

WEEKLY BULLETIN

MARCH 31, 2024

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SUNDAY

8:15 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

Memorials:

Fellowship Hour

1:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

MONDAY

7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY

4:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

5:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

6:45 a.m.

1:00 p.m.

4:30 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

FRIDAY

4:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

8:00 p.m.

8:15 p.m.

SATURDAY

4:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

MARCH 31 – SUNDAY OF ST GREGORY PALAMAS

Orthros

Divine Liturgy

Benita Kosiara, Demetrios Siasios, Anastasios and Katerina Siasios

Hosted by YAL-Holy Apostles

GOYA Luminaria Sale

Baptisms: Ana, Joanis, Nektarios and Sofia Bakalli

Contrition Vespers at St. Sophia, Elgin

APRIL 1

Great Compline

APRIL 2

Greek School

Philoptochos Board Meeting

GOYA

Neighborhood Bible Study (Elmhurst – Clohessy Home)

League of Chanters Practice

APRIL 3

9th Hour/Pre-sanctified Liturgy

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Dinner – Host: GOYA

APRIL 4

Brotherhood of St Peter the Apostle

Adult Bible Study

Greek School

Greek School PTO Meeting

APRIL 5

Adventure Theater Rehearsal (Room 205)

Salutations to the Theotokos

Communing with the Saints

Choir Rehearsal

APRIL 6

Open Confession

Vespers

Epistle Reading—Hebrews 1:10-14; 2:1-3

Reader: Zoe Panton

Gospel Reading—Mark 2:1-12

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 β΄.

Ὅτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ ζωὴ ἢ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας, τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς θεότητος· ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

Ote katilthes pros ton thanaton, i Zoi i athanatos, tote ton Athin enekrosas, ti astrapi tis Theotitos. Ote the ke tus tethneotas ek ton kaththonion anestisas, pase e Thinamis ton epuranion ekragazon; Zo-othota Christe, o Theos imon thoxa si.

Resurrectional Apolytikion. - Mode 2.

When You descended unto Death, O Lord, You who are immortal Life put Hades to death, by the lightning of Your divinity. And when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the hosts of heaven sang aloud to You, “O Christ God, Giver of life, glory to You!”

The Epistle—Hebrews 1:10-14; 2:1-3

“In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end.” But to what angel has he ever said, “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet”? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation? Therefore we must pay closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For if the message declared by angels was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him.

The Gospel—Mark 2:1-12

At that time, Jesus entered Capernaum and it was reported that he was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and he was preaching the word to them. And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “My son, your sins are forgiven.” Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, “Why does this man speak thus? It is a blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you question thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your pallet and walk? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins’ – he said to the paralytic – “I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home.” And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

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 advice 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.

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.

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 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, please email Mrs. Milak at 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!**

Bernie's Book Drive Thank You!! Philoptochos would like to thank all of those who donated books to the Bernie's Book Drive. We are donating 675 books for children from birth to 6th grade to Bernie's this year. Bernie's processes and distributes free quality children's books to underserved children throughout Chicagoland. Thank you so much for your support!

Feed My Starving Children Volunteers Needed - Philoptochos will volunteer at Feed My Starving Children in Aurora on Saturday, April 13, from 9-10:45 am. We will pack specially formulated meals that will be distributed around the world. If you are interested in helping, please contact Emily Rehn at platovalentine@hotmail.com or 708-369-9365. Families are welcome to help (children 5 and older). This is also a great opportunity to earn service hours.

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, 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.

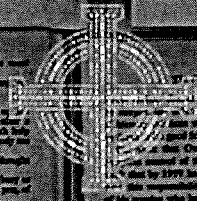
The End by the Grace of God

Help Wanted!!!

Parish Council is seeking volunteers to assist with Special Coffee Hours specifically sponsored by the Parish Council. Our volunteers would help with set-up, serving and/or clean-up. Cost of these special coffee hours is underwritten by the Parish Council. Examples of these coffee hours are:

- Receptions for the Metropolitan or Bishop Timothy when they are at HA for a service.
- Coffee hours following a Parish Assembly – one Spring and one Fall.
- Special Metropolis events held at HA such as the Sanctity of Life service or the Metropolis Clergy Retreat.
- Coffee Hours celebrating a retirement, anniversary of ordination, etc.

If you're interested in joining this committee, please sign up via the link in the Weekly News e.mail. If you have any questions, please contact Val Dranias at valdranias@aol.com or 630-660-8327.



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CELEBRATION OF BOOKS

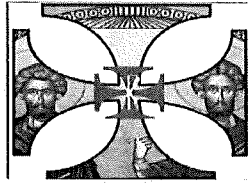
*“Spiritual Development:
Personal and Communal”*

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

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

**(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,
yfawell@gmail.com or Ellena Vranas (630) 207-
3765, horevo60@gmail.com*



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 or call 630-291-7685) or

Debbie Chiganos (debbchig@att.net).

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

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



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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MESSAGES FROM THE METROPOLIS

March/April 2024

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Lenten & Holy Week Schedules 2024

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

View online: 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

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

Sermon Notes

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