

WEEKLY BULLETIN

APRIL 7, 2024

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SUNDAY

APRIL 7 – SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS

8:15 a.m. Orthros
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Fellowship Hour: Hosted by the 2022 Holy Land Pilgrimage Group
Celebration of Books
GOYA Luminaria Sale
Philoptochos Easter Candle Sale and Bake Sale Ordering
40 Day Blessing: Mary Failla, Daughter-Sophia
12:30 p.m. Baptism: Callum, son of Connor and Gia Peckhart
Sponsor: Isabella Kirsch
6:30 p.m. Solemn Vespers
8:00 p.m. Presentation: Spiritual Development – Personal and Communal
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Panayiotis Papageorgiou

MONDAY

APRIL 8

7:00 p.m. Great Compline

TUESDAY

APRIL 9

10:00 a.m. Clergy Syndesmos Meeting @ Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
1:00 p.m. Caregivers Support Meeting
4:30 p.m. Greek School
7:30 p.m. League of Chanters Practice

WEDNESDAY

APRIL 10

5:30 p.m. 9th Hour/Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
7:00 p.m. Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Dinner – Host: Adult Bible Study

THURSDAY

APRIL 11

10:00 a.m. TOTS
1:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
4:30 p.m. Greek School
6:30 p.m. ECM Meeting

FRIDAY

APRIL 12

7:00 p.m. Salutations to the Theotokos
8:00 p.m. Communing with the Saints
8:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY

APRIL 13

9:00 a.m. Feed My Starving Children
4:00 p.m. Open Confession
5:00 p.m. Vespers
6:00 p.m. Vespers Potluck

Epistle Reading—Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-6

Reader: Leah Rupp

Gospel Reading—Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον. - ᾠχος γ´.

Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιάσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος· ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον· πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο· ἐκ κοιλίας ᾗδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Efrenestho ta ourania, agaliastho ta epiyia, oti epi-ise kratos, en vrahioni aftu, o Kyrios, epatise to thanato ton thanaton, protokos ton nekron eyeneto, ek kilias Athu erisato imas, ke pareshe to kosmo to mega eleos.

Resurrectional Apolytikion. - Mode 3.

Let the heavens be glad. Let the earth rejoice exceedingly. For the Lord has shown strength with his arm. He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead. Out of the belly of Hades, He has rescued us, and to the world He has granted the great mercy.

The Epistle—Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-6

Brethren, since we have a high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.”

The Gospel—Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

The Lord said: “If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.” And he said to them, “Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power.”

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.

Red Easter Eggs Wrapping – Philoptochos is once again asking parishioners to donate red eggs so that they may be wrapped in tulle for distribution at our Easter services. Please bring boiled, unrefrigerated red eggs to the multi-purpose room by Holy Thursday (May 2). The eggs will be wrapped in tulle after the Royal Hours service on Holy Friday morning. All parishioners are welcome to help wrap.

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.

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 terrific opportunity to earn service hours.

Ministries Artoklasia on Sunday, April 14

Holy Apostles will thank its ministries for their service with an Artoklasia on Sunday, April 14. Service projects performed by ministries during January, February, and March of this year will also be recognized. Join us as we celebrate the ministries and thank them for serving others.

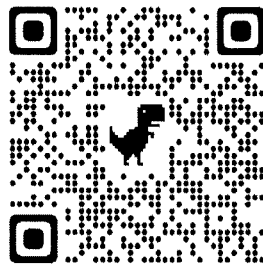
Children in the Loft on Sunday, April 21 - We will meet at 9:00 to review new Kyrie Eleison responses and prepare another solo hymn. As usual, students will be dismissed following Holy Communion so to attend class.

Orthodox High School Seniors and Undergraduate Students – AHEPA Chapter 260 has established the Peter Economos Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is open to high school seniors with financial need, demonstrable commitment to their church and strong academic and service records who are graduating in 2024, or are now undergraduate college students, who are pursuing or will pursue a post-secondary education by attending a vocational, trade or technical school or a college or university. The deadline date for applications is Wednesday, May 8. For more information, please email or call: Nicholas Bobis at bobis1944@gmail.com or (708) 444-8462. The application is here: <http://www.PeterEconomosScholarship.com/scholarship.html>.

Adventure Theater's Final Production – On Sunday, May 19, a 45-year tradition will end! That day, 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. 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 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.

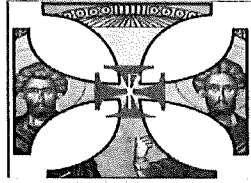
We Need Your Help! We are looking for suggestions to revitalize the robust Fellowship Hour of the past and strengthen and refresh this wonderful tradition that we all enjoy. What would incentivize you to host a coffee hour? Under what new conditions might you be willing to participate? What obstacles 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.

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 by scanning the QR code below and filling out the requested information or by simply printing your name on the clipboard in the Multi-Purpose Room.



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@holyapostleschurch.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!**



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 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>

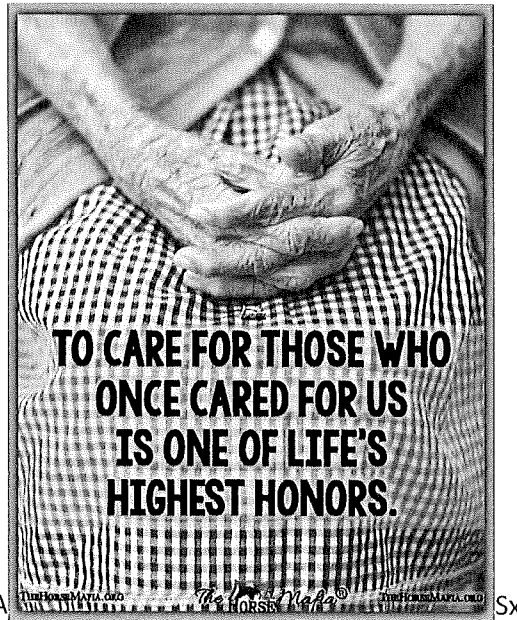
Pick up order days/times:

**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 ******



CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

A HOLY APOSTLES MINISTRY

Please join us!

Tuesday, April 9th at 1:00 pm

In the Philoptochos Room

For Discussion and Coffee

Everyone is Invited!

Linda Kunicki, CMP will be our discussion leader

Linda has worked for Bright-Star Care of Chicago and La Grange for over 11 years and other senior based activities for over 20 years. She is President of the Case Management Society of America – Chicago Chapter. Linda brings many years of expertise in various services that can assist people of all ages. She will talk about some caregiver tips for those dealing with dementia or Alzheimer's.

Please contact Kathy Steffenson at gksteff@gmail.com or Val Dranias at valdranias@aol.com with any questions. We hope that you will join us.

The Oratorical Festival

Sunday, April 14, 2024

There is still time to sign up!

This is a great opportunity for children in 7th-12th grade to reflect on and articulate their faith!

Choose from the category that best fits your gifts!
Speech, Essay, Poetry, Iconography, Vocal Solo or Vocal Chant

First Place in the Junior & Senior division for Speech will receive a \$500.00 scholarship prize to use for one of the following for Summer 2024: Fanari, Lighthouse, Crossroads, or Ionian Village!

TODAY: You can get feedback or help from a past Oratorical Winner in the Philoptochos room after Sunday School.

Get all the information you need by going to this link:





WEST SUBURBAN VICARIATE



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SUNDAY CONTRITION VESPERS

MARCH 17 | 6:00 PM

ST. DEMETRIOS - ELMHURST

His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael Presiding

MARCH 31 | 6:00 PM

ST. SOPHIA - ELGIN

APRIL 7 | 6:30 PM

HOLY APOSTLES - WESTCHESTER

Celebration of Books

APRIL 14 | 6:00 PM

ST. ATHANASIOS - AURORA

APRIL 21 | 6:00 PM

STS. CONSTANTINE & HELEN - ROCKFORD



The poster is framed by four stylized hands, one in each corner, holding the edges. The hands are rendered in a light gray, stippled style. The background of the poster is a dark gray with a fine, repeating pattern of small black dots.

BEDS-PLUS PACKING EVENT

Missions, Philoptochos & Stewardship Ministry
are hosting a Lenten Service event to assemble
summer season kits for the BEDS-PLUS
organization in La Grange.

Monday
April
15

Following the
Great Compline
Service at 7:00PM

BEDS Plus Care helps vulnerable individuals
stabilize their lives through housing and
supportive services.

Questions?

stewardship@holypostleschurch.com

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.



HOLY APOSTLES
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

SPRING PLANTING EVENT

Bring your own annual flowers, gardening tools and gloves!
We will be planting beautiful flowers in front of our church.

**SATURDAY APRIL 27TH
10:30AM- 12:00PM**

A great activity to do with friends, children,
grandchildren and loved ones!

Please note to bring only annual flowers

Questions? Email
stewardship@holypostleschurch.com



Seniors, please join us at

KOUKLA'S KAFENIO

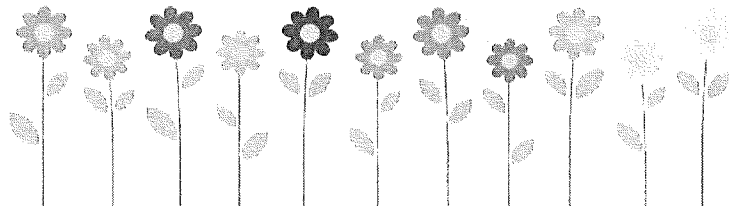
For: Greek Luncheon & Entertainment

Date: Thursday, May 9th

Time: 12 – 3pm

Place: Holy Apostles Multi-Purpose Room

All Seniors are invited to a lively afternoon of
Greek music, singing and dancing!



We will honor the special women in our lives:
Mothers, Grandmothers, Daughters, Aunts,
Godmothers and Special Friends.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, April 30th to Cathy Magas at (630) 941-8448



We will be collecting items for the Peoples Resource Center. If you'd like to donate, please bring new toiletries items: hand soap, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, etc. Thank you!

HOLY APOSTLES

GROUP OUTING TO



**THURSDAY,
JUNE 6TH, 7:10 PM**

**CHICAGO VS BOSTON
WHITE SOX RED SOX**

AT GUARANTEED RATE FIELD

**\$21 PER SEAT IN
SECTION 109**

**\$20 PARKING SPOT
IN RED LOT**



EACH TICKET COMES WITH A FREE TSHIRT!

**LIMITED TICKETS TO SIT TOGETHER
AVAILABLE, PURCHASE ASAP!
TICKET PURCHASING DEADLINE ON
APRIL 28th**

SIGN UP USING THE LINK IN YOUR WEEKLY EMAIL

QUESTIONS? EMAIL STEWARDSHIP@HOLYAPOSTLESCHURCH.COM

**ALL TICKETS WILL BE DELIVERED DIGITALLY AND TICKET HOLDERS WILL USE
APPLE WALLET OR GOOGLE PAY TO REDEEM TICKETS AT THE STADIUM**

MESSAGES FROM THE METROPOLIS

March/April 2024

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

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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