Liturgy. Thank you!



Philoptochos Blankets of Love **Month of February**

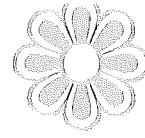
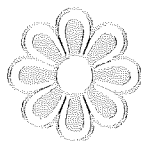
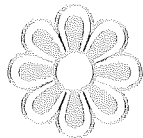
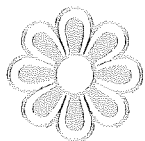
A sincere “THANK YOU” to all that participated in our Blanket Making Event on Saturday, February 3rd. We had 30 volunteers and made 58 blankets. These blankets will be part of the Valentine’s Day senior visit bags that will be distributed by our dedicated Pillars and Rocks volunteers before the holiday.

Philoptochos will continue the “Blankets of Love” collection the entire month of February. Fleece and knitted blankets are welcome, as are monetary donations. A large box will be set up in front of HARC to welcome any donations.

Our plan is to donate the next set of blankets to an organization called “Thumbuddy Special”. This organization provides adaptive equipment to children with special needs. The blankets will be part of a basket that the mothers of these children will receive at their “Mom’s Day Out” event in May. We also hope to provide pet blankets to a local adoption shelter.

If you wish to support this ministry 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**



PHILOPTOCHOS GENERAL MEETING

*Please join us to enjoy an offsite shopping experience and meeting
at*

Meredith Jaye

in the Burr Ridge Village Center

545 Village Center Drive

Burr Ridge, Illinois on Tuesday, Feb. 20 at 7:00 pm

Meredith Jaye

is an ageless adventure of accessories, clothing, and home goods.

*The store will be open exclusively to Philoptochos
and will feature wine and light appetizers.*

We will combine this fun evening with a brief general meeting.

Members will receive an invite.

To RSVP contact Aleka Ernst at alekaernst@aol.com
no later than 2/16

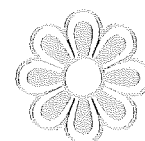
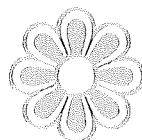
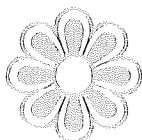
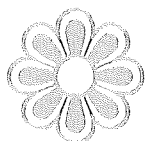
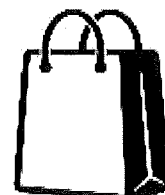
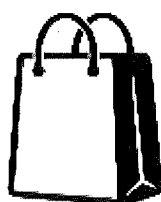
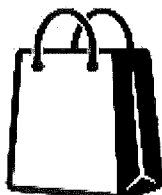
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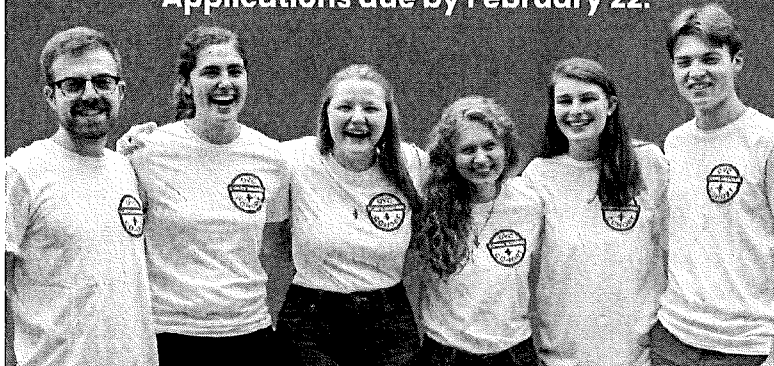
Application Deadline **February 20, 2024**



LIVE YOUR FAITH SERVE FOR A YEAR

Applications are open for the Fall 2024 Cohort of Orthodox Volunteer Corps. We offer young Adults, 21-29 years old, an immersive 10-month service program with vulnerable communities in Boston and Pittsburgh starting this September. Corps Members join a select group of Orthodox men and women working side-by-side at homeless shelters, after-school programs, free medical clinics, and more. Housing, transportation, and food expenses are 100% covered. Put your faith in action!

Applications due by February 22.



Discoveries in Orthodoxy Divine Liturgy: The Greatest Invitation

February 22: "The Liturgy Mindset"

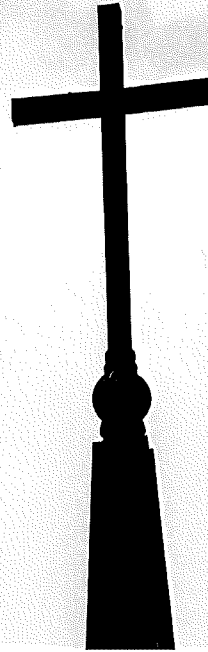
February 29: "The Power of Community"

March 7: "What Only God Can Do"

March 14: "God Comes in Love"



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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

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



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

NOTE: If you purchased your tickets online,
please pick them up after the Divine Liturgy on Sundays or on the night of the show.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH

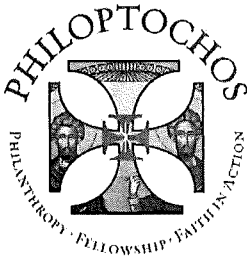
Join us for food and drinks at Empire!

*Each attendee will be responsible for their own food
and drink expenses*

YOUNG ADULTS! Do we have your contact information? We want to let you know when YAL and Lampros are holding events. Please scan the QR Code below to fill out the form:



COMING SOON – GATHER YOUR CHILDREN’S BOOKS!!!



Bernie’s Book Bank Drive
Sunday, March 3rd through Sunday, March 17th

CHILDREN'S BOOK DRIVE

Sunday, March 3rd
thru
Sunday, March 17th

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DONATE YOUR BOOKS

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Philoptochos will once again sponsor a book drive to benefit Bernie’s Book Bank. Bernie’s processes and distributes free quality children’s books to under-served children throughout Chicagoland to empower these children to read their way to a better life. Over 25 million books have been distributed since 2009.

Please donate **new and gently used books for children from infancy to 6th grade**. Collection crates will be placed on the counter in front of HARC in the multipurpose room during this time.

For more information, please contact Maria Patt at mdpatt59@comcast.net.

Thank you for supporting our Holy Apostles Greek School and investing in the future of our children! With your help, we can upgrade our classrooms with modern amenities and resources that will enhance their educational experience and create a more productive learning environment that fosters creativity and love for their Greek language and culture.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, March 16 for an evening of fellowship!

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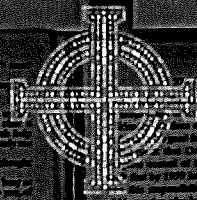
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Personal and Communal”*

**SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024
6:30 PM - SOLEMN VESPERS**

**8:00 PM - PRESENTATION BY
REVEREND DR. PANAYIOTIS
PAPAGEORGIOU**

**(PROTOPRESBYTER AT HOLY
TRANSFIGURATION CHURCH IN
MARIETTA, GEORGIA AND PRODUCER
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*The Celebration of Books Reception will be hosted on
Sunday April 7, following Vespers. To assist with this
event, contact Yvonne Fawell (630) 234-4666,
yfawell@gmail.com or Ellena Vranas (630) 207-
3765, horevo60@gmail.com*

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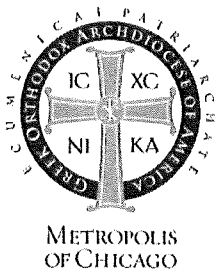


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LATEST NEWS



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1/13 Metropolis of Chicago invites Chicago area parishes to help determine the future location of the Metropolis Center campus

1/22 Metropolis Council looks ahead to continued change and growth over 2024 as new members are sworn in and assume their responsibilities

UPCOMING EVENTS



SCAN FOR
MORE EVENTS

2/16-19 YAL Chicago Conference, an opportunity for Orthodox Christian young adults, ages 18-35, to come together in faith, fellowship, worship and service. *Hyatt Regency O'Hare Chicago (Rosemont, IL).*

3/11 Fanari Summer Camp Registration Opens

4/13 Fanari Lenten Retreat, *Multiple Locations*

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