

WEEKLY BULLETIN
FEBRUARY 18, 2024

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SUNDAY

8:15 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
Memorials:
Fellowship Hour:
3:30 p.m.
5:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 18

Orthros
Divine Liturgy
Joan Alexander, Kimberly Argires, Athanasios Lebessis, Arlene Lebessis, Christos Lebessis, Charlotte Rantis, Konstandino (Dene) Stamas
Hosted by the Lebessis Family
If they won yesterday's game, 7th/8th Grade Basketball @ St. Nectarios
If they won yesterday's game, High School Basketball @ St. Nectarios

MONDAY

FEBRUARY 19 – PRESIDENT'S DAY (OFFICE CLOSED)

TUESDAY

4:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY 20

Greek School
GOYA Meeting
Philoptochos General Meeting

WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY 21

Choir Rehearsal
Jr GOYA Meeting

THURSDAY

10:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY 22

TOTS
Adult Bible Study
Greek School
Discoveries in Orthodoxy

FRIDAY

8:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.

FEBRUARY 23 – FEAST DAY OF ST POLYCARP

Orthros
Divine Liturgy

SATURDAY

5:00 p.m.
8:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY 24

Vespers
Basile's Greek Comedy Show (Multi-Purpose Room)

Epistle Reading—2 Cor. 6:16-18; 7:1

Reader: Joanna Clohessy

Gospel Reading— Matthew 15:21-28

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.

ᾠχος δ΄.

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριάι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

To fedron tis anastaseos kirigma, ek tu Angelu mathuse, e tu Kiriou mathitrie, ke tin progonikin apofasin aporipsase, tis Apostolis kahomene elegon. Eskilefte o Thanatos, igerthi Christos o Theos, thorumenos to kosmo to mega eleos.

Resurrectional Apolytikion.

Mode pl. 4.

When the women disciples of the Lord heard the Angel joyously proclaim the resurrection, they cast aside the ancestral verdict, and boasting in glory they said to the Apostles, “Death has been despoiled! Christ God has risen, granting the great mercy to the world!”

The Epistle—2 Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:1

Brethren, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, “I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.” Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

The Gospel—Matthew 15:21-28

At that time, Jesus went to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon.” But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” And he answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.” Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

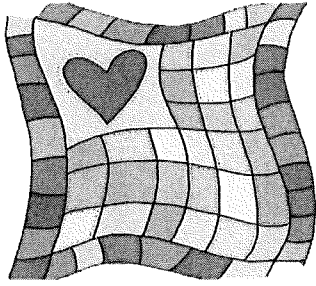
Adventure Theater Spring Radio Play – The Holy Apostles Adventure Theater urgently needs boys and girls to participate in its Easter radio performance ‘The Tomb with the Unbreakable Seal’ on Sunday, April 21. Lines are read, not memorized. Rehearsals are held from 4:30-7:00pm on the following Fridays: 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@holyapostleschurch.com.

Pre-Sanctified Dinner Hosts Needed – We are looking for ministries to host a light meal and refreshments after Wednesday’s Pre-Sanctified Liturgies during Lent, which begin at 5:30 p.m. There are four dates remaining: March 20, 27, April 10 and 24. Please contact the office if you are interested.

Fellowship Hour Hosts Needed – We are looking for families or ministries to help us provide light refreshments for fellowship after Divine Liturgy on Sundays. Families and friends can join together and host together in honor of a birthday, anniversary, memorial, or just to help us out! We also welcome ministries to host. 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. As of today, we’re looking for help on March 3, 10, 24 and 31.

Music Competition on Saturday, April 6 – The Greek Women’s University Club is sponsoring its 13th national music competition at Alice S. Millar Chapel on Northwestern University’s Evanston Campus. Performances are 8-10 minutes in length and selection requirements are specified in the application. Applications can be obtained from Anna Moreno at akmoreno@comcast.net. Completed applications must be received or postmarked no later than Friday, March 1 to be eligible. Applicants must be young men or women of Greek descent from 20-29 years old. \$1,000 will be paid to the winner(s).



Philoptochos Blankets of Love
Month of February

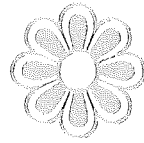
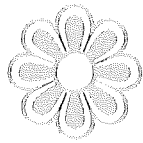
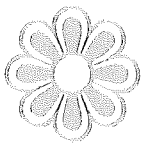
A sincere “THANK YOU” to all that participated in our Blanket Making Event on Saturday, February 3rd. We had 30 volunteers and made 58 blankets. These blankets will be part of the Valentine’s Day senior visit bags that will be distributed by our dedicated Pillars and Rocks volunteers before the holiday.

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

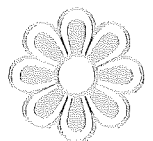
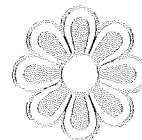
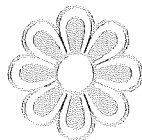
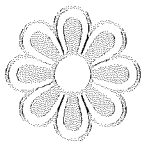
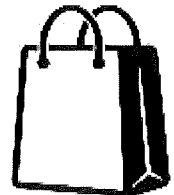
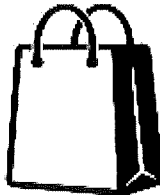
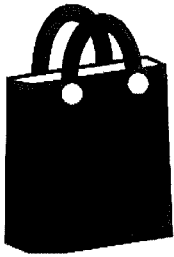
Bring Your Friends!

Join Us

*For an
Evening*

*of
Shopping*

& Socializing



15 % of sales will be donated to Stuffed Love - providing hand-stitched heart pillows to families and children affected by congenital heart defects



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ARE YOU A HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR OR SENIOR?



Fill your summer with what counts

Join one of
our four sessions

Boston June 8-18
Northern California June 18-28
Boston June 22-July 2
Chicago July 6-16

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.



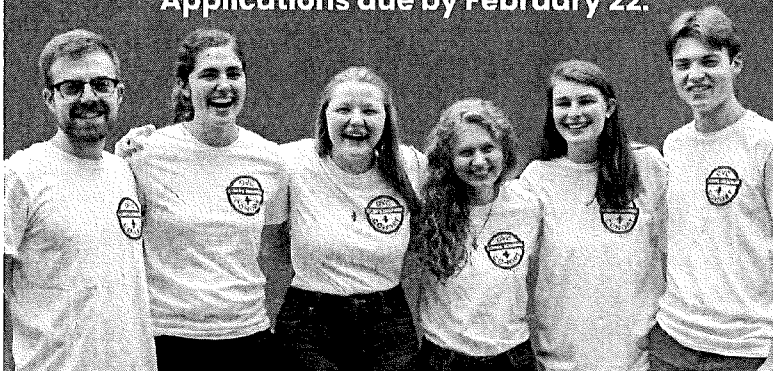
Application Deadline **February 20, 2024**



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"

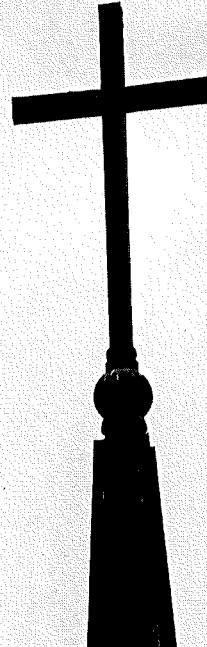
February 29: "The Power of Community"

March 7: "What Only God Can Do"

March 14: "God Comes in Love"



HOLY APOSTLES
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH



Join us for this
4-part series on
Thursdays at
7:00pm in the
Multipurpose
Room

Transformed by Christ: Transforming Others

SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND, 9AM-12PM

RETREAT FOR
ALL AGES AT
HOLY APOSTLES
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LEARN TO MAKE
DISCIPLES OF ALL
BY BRINGING
PEOPLE TO
CHRIST BOTH
LOCALLY AND
GLOBALLY

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:



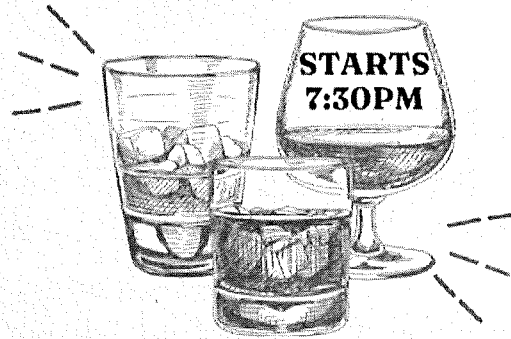
◀ scan to purchase tickets or visit <http://tinyurl.com/basilefundraiser>

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

YAL Holy Apostles Presents

EMPIRE

48 W CHICAGO AVE, NAPERVILLE, IL 60540



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH

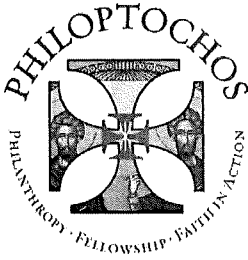
Join us for food and drinks at Empire!

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

2 out of 3 children from under-served families have no books of their own



DONATE YOUR BOOKS

Bernie's Book Bank accepts new and gently used children's books, aged birth through sixth grade.*

*Please, no workbooks, textbooks or reference material.



OUR MISSION

Bernie's Book Bank sources, processes and distributes quality children's books to increase book ownership among under-served children throughout Chicagoland.

Learn more: www.berniebookbank.org | 847-780-READ (7323)

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!

JOIN US FOR

Holy Apostles
GREEK SCHOOL
DINNER DANCE

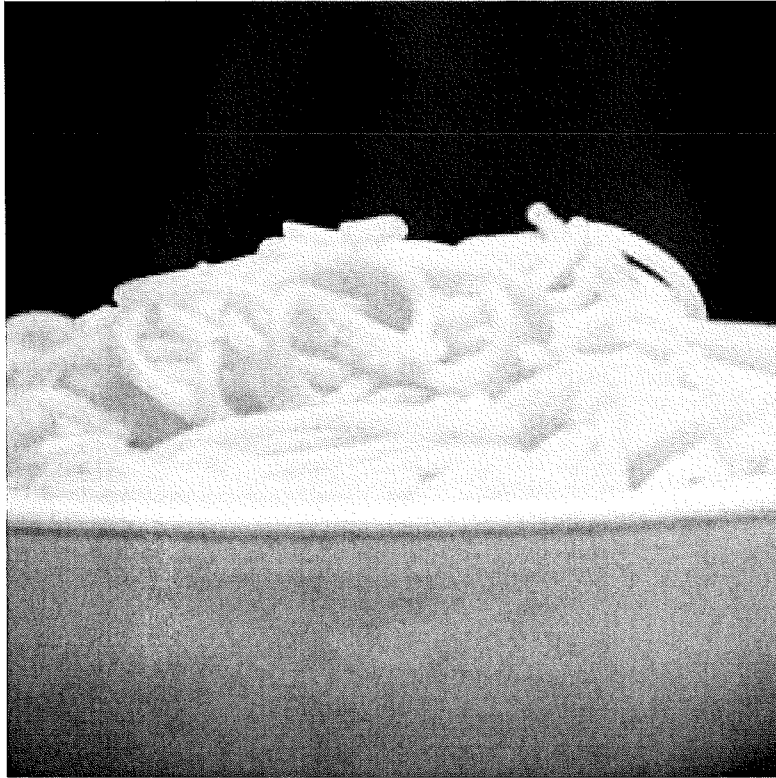
MARCH 16, 2024 AT 6PM

GEORGIOS BANQUETS
8800 W.159TH STREET
ORLAND PARK, IL 60462

ADULTS \$100
KIDS (12 & UNDER) \$30

OPEN BAR • DJ • KIDS ENTERTAINMENT



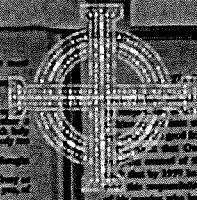


Macaronatha Luncheon on Sunday, March 17th

On behalf of the Holy Apostles Parish Council, please join us after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, March 17th, for our 65th Annual Macaronatha Luncheon. As we begin Great Lent, let us nourish our souls and begin our efforts together as a church community with love and camaraderie. As always, your generous free will contribution will be donated to one of our Mission Projects.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. There are now three easy ways to register, so please choose whichever is most convenient for you:

- 1) Sign-up in the Multi-Purpose Room after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, February 25th, March 3rd, or March 10th.
- 2) Feel free to contact Sandy Pihos, either by phone/text at (630)640-5811 at greeks1@gmail.com stating your name, contact phone number, the number of people in your party and any family you would like to be seated with.
- 3) Use the registration form provided in the Holy Apostles Weekly Newsletter and submit **ALL** the required information. Make sure to fill in all the spaces, especially names and contact information.



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CELEBRATION OF BOOKS

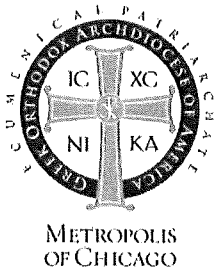
*“Spiritual Development:
Personal and Communal”*

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

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

**(PROTOPRESBYTER AT HOLY
TRANSFIGURATION CHURCH IN
MARIETTA, GEORGIA AND PRODUCER
OF TRISAGION FILMS)**

*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*



FEBRUARY 2024

MESSAGES *from* the METROPOLIS

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LATEST NEWS



SCAN FOR
MORE NEWS

1/15 Metropolis of Chicago invites Chicago area parishes to help determine the future location of the Metropolis Center campus

1/29 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

2/15-19 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

3/15 Fanari Lenten Retreat, *Multiple Locations*

SIGN UP TO RECEIVE EMAIL UPDATES:

www.chicago.goarch.org/sign-up

