

**WEEKLY BULLETIN**

**APRIL 14, 2024**

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**SUNDAY**

8:15 a.m.  
9:30 a.m.  
Memorials:  
Artoklasia:

**APRIL 14 – SUNDAY OF ST JOHN CLIMACUS**

Orthros  
Divine Liturgy  
John Mathews, Constance Skalkos  
Q1 Ministry Outreach Recognition  
Celebration of Books  
GOYA Luminaria Sale  
Philoptochos Easter Candle Sale and Bake Sale Ordering  
Spring 2024 Parish Assembly  
Contrition Vespers @ St. Athanasios Church in Aurora, IL

**MONDAY**

7:00 p.m.  
8:00 p.m.

**APRIL 15**

Great Compline  
Lenten Service Project for BEDS Plus

**TUESDAY**

4:30 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.

**APRIL 16**

Greek School  
Neighborhood Bible Study – La Grange (Savas home)

**WEDNESDAY**

5:30 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.

**APRIL 17**

9<sup>th</sup> Hour/Pre-Sanctified Liturgy  
Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Dinner – Hosts: Jr GOYA & JOY

**THURSDAY**

6:45 a.m.  
1:00 p.m.  
4:30 p.m.  
7:30 p.m.

**APRIL 18**

Brotherhood of St Peter the Apostle  
Adult Bible Study  
Greek School  
Parish Council Meeting

**FRIDAY**

7:00 p.m.  
8:15 p.m.

**APRIL 19**

Akathist to the Theotokos  
Choir Rehearsal

**SATURDAY**

4:00 p.m.  
5:00 p.m.

**APRIL 20**

Open Confession  
Vespers

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**Epistle Reading**—Hebrews 6:13-20

Reader: Zoe Panton

**Gospel Reading**—Mark 9:17-31

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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.

**The insert in your bulletin is the Apolytikion (Hymn) of Synaxis of the 12 Apostles.** Beginning today, we will sing Apostoli Agii, in Greek and English.

### **Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον. - Ἦχος δ΄.**

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριάι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

To fedron tis anastaseos kirigma, ek tu Angelu mathuse, e tu Kiriu mathitrie, ke tin progonikin apofasin aporipsase, tis Apostolis kahomene elegon. Eskilefte o Thanatos, igerthi Christos o Theos, thorumenos to kosmo to mega eleos.

### **Resurrectional Apolytikion. - Mode 4.**

When the women disciples of the Lord heard the Angel joyously proclaim the resurrection, they cast aside the ancestral verdict, and boasting in glory they said to the Apostles, “Death has been despoiled! Christ God has risen, granting the great mercy to the world!”

### **The Epistle—Hebrews 6:13-20**

Brethren, when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore to himself, saying, “Surely I will bless you and multiply you.” And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by a greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he interposed with an oath, so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

### **The Gospel—Mark 9:17-31**

At that time, a man came to Jesus kneeling and saying: “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit; and wherever it seizes him it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” And he answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.” And they brought the boy to him; and when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, “How long has he had this?” And he said, “From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you can do anything, have pity on us and help us.” And Jesus said to him, “If you can! All things are possible to him who believes.” Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!” And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again.” And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, “He is dead.” But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting.” They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he would not have any one know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise.”

**Today's Artoklasia** is celebrated to thank Holy Apostles' ministries for their service and to also recognize these outreach projects performed during the first quarter, January through March 2024:

- GOYA – Made kits for priests to distribute when visiting sick parishioners in the hospital. The kits, part of the nonprofit “Chrisy’s Kits”, started by Ariana Mandelaris, a Holy Apostles GOYA member, include cards and prayer rocks painted by GOYA members to help brighten hospital stays.
- Jr. GOYA – Made cards to be distributed to hospitalized children from Holy Apostles.
- Missions: Feed6 Challenge – Packed 100,000 meals and donated to Project Hope.
- Missions/Philoptochos: Collected food for Project HOPE.
- Parish Council: Hosted the Macaronatha Luncheon on Cheesefare Sunday. All free will donations received will be sent to the Orthodox Church of Albania to provide scholarships for children to attend the summer Family Camp run by Nathan and Gabriela Hoppe.
- Parish Retreat Youth activity: Made 20 laundry kits for BEDS Plus Care clients. BEDS Plus Care helps vulnerable individuals stabilize their lives through housing and supportive services.
- Philoptochos: Collected children’s books for Bernie’s Book Bank, a group that distributes books to under-served children throughout Chicagoland; made fleece blankets for their Blankets of Love collection, which were given to seniors during Valentine’s Day Pillars and Rocks visits; established a “comfort closet” for needy students in a nearby community as part of their Operation Classroom initiative by donating basic necessities and a cabinet to store the items; donated \$1000 to STARS Family Services for their Art Study Program.
- Stewardship Fifth Saturday Serve: Made baskets for elementary and middle school graduates and final exam survival kits for college graduates of York Community Resource Center of Lombard.
- Stewardship: Hosted Trivia Night and donated all proceeds to the Westchester Food Pantry.

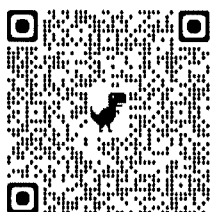
**Red Easter Eggs Wrapping** – Philoptochos is asking parishioners to donate red eggs so that they may be wrapped in tulle for distribution at our Easter services. Please bring boiled, unrefrigerated red eggs to the multi-purpose room by Holy Thursday (May 2). The eggs will be wrapped in tulle after 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](mailto:arkarras@gmail.com) or 773.719.2619.

**YAL Spring Retreat, Friday-Sunday, April 19-21** – Join YAL Chicago for a weekend retreat full of faith, fellowship and service. Go to <https://chicago.goarch.org/yal-spring-24/>, for more information on Holy Week: Walk with Christ, to be held at St Iakovos Retreat Center.

**Children in the Loft on Sunday, April 21** – The final Children in the Loft date is Sunday, April 21, which is **Youth Proclaim Christ Sunday**. We will meet in the multi-purpose room at 9:00 am. Please confirm your child's participation by replying to [loft@holypostleschurch.com](mailto:loft@holypostleschurch.com).

**Holy Friday Retreat** – All children in Pre-K through 5th grade are welcome to join us for our Annual Holy Friday Retreat on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will begin after Royal Hours, at 11:00am, and conclude by 2:15pm. Please sign up if your child would like to participate. All ages of volunteers are welcome! Anyone in 6th through 12th grade is encouraged to sign up to help with flowers, candles, eggs, and more! Please sign-up by April 28<sup>th</sup> via the QR code below!

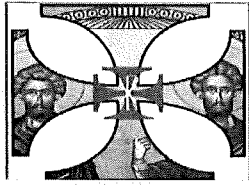


**Need Service Hours?** – Holy Apostles is hosting the Metropolis Oratorical Festival on Saturday, May 11. We need volunteers to serve as timekeepers, door guards and general helpers. High school students and adults are welcome. If interested, please email Mrs. Milak at [sundayschooldirector@holypostleschurch.com](mailto:sundayschooldirector@holypostleschurch.co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

**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 attend. 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, radio play lines are read, not memorized. Interested? Contact one of our directors, Zoe Bolchert, Nikki and Renee Govostis, Jane Tselepis, or Mr. D. by email at [fanari@me.com](mailto:fanari@me.com), or by phone or text, (708) 528-2782.

**Junior Olympics will be held May 25-26, 2024 at SS. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church and Stagg High School, Palos Hills, IL.** All are encouraged to attend the Opening Ceremony on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am. Times for other sports will be announced closer to the date. If you would like to be a coach, athlete or volunteer, please scan the QR code below or register via the link in your email or on the church website.





## **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**

**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 \*\*\****



# 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](mailto: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](mailto:stewardship@holypostleschurch.com)



Seniors, please join us at

# KOUKLA'S KAFENIO

For: Greek Luncheon & Entertainment

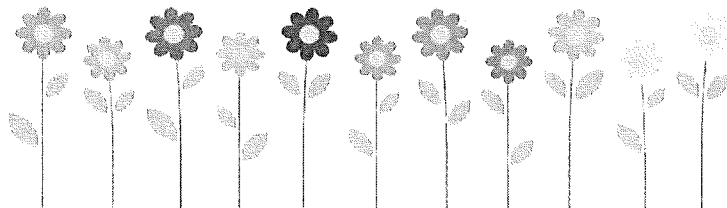
Date: Thursday, May 9th

Time: 12 – 3pm

Place: Holy Apostles Multi-Purpose Room

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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 30<sup>th</sup> 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

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## GROUP OUTING TO



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

**CHICAGO VS BOSTON  
WHITE SOX RED SOX**

**AT GUARANTEED RATE FIELD**

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

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

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**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](mailto: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**

# Sermon Notes

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