

WEEKLY BULLETIN
FEBRUARY 25, 2024

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SUNDAY

8:15 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
Memorials:
Fellowship Hour:

FEBRUARY 25

Orthros
Divine Liturgy
Chrisy Banakis, Demetrios Papadimas, Demetrios Poulos
Hosted by the Banakis, Mandelaris and Georgacopoulos families in loving memory of Chrisy Banakis

MONDAY

6:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 26

Neolea Dance Troupe

TUESDAY

4:30 p.m.

6:15 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 27

Greek School
JOY
League of Chanters Practice

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY 28

Potluck Dinner & Recipe Exchange
Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

1:00 p.m.

4:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

6:15 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY 29 – FEAST DAY OF ST JOHN CASSIAN

Adult Bible Study
Greek School
Evening Divine Liturgy
Greek School Staff Meeting
Discoveries in Orthodoxy

FRIDAY

7:00 p.m.

MARCH 1

Fanari Reunion Dance

SATURDAY

9:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

MARCH 2

Parish Retreat (all ages) – Transformed by Christ, Transforming Others
Vespers
Chicago Blackhawks Greek Heritage Night

Epistle Reading—2 Timothy 3:10-15

Reader: Ariana Mandelaris

Gospel Reading— Luke 18:10-14

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. α΄

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

Resurrectional Apolytikion.

Mode pl. 1.

Ton sinanarhon Logon Patri ke Pnevmati, ton ek Parthenou tehthenta is sotirian imon, animnisomen pisti ke proskinisomen, oti ivthokise sarki, anelthin en to Stavro, ke thanaton ipomine, ke egire tous tethneotas, en ti enthoxo anastasi aftou.

The Epistle—2 Timothy 3:10-15

Timothy, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

The Gospel—Luke 18:10-14

The Lord said this parable, “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Children in the Loft Today - We will meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Choir Room for robe, book, and line up assignments and for a brief review. Children will attend Sunday School with their class following Holy Communion. On behalf of Bette Schieber and the Sunday School staff, thank you for your continued support!

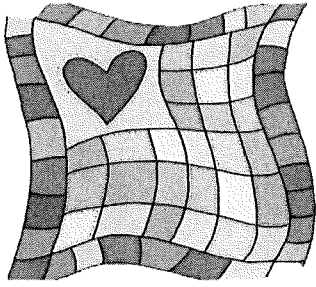
Adventure Theater Spring Radio Play on Sunday, April 21 – The Holy Apostles Adventure Theater urgently needs boys and girls to participate in its Easter radio performance ‘The Tomb with the Unbreakable Seal’. Lines are read, not memorized. **Rehearsals are held from 4:30-7:00pm on the following Fridays: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

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. **Sundays March 10, 24 and 31 are our immediate needs, while many other days are open throughout the year.** Please sign up on our website or on the clipboard in the Multi-Purpose Room.

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 call Lou at 708.562.2744 or send an email to office@holypostleschurch.com if you are interested.

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).

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.



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**

Discoveries in Orthodoxy

Divine Liturgy: The Greatest Invitation



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

February 22: "The Liturgy Mindset"
February 29: "The Power of Community"
March 7: "What Only God Can Do"
March 14: "God Comes in Love"

Transformed by Christ: Transforming Others

SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND, 9AM-12PM

RETREAT FOR
ALL AGES AT
HOLY APOSTLES
GREEK
ORTHODOX
CHURCH



LEARN TO MAKE
DISCIPLES OF ALL
BY BRINGING
PEOPLE TO
CHRIST BOTH
LOCALLY AND
GLOBALLY

Please scan this QR code to register for this retreat:





“IF YOU WISH TO LEAVE
MUCH WEALTH TO YOUR
CHILDREN, LEAVE THEM IN
GOD’S CARE. DO NOT LEAVE
THEM RICHES, BUT VIRTUE
AND SKILL.”

~SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM~



METROPOLIS
OF CHICAGO

VIRTUE & SKILL

MONDAY
FEBRUARY

26

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

HIS EMINENCE
METROPOLITAN
MYRON
OF NEW ZEALAND &
EXARCH OF OCEANIA

6:00PM PARAKLISIS

DINNER AND
PRESENTATION
TO FOLLOW

FREE-WILL DONATION

ALL PROCEEDS TO GO TO
METROPOLIS OF NEW
ZEALAND

- BUILDING SCHOOL IN FIJI
- SAINT JOHN’S COLLEGE
- MISSIONARY WORK
- MEDICAL DOCTOR



LOCATION:

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
2350 L DEMPSTER ST. DES PLAINES, IL
OFFICE: (847) 827-5519



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:





GET YOUR TICKETS NOW FOR THE FANARI REUNION DANCE!

Friday, March 1st, 2024

7:00pm

Holy Apostles Church, Westchester IL

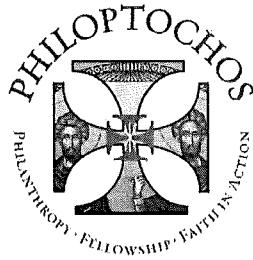
Join us at the Fanari Reunion Dance for an unforgettable night of
reconnecting with friends!

Dance the night away and enjoy delicious food and drinks.

Tickets are \$10 each.



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.

HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL PRESENTS
THE CHICAGO PREMIERE OF



SACRED ALASKA

MARCH 12

Pickwick Theatre

5 S Prospect Ave, Park Ridge, IL

6:30 p.m.

TICKETS: <https://shorturl.at/gktAF>

Discussion w/ the Producer following the movie.



TRIKIRION FILMS PRESENTS

A FILM BY SIMON SCIONKA AND SILAS KARBO
"SACRED ALASKA"

FEATURING FR. VASILY FISHER PAULINE MORRIS FR. ALEXANDER LARSON FR. MARTIN NICOLAI
MATUSHKA HELEN LARSON FR. MICHAEL OLEKSA FR. ANDREW WERMUTH FR. MICHAEL TREFON
FR. SIMEON JOHNSON FR. MICHAEL NICOLAI HERMAN DAVIS FR. JAMES KEENE
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DIRECTED BY SIMON SCIONKA PRODUCED AND EDITED BY SILAS KARBO

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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

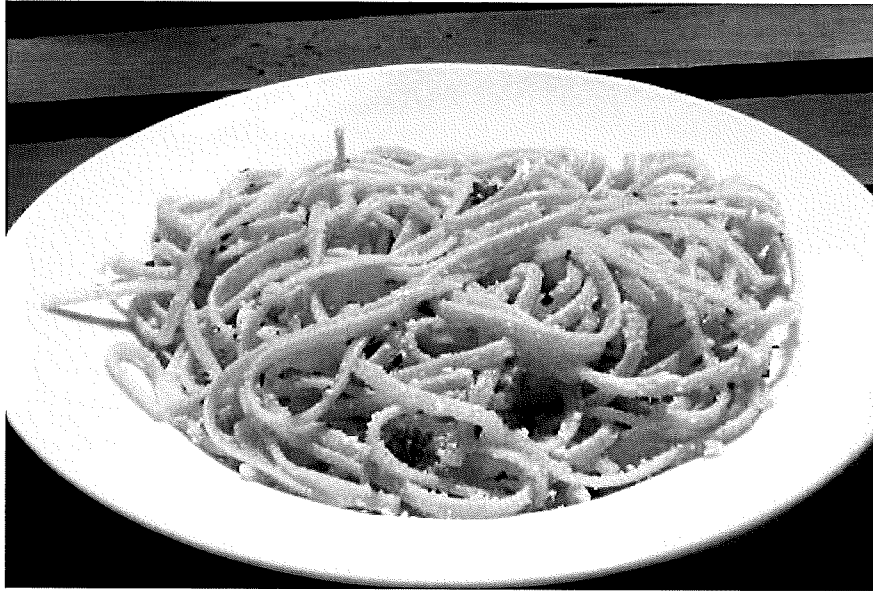
MARCH 16, 2024 AT 6PM

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 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.

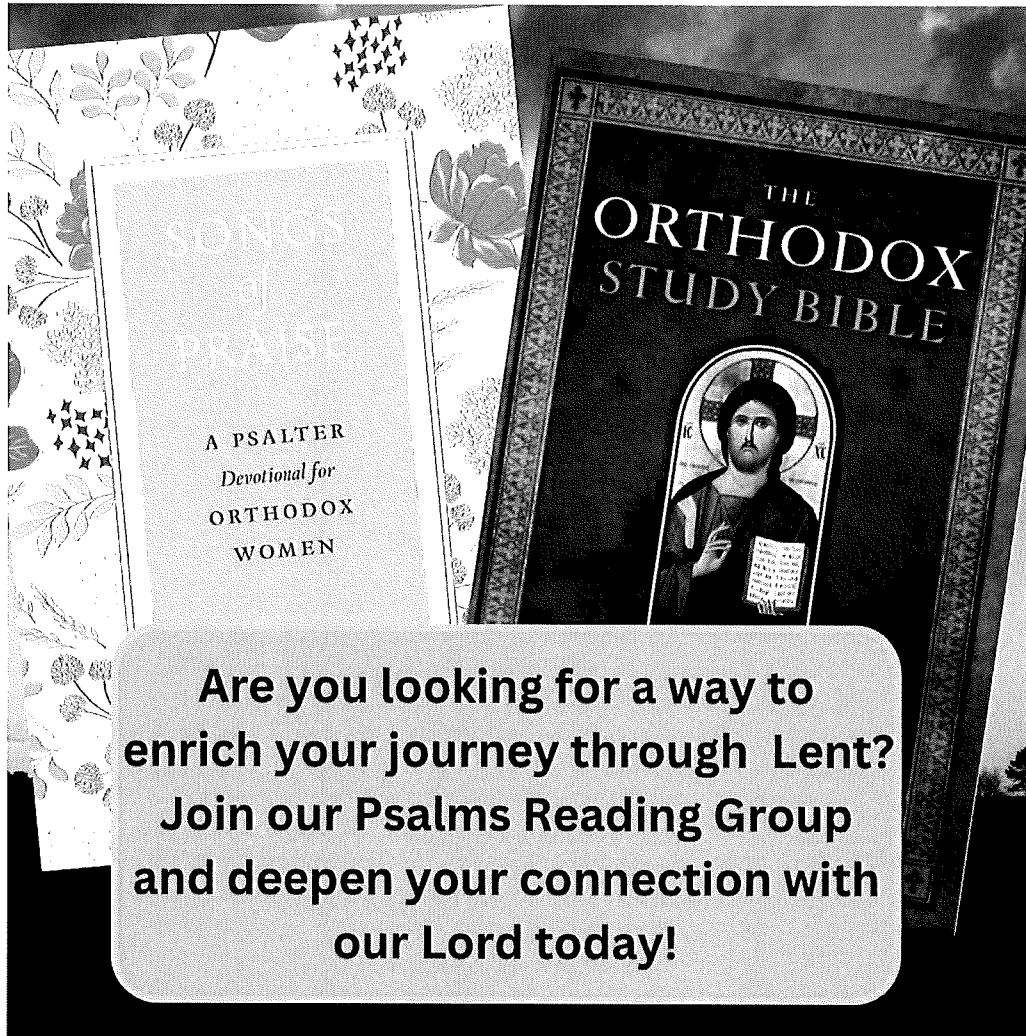
Reservations are required! There are three ways to make them, so please choose whichever is most convenient for you:

- 1) Sign-up in the Multi-Purpose Room on Sunday, 2/25, 3/3, or 3/10.
- 2) Click on the button provided in the *Holy Apostles Weekly News* or scan the QR code below and submit the requested information.
- 3) Contact Sandy Pihos, by phone/text at (630) 640-5811 or email at greeks1@gmail.com, your name, contact phone number, email address and the number of people in your party. If you would like to be seated with another family, please indicate their full names, as well. Please make sure that MACARONATHA LUNCHEON appears in the subject line of your email and Sandy will confirm your reservation's receipt.

This year, the Missions Ministry has decided to support the Orthodox Church of Albania. Holy Apostles has been participating by supporting the missionaries, Nathan and Gabriela Hoppe, who have been active in a variety of ministries including theological education and ministry to children and their families. They are actively engaging to establish and foster vibrant local Eucharist communities in Albania. Our Macaronatha Luncheon proceeds will go towards reestablishing the persecuted Orthodox Church of Albania as directed by the Hoppe family.



Enrich your 2024 Lenten Season - Join the Psalms Reading Group!

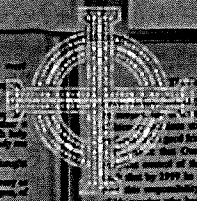


Everyone is invited to participate in reading the Psalms throughout Lent:

- **When:** Monday, 3/18 - Friday, 4/26
- **Where:** In the privacy of your home
- **How:** Use a resource that employs the Greek numbering system (Septuagint). Examples are: The Orthodox Study Bible; The Psalter; or Songs of Praise by Sylvia Leontaritis, available in HARC.

Register now through Wednesday, 3/13 by scanning the QR code below or sending your name and email address to psalter@holyapostleschurch.com.





HOLY APOSTLES
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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
PAPAΓEOPΓIOU**

**(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 Farwell (630) 234-4666,
yfarwell@gmail.com or Ellena Vranas (630) 207-
3765, horevo60@gmail.com*

