

WEEKLY BULLETIN

MARCH 10, 2024

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SUNDAY

8:15 a.m. Orthros
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Memorials: Maria Malone
Fellowship Hour: There will be no coffee or refreshments served today, as we have no host.

MONDAY

6:30 p.m. Basketball Banquet

TUESDAY

10:00 a.m. Clergy Syndesmos @ Assumption
1:00 p.m. Caregivers Support Meeting
4:30 p.m. Greek School
6:15 p.m. JOY
7:00 p.m. Neighborhood Bible Study – LaGrange (at Savas Home)
7:30 p.m. League of Chanters Practice

WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. Jr GOYA
7:00 p.m. Stewardship & Welcome Ministry Meeting
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

10:00 a.m. TOTS
1:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
4:30 p.m. Greek School
7:00 p.m. Discoveries in Orthodoxy

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
4:00 p.m. Open Confession
5:00 p.m. Vespers
6:00 p.m. Greek School Dinner Dance

Epistle Reading—1 Corinthians 8:8-13, 9:1-2

Reader: Madeline Kubesh

Gospel Reading—Matthew 25:31-46

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 βαρύς.

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον· ἠνέφξας τῷ ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον· τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρήνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας, ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Katelisas to Stavro sou ton thanaton, ineoxas to Listi ton Paradison, ton Miroforon ton thrinon metevalas, ke tis sis Apostolis kiritin epetaxas, oti anestis Christe o Theos, parahon to kosmo to mega eleos.

Resurrectional Apolytikion. Grave Mode.

You destroyed death by Your Cross, You opened Paradise to the Robber. You turned the Myrrh-bearing Women's lament into joy, and You commanded Your Apostles to preach that You rose, O Christ God, granting the world the great mercy.

The Epistle—1 Corinthians 8:8-13, 9:1-2

Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

The Gospel—Matthew 25:31-46

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in his glory and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

CORRECTION: Next Children in the Loft Date: Sunday, March 17 – We will meet at 9:00 to review new Kyrie Eleison responses and prepare another solo hymn. As usual, students will be dismissed following Holy Communion so to attend class. The group sounded beautiful on February 25 and received so many compliments. The Choir Ministry and Sunday School program are grateful for your continued support. Please let Bette Schieber know (bmschieber@gmail.com) if your child plans to participate on March 17 and mark your calendars for the final Loft date, April 21.

Pre-Sanctified Dinner Host Needed on Wednesday, March 20 – 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. Please send an email to office@holypostleschurch.com if you are interested.

Fellowship Hour Hosts Needed on March 24, April 7 and 14 – We know you all have talents and hope you will find a Sunday where you can give of your time by hosting a Fellowship Hour. They can be hosted by individual families, multiple families, or ministries. Whether it is to honor someone's memory or celebrate a special event, your generosity and efforts allow our Holy Apostles family and friends to enjoy a unique camaraderie. Most dates are available and the choice is yours. Please sign up on our website under "Get Involved" or on the clipboard in the Multi-Purpose Room.

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.

Children Invited to Confession – Children in third grade and older are invited to come partake in the sacrament of confession. Fr. George and Sunday School Director Toni Milak have visited the 3rd through 6th grade classrooms to teach about this beautiful mystery of the church. Our hope as a parish is to introduce our children to this blessed sacrament early, so that it feels familiar and safe. While they are young and their sins are simple, children can develop a relationship with their priest. In this way our they will be prepared to leverage this powerful spiritual tool when they reach their teen and young adult years. **Families are invited to bring their children to church for confession any Saturday in March either before or after Vespers** (beginning at 4:15, and then extending a half an hour after 5:00 pm Vespers is over). Both Fr. George and Fr. Nicholas will be happy to answer any questions you might have (frgeorge@holypostleschurch.com or frnicholas@holypostleschurch.com). We have set aside these times especially for the children. Be sure to let your Sunday School teacher know when your child goes for their first confession, as we will have a gift to celebrate this milestone for them.

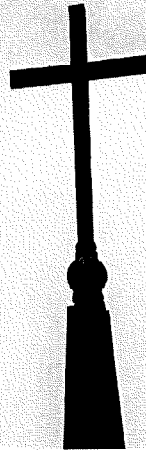
Sunday School Reminders

- Sunday School "begins" during the Divine Liturgy. We encourage families to arrive in time to hear the Epistle and Gospel. This is the most important part of the week! Your child can even earn stickers toward a prize for arriving at the beginning of Liturgy. Look for Mrs Milak by the candles up until the sermon begins.
- March 24 is the Sunday of Orthodoxy, and your children (PreK-5th grade) are invited to bring a favorite icon to church with them to carry during the procession.
- No classes on March 31.

Discoveries in Orthodoxy

Divine Liturgy: The Greatest Invitation

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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"

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CELEBRATION OF BOOKS

*"Spiritual Development:
Personal and Communal"*

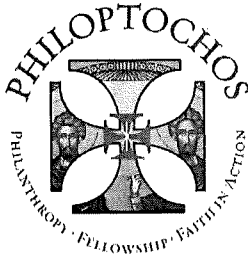
**SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024
6:30 PM - SOLEMN VESPERS**

**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*

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.berniesbookbank.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 for our 65th Annual Macaronatha Luncheon. **As we begin Great Lent, let us nourish our souls and begin our efforts together by FILLING THE ROOM as a church community with love and camaraderie.**

For those not able to attend, there will be a special Free Will collection as you exit the church on Sunday, March 17th and we would greatly appreciate your generosity in fulfilling our mission.

Reservations are required. Please make them as soon as possible. There are now three easy ways to register, so please choose whichever is most convenient for you:

- 1) This is the LAST Sunday to sign up in the Multipurpose room
- 2) Click on the button provided in the Holy Apostles *Weekly News* and submit the requested information. Thursday, March 14th is the deadline.
- 3) Contact Sandy Pihos, by phone/text at (630) 640-5811 or email greeks1@gmail.com stating your name, contact phone number and email the number of people in your party and the full names and number of people of any family you would like to be seated with. Put MACARONATHA LUNCHEON in the subject line. Sandy will confirm.

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's. **We look forward to having you attend this annual event.**



**METROPOLIS
OF CHICAGO**

**THE METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO
INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THE**

VESPERS OF FORGIVENESS

**PRESIDED BY HIS EMINENCE
METROPOLITAN NATHANAEL**



SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024

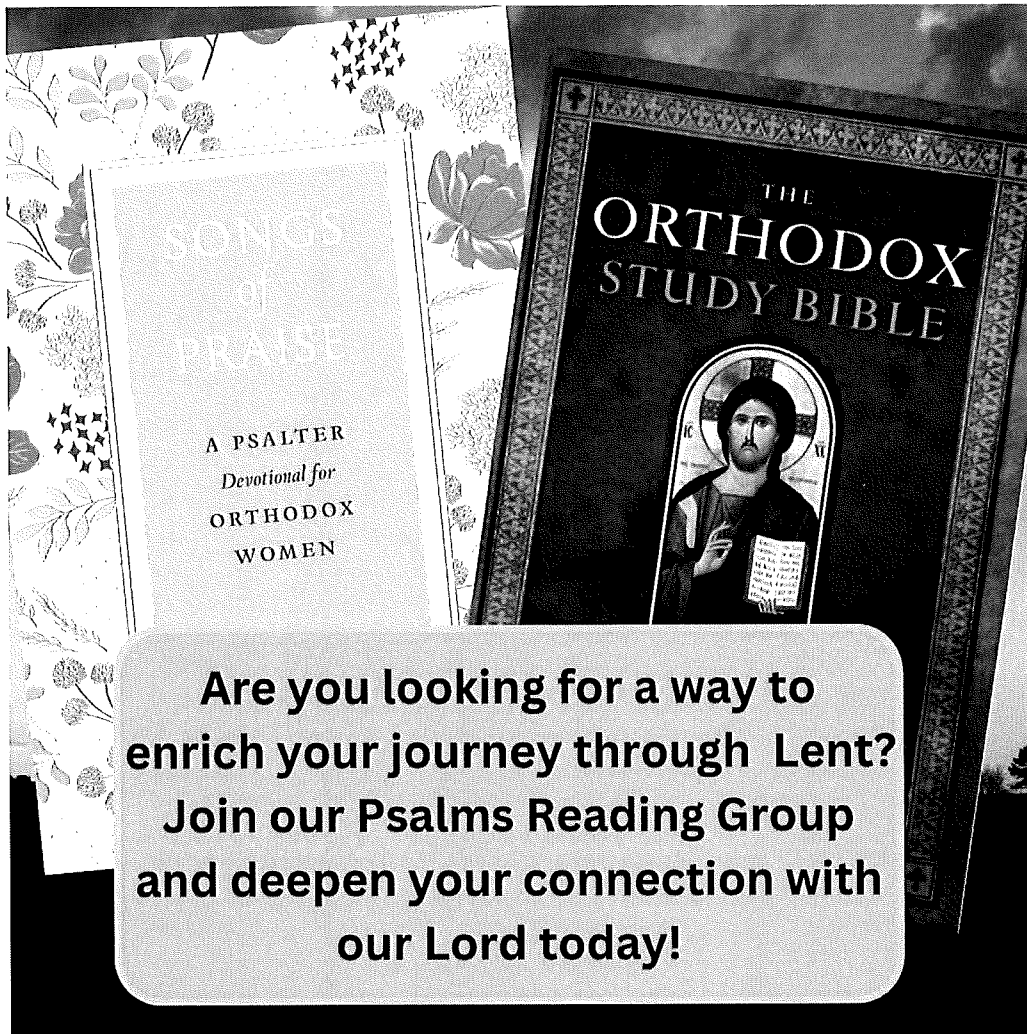
Service begins 6:00 pm

**St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church
893 N. Church Road, Elmhurst, IL 60126**

All are welcome to attend



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@holypostleschurch.com.





GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΣΙΚΑΓΟΥ

March 10, 2024

The Sunday of the Final Judgment (Meatfare Sunday)

*Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom
prepared for you from the foundation of the world. (Matthew 25:34)*

Reverend Priests and Deacons, Students and Teachers of Day, Afternoon and Sunday Schools,
Parents, Children, and all Friends of the Holy Metropolis of Chicago:

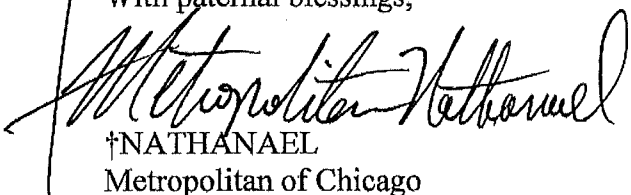
I greet you all on this Sunday as we recall the final judgment of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. According to the image presented in the Gospel, the standard of God's judgment is the measure of our love for our neighbor. We often ask, "who is this neighbor I am to love"? The Lord's answer is quite vivid: Our neighbor is the person who is hungry or thirsty; the stranger; the cold and afraid; or the infirm and imprisoned. Christ doesn't mix his words. The way we treat each other—especially during our weakest moments—indicates how we treat the Lord Himself.

It is love that unites us together in Christ, and Great and Holy Lent affords us an opportunity to intensify our practice of love. This is the purpose of our fasting, our increased prayer, and contrition for imperfection and failures: to accept the love of the Lord and to express love to others. Yet this practice of love is not limited to Great Lent. Within our Holy Metropolis we seek out numerous opportunities to express and practice love *for* Christ and *in* Christ. Often, this means literally serving the countless hungry people through our Philoptochos and Project Hope initiatives.

Another opportunity of special intensity is provided for our own "children of God" through our Camping Ministries at Saint Mary's Camp, Fanari Camp, Lighthouse Camp, and our individual parish camps. These programs provide our young people the opportunity to come together and recognize Christ Jesus "encamped within us" (John 1:12-14). Such camping ministries provide the same opportunity for our adult and young adult volunteers as well.

Beloved friends, as we celebrate *Camping Ministry Sunday* today in our Holy Metropolis of Chicago, I invite you to support these effective camping programs that have brought generations of our youth closer to Christ. Consider volunteering, promoting, making a financial gift, and sending your children to camp. As we embark on our journey to Pascha, I extend to each of you my fervent prayers for a spiritually fruitful and uplifting Great Lent.

With paternal blessings,


†NATHANAEL
Metropolitan of Chicago

Sermon Notes

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