

**WEEKLY BULLETIN**

**MARCH 24, 2024**

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**SUNDAY**

8:15 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

Memorials:

Fellowship Hour:

**MARCH 24 – SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY**

Orthros

Divine Liturgy

Gus & Irene Lekatsos, Poulos Family, Vantias Family

We have no host today.

GOYA Luminaria Sale

**MONDAY**

8:15 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

**MARCH 25 – ANNUNCIATION**

Orthros

Divine Liturgy

Great Compline

**TUESDAY**

10:00 a.m.

**MARCH 26**

OCCA Retreat

GREEK SCHOOL SPRING BREAK

**WEDNESDAY**

5:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

**MARCH 27**

9<sup>th</sup> Hour/Pre-sanctified Liturgy

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Dinner – Host: Brotherhood of St. Peter the Apostle

**THURSDAY**

1:00 p.m.

**MARCH 28**

Adult Bible Study

GREEK SCHOOL SPRING BREAK

**FRIDAY**

7:00 p.m.

8:00 p.m.

8:15 p.m.

**MARCH 29**

Salutations to the Theotokos

Reception for His Grace, Bishop Timothy

Choir Rehearsal

**SATURDAY**

10:00 a.m.

4:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

**MARCH 30**

Fifth Saturday Service Day

Open Confession

Vespers

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**Epistle Reading**—Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40

Reader: Joanna Clohessy

**Gospel Reading**—John 1:43-51

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**Welcome to Holy Apostles Church!** If you are new to our church today, after receiving the blessed bread at the conclusion of the service, look for a member of the Welcome Ministry standing at the back of the church. Consider staying for our Fellowship Hour. A Welcome Ministry member will be happy to escort you there and answer any questions you may have.

### **Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον. - Ἦχος πλ. α΄.**

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν. Διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

Tu lithu sfragisthentos ipō ton Iutheon, ke stratioton filasonton to ahranton su Soma, anestis triimeros Sotir, thorumenos to kosmo tin zoin; thia tuto e Thinamis ton uranon, evoon si Zoothota. Thoxa ti Anastasi su Christe, thoxa ti vasilia su, thoxa ti ikonomia su, mone filathrope.

### **Resurrectional Apolytikion. - Mode pl. 1.**

The stone having been sealed by the Pharisees and chief priests, \* and Your all-immaculate body being guarded by soldiers, \* You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. \* Then the powers of the heavens cried out to You, O Giver of Life, and shouted, \* “Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! \* Glory to Your eternal rule! \* Glory to Your plan for saving us, only benevolent God!”

### **The Epistle—Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40**

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he looked to the reward. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets — who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign enemies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated — of whom the world was not worthy — wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

### **The Gospel—John 1:43-51**

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and he said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!” Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.”

# **FLASH! BULLETIN! RED ALERT! THE END OF A FORTY-FIVE-YEAR TRADITION WILL COME TO AN END ON MAY 19, 2024!!!**

On Sunday, May 19th, immediately following Divine Liturgy, the Adventure Theater will be presenting its final performance, a radio play with a Resurrection theme entitled "The Tomb With The Unbreakable Seal," in the multipurpose room, preceded by a delicious luncheon hosted by the Adventure Theater for our audience. So, please plan to come. We are hoping that, since this will be our final performance, a few new kids, former members, and even alumni, might be interested in filling important parts in the play. Don't forget, in radio plays, lines are read, not memorized.

Interested in taking a part? contact one of our directors, Zoe Bolchert, Nikki and Renee Govostis, and Jane Tselepis, or me (AKA Mr. D.) by email at [fanari@me.com](mailto:fanari@me.com), or by phone or text, (708) 528-2782.

Finally, during the adventure Theater's almost forty-five years of existence, by the grace of God, it has drawn hundreds of participants, produced scores of original stage, shadowbox, radio, and video plays written by the group's members and me, and has created many lasting friendships as well as one or two marriages. With God's help, the group has followed its prime purpose and goal-- to show how the teachings, principles, and truths set forth by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and His church can be applied in possible real-life situations, as well as using the acting ability and other talents of our young people to glorify The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit. However, the present members of our group and I have regretfully arrived at the decision that since it has become increasingly difficult to draw new members, and since school obligations have become more frequent and demanding, the time has come to bring the curtain down on the Adventure Theater. We want to thank parents, grandparents, Holy Apostles Church, and many others for your generous support. In Christ's name. Amen.

The End by the Grace of God

**Thank You!** Philoptochos would like to thank all of those who came out to support our Blanket Making effort last Saturday. We made all of the blankets we needed to for our Thumbuddy Special Mom's Day Out Event. Thumbuddy Special provides adaptive equipment and bicycles to children with disabilities. Every year, they host a day long "Mom's Day Out Event" (May 19th this year) for the moms of these children. This includes lunch, spa time, shopping with a gift card provided by Thumbuddy Special, dinner, and a gift basket. Philoptochos is providing the blanket, stainless steel water bottle, and a little goody bag with two teas and a lip balm for the gift basket. Thumbuddy Special is very grateful for our support. Thank You for helping to make this possible.

**We Need Your Help!** We are looking for suggestions to revitalize the robust Fellowship Hour of the past and strengthen and refresh this wonderful tradition that we all enjoy. What would incentivize you to host a coffee hour? Under what new conditions might you be willing to participate? What obstacles stand in the way of our congregation engaging? All opinions, suggestions, and advise is welcomed. Would you be willing to meet to have a discussion on new approaches? Please call/text Sandy at 630-640-5811 or email at [greeks1@gmail.com](mailto:greeks1@gmail.com).

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. Many dates are available and the choice is yours. Please sign up on our website under the "Get Involved" tab or on the clipboard in the Multi-Purpose Room.

**Fifth Saturday Serve Day on Saturday, March 30** – Join us for our first Fifth Saturday Serve of 2024! We will be making graduation baskets for elementary and middle school students and final exam survival kits for college volunteers at York Community Resource Center of Lombard. To register, please scan the QR code below or via the link in the Weekly News.



**Sunday School Reminder** – There will be no classes next Sunday, March 31.

**Easter Candles for Sale** – Decorated Easter candles will be available to purchase after all Sunday Liturgies in April and following Holy Unction services on Holy Wednesday, May 1. The candles are \$15 each and make beautiful gifts for godchildren. If you would like to decorate or sell candles, please contact Angela Karras Neboyskey at [arkarras@gmail.com](mailto:arkarras@gmail.com) or 773.719.2619.

**Need Service Hours** – Holy Apostles is hosting the Metropolis Oratorical Festival on Saturday, May 11. We need volunteers to serve as timekeepers, door guards and general helpers. High school students and adults are welcome. If interested, email Mrs. Milak at [sundayschooldirector@holypostleschurch.com](mailto:sundayschooldirector@holypostleschurch.com).

**Junior Olympics is Coming** – Be on the lookout for more info soon. We need competitors in all sports, coaches and other volunteers, so **please mark your calendars for Saturday and Sunday, May 25-26!**

HA & SSPP  
YAL PRESENT

# TRIVIA TUESDAY

Tuesday, March 26  
Gullivers  
Pizza & Pub

17W517 Roosevelt Rd, Oakbrook Terrace,  
IL 80181

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

**STARTS AT 6:30 PM**

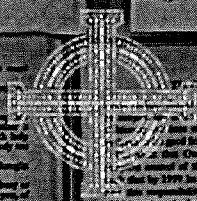
*Goya Presents:*

# MEMORIAL LUMINARIA

Honor your loved ones with a luminaria. If you would like to have someone remembered in this way, please place your order by filling in the names of your loved ones via the QR or in the multipurpose room by April 21.



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



# The Oratorical Festival

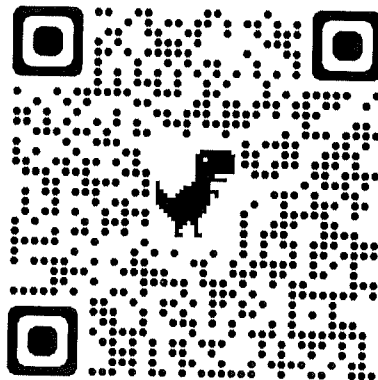
Sunday, April 14, 2024

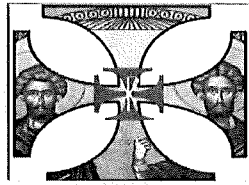
Categories: Speech, Essay, Poetry, Iconography, Vocal Solo and Vocal Chant

First Place in the Jr. and Sr. division for Speech will receive a \$500.00 scholarship prize to use at their choice of one of the following for Summer 2024: Fanari, Lighthouse, Crossroads, or Ionian Village.

You can use this room to work and get help:

- **March 17** after Sunday School;
- **March 24** after Sunday School;
- **March 31** after communion in Philoptochos room
- **April 3** (Wednesday) 5:00 pm in GOYA room
- **April 7** “Dress Rehearsal” in GOYA room with feedback from a teacher





## **HOLY APOSTLES PHILOPTOCHOS EASTER DRIVE-BY FOOD SALE**

**Get ready for Easter and support Holy Apostles Philoptochos!**

**Choose from:**

- **KOULOURAKIA**
- **KOURAMBIEDES**
- **MELOMAKARONA**
- **PASTITSIO**
- **SPANAKOPITAS**
- **TIROPITAS**
- **TSOUREKIA**

**When to order:**

**Order during coffee hours March 31, April 7 & April 14.**

**Orders can also be placed online at <http://www.tinyurl.com/HAPhiloptochos>**

**March 14th through April 14th (no later than 6 pm)**

**Form of payments:**

**Payments accepted are cash, check (payable to Holy Apostles Philoptochos) or credit card <http://www.tinyurl.com/HAPhiloptochos>**

**Pick up order days/times:**

**Pick up your order at the front of Holy Apostles Church on Saturday, April 27 (11am - 12:30pm). Enter via the south parking lot.**

**For further information:**

**Contact Laura Pepke ([laurapepke@gmail.com](mailto:laurapepke@gmail.com) or call 630-291-7685) or Debbie Chiganos ([debbchig@att.net](mailto:debbchig@att.net)).**

***\*\*\*Proceeds Benefit The Operation Classroom Initiative \*\*\****

## MESSAGES FROM THE METROPOLIS

March/April 2024

[www.chicago.goarch.org](http://www.chicago.goarch.org)

### **Lenten & Holy Week Schedules 2024**

Experience Great Lent with His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael & His Grace Bishop Timothy

*View online: [chicago.goarch.org/lentenschedule](http://chicago.goarch.org/lentenschedule)*

### **NEW PROGRAM: Light of LEnt**

A program designed for educators and parents to help the youth of our Metropolis to grow spiritually and to reflect on what Lent means to them.

*Learn more: [chicago.goarch.org/lightoflent](http://chicago.goarch.org/lightoflent)*

### **4/13 Annual Fanari Lenten Retreat**

Eight parishes across the Metropolis will host a day of Worship, Games, and more!

*Multiple Locations*

LINK: <https://chicago.goarch.org/lentenretreat24-draft/>

### **4/19-21 YAL Spring Retreat – Holy Week: Walk with Christ**

Join YAL Chicago for a weekend retreat full of faith, fellowship, and service!

*Saint Iakovos Retreat Center*

LINK: <https://chicago.goarch.org/yal-spring-24/>

Sign up to receive email updates: [www.chicago.goarch.org/sign-up](http://www.chicago.goarch.org/sign-up)

