

**WEEKLY BULLETIN**

**MAY 12, 2024**

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**SUNDAY**

8:15 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hour: Hosted by Emilia Linardakis in loving memory of Aferdita Qirko

**MONDAY**

6:00 p.m.

**TUESDAY**

11:30 a.m.

1:00 p.m.

4:30 p.m.

6:15 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

**THURSDAY**

10:00 a.m.

1:00 p.m.

4:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY**

4:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY**

9:00 a.m.

1:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

**MAY 12 – SUNDAY OF ST. THOMAS**

Orthros

Divine Liturgy

Hosted by Emilia Linardakis in loving memory of Aferdita Qirko

**MAY 13**

Neolea Dance Troupe Practice

**MAY 14**

Feed the Hungry @ Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Chicago

Caregivers Support Meeting

Greek School

JOY

Parish Council Meeting

League of Chanters Practice

**MAY 15**

Jr. GOYA Meeting

Stewardship & Welcome Ministry Meeting

**MAY 16**

TOTS

Adult Bible Study

Greek School

**MAY 17**

Adventure Theater Dress Rehearsal & Dinner

Small Paraklesis

**MAY 18**

Spring Family Fun Fest

Telos – Professional Mentorship Event

Vespers

Vespers Pot Luck Dinner

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**Epistle Reading**—Acts 5:12-20

Reader: Zoe Panton

**Gospel Reading**—John 20:19-31

Guest Preacher: Dr. John Fotopoulos

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**Happy Mother's Day!**

“A good wife and mother is far more precious than jewels. She rises while it is yet night and provides food for her household. Her lamp does not go out at night. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: ‘Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.’ Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.” -*Proverbs 31*

### **Ἀπολυτίκιον. – Sunday of St. Thomas**

Ἐσφραγισμένου τοῦ μνήματος, ἡ ζωὴ ἐκ τάφου ἀνέτειλας Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός· καὶ τῶν θυρῶν κεκλεισμένων, τοῖς Μαθηταῖς ἐπέστης, ἡ πάντων ἀνάστασις· Πνεῦμα εὐθὲς δι' αὐτῶν ἐγκαινίζων ἡμῖν, κατὰ τὸ μέγα σου ἔλεος· Χριστὸς ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι, ζωὴν χαρισάμενος.

The tomb being sealed, You rose from the sepulcher, O Christ God, the Life. And the doors being shut, You came to the disciples, O resurrection of all. Through them You renew a right spirit within us, according to Your great mercy. Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

### **The Epistle – Acts 5:12-20**

In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

### **The Gospel – John 20:19-31**

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them: "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him: "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them: "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not believe." Eight days later, His disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said: "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to Him: "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

**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.

**Tickets for Adventure Theater's Final Production** – On Sunday, May 12, immediately following Divine Liturgy, members of the Holy Apostles Adventure Theater will be taking reservations in the Multipurpose Room for their luncheon and Easter radio performance, 'Tomb with the Unbreakable Seal', to be performed on Sunday, May 19. We are asking for a \$5.00 donation for those 6 years old to 89 years old. Admission is free for those younger and older. Please make your reservation with the children next Sunday or you can call, text, or email Mr. D. at 708.528.2782 or [fanari@me.com](mailto:fanari@me.com).

**Feed the Hungry on Tuesday, May 14** – Philoptochos will be feeding the hungry at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church on Tuesday, May 14 at 11:15 am. Sack lunches will be prepared in the multipurpose room on Monday, May 13 at 11:00 am. The meals will be driven to Chicago for distribution on the next day. To assist, please contact Anne Theophilos at [annetheophilos@aol.com](mailto:annetheophilos@aol.com).

**Vacation Bible School is Scheduled for June 10-14, 2024!** – Registration is \$40 per child. To participate, your child must have turned 3 years old by September 2023. There are **limited seats available**, a maximum of 20 students per class, so act now. **Registration closes on May 15.** Please email or call Nicole Voelz at [nicolefailla@gmail.com](mailto:nicolefailla@gmail.com) or 630-673-6635 with questions.

**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 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.



**Philoptochos Luncheon Fashion Show on Saturday, October 19** – It is with great anticipation that the Philoptochos fashion show committee begins its planning for the Luncheon Fashion Show, An Enchanted Afternoon, to be held on Saturday, October 19, 2024. The raffle and auction committee invites all to donate a prize or monetary donation to contribute to the awe-inspiring raffle and auction, which generates funds for the worthy beneficiaries. This year's beneficiaries are Easterseals, DuPage & Fox Valley, and Crossroad Institute. Prizes most coveted over the years are handbags, jewelry, and electronics. To make a contribution, please contact Val Dranias at [valdranias@aol.com](mailto:valdranias@aol.com), Emily Rehn at [platovalentine@hotmail.com](mailto:platovalentine@hotmail.com), or Cynthia Stathopoulos at [cstath11@comcast.net](mailto:cstath11@comcast.net).

**POISED FOR SUCCESS  
CLOTHING DRIVE**



Philoptochos will be collecting new or gently used clothing *May 11th-26th* for Poised for Success.

Accepting Spring/Summer clothing ONLY (Linen, light fabrics, blazers, etc). All items must be clean, in like new condition and on hangers



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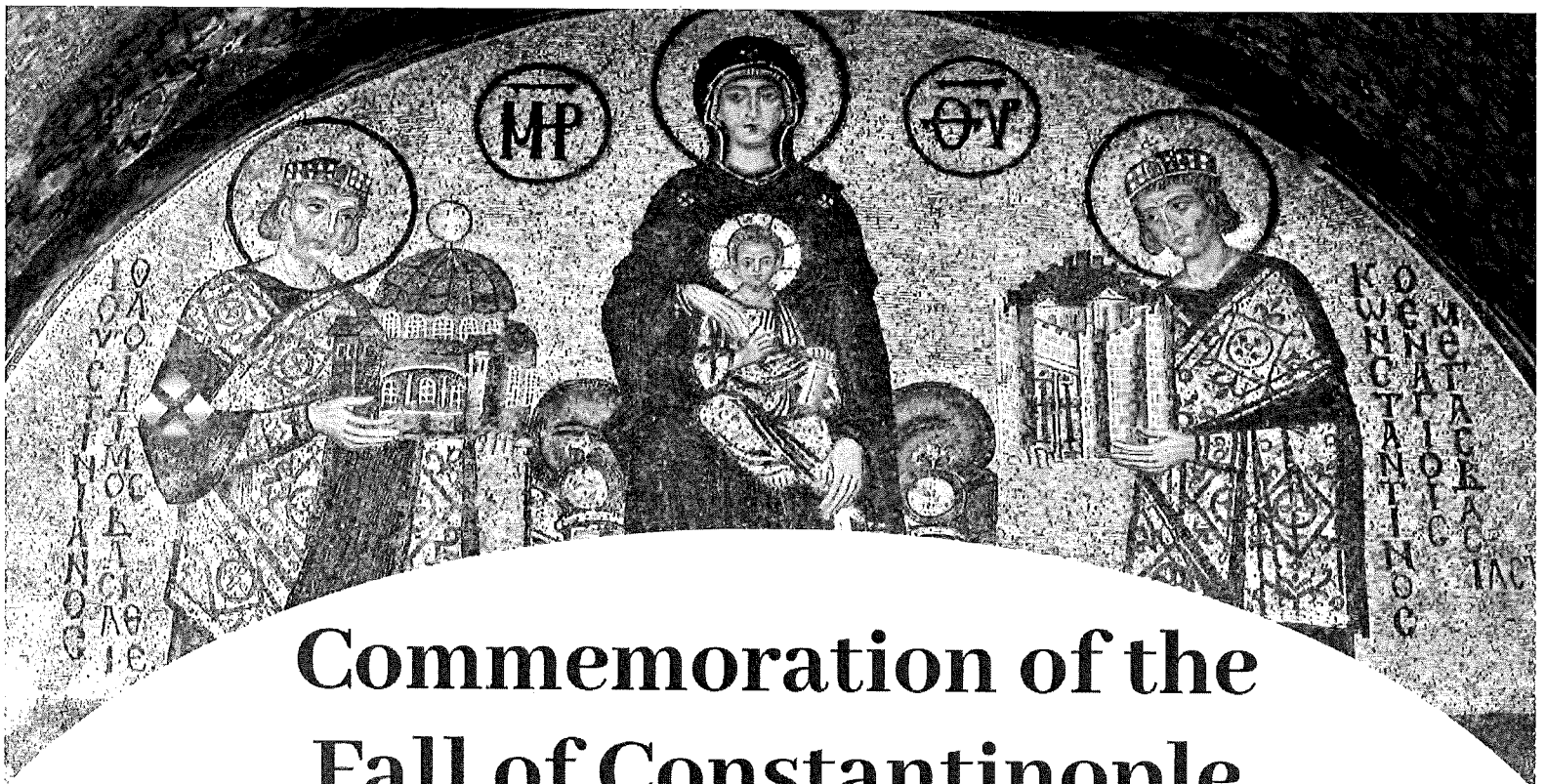
A HOLY APOSTLES MINISTRY

*Please join us for Coffee and Discussion*

*Tuesday, May 14th*

*At 1:00 pm In the Philoptochos Room*

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



# Commemoration of the Fall of Constantinople

## *The Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople: Past, Present and Future Responsibilities*

All are invited to come learn about Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and our Patriarchate in Constantinople.

A short film on Constantinople will be shown. The Ascension of Our Lord Girls Chanting Group will sing Byzantine hymns and light refreshments will be served by the St. John the Baptist Philoptochos following the program.

- Thursday, May 16th  
at 7p.m.
- St. John the Baptist  
Greek Orthodox Church  
2350 E. Dempster Street  
Des Plaines, IL

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### ABOUT THE SPEAKER

**Archon Dr. John Fotopoulos, Ph.D.**

Dr. Fotopoulos is Chair and Associate Professor in the Dept. of Religious Studies and Theology at Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN. He graduated as valedictorian with a Master of Divinity degree from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology and received his Ph.D. from Loyola University Chicago. He specializes in the New Testament and early Christian literature.

Sponsored by the Metropolis of Chicago, the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Chicago and the Hellenic Society of Constantinople.





# SPRING FUN FEST

SATURDAY  
MAY 18TH  
10:00-11:30 AM



CRAFTS  
GAMES & PRIZES  
FACE PAINTING  
CAKE WALK

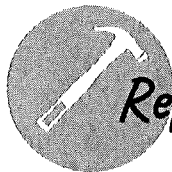
FREE FAMILY EVENT FOR  
PRESCHOOLERS  
THROUGH FIFTH GRADERS



Holy Apostles  
Multipurpose Room  
No Registration Necessary!

Questions? Email [stewardship@holypostleschurch.com](mailto:stewardship@holypostleschurch.com)

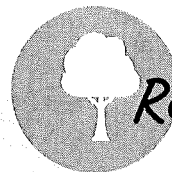




*Repair*








*Restore*



*Revive*

Please join us for a Volunteer Day at the St. Iakovos Retreat Center  
Saturday, May 18, 2024 from 10:30 am – 4:00pm

## *Come Be A Friend Of The Retreat Center And Get It Ready For The Summer*

-  ❖ Spend the day working on select projects around the campus, and enjoying a lite lunch and refreshments
-  ❖ Enjoy the fellowship of like-minded volunteers and their families
-  ❖ Projects will be geared towards all abilities for ages 10 and older
-  ❖ Lend a hand amidst the stunning grounds of the retreat center
-  ❖ Be a part of preserving the beauty of the St. Iakovos Retreat Center for generations to come!

Questions? Please email, text or call Marion  
at [marion.karras@gmail.com](mailto:marion.karras@gmail.com) / 630-561-5972

To register and read more about  
the day's activities, click below

*We look forward to seeing you on May 18th!*

**Register Now**

You are invited to the  
Holy Apostles Philoptochos Society  
**General Meeting/  
Thank You Pizza Party**

We want to thank all our wonderful Philoptochos sisters for all they do and give!

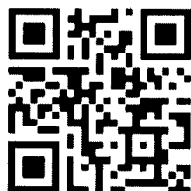
Tuesday, May 21st @ 7:00 pm  
Holy Apostles  
Multi-purpose Room  
Pizza, salad and dessert will be served

RSVP by 5/15 to Aleka Ernst  
[alekaernst@aol.com](mailto:alekaernst@aol.com) or (630) 561-1660

Please join our Philoptochos Chapter to continue its mission -  
Online registration link/QR code below  
or by check

[www.tinyurl.com/haphiloptochos](http://www.tinyurl.com/haphiloptochos)

or





## **Save the Date**

**Holy Apostles Annual Golf Outing  
Monday, July 8**

**At Seven Bridges Golf Club**

**11:30 - 12:30 Check-in and Lunch**

**12:30 Shotgun Start with Scramble format**

**Cocktails at 6:00 pm, Dinner at 6:30 pm**

**Golf Gifts and Raffle Prizes**

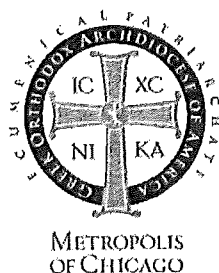
**Get a foursome together or we will pair you  
up!**

***Adult golf, lunch and dinner - \$190***

***Youth under 21 golf, lunch and dinner - \$100***

***Dinner only - \$80***

***Please Join Us!***



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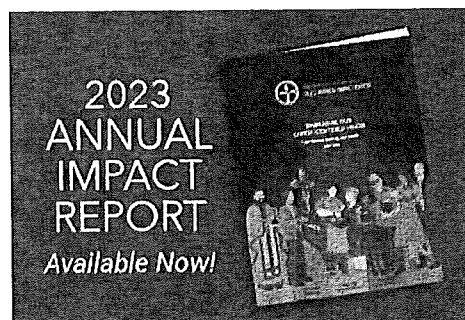
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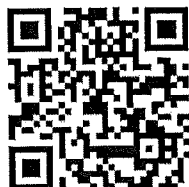
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**6/14** 40th Annual Saint John Chrysostom  
Oratorical and Fine Arts Festival  
*Host Parish: Holy Apostles, Westchester IL*

**6/16** Commemoration of the Fall of Constantinople  
*St. John the Baptist, Des Plaines IL*  
Sponsored by the Metropolis of Chicago, the Archons of the Ecumenical  
Patriarchate of Chicago, and the Hellenic Society of Constantinople

**7/24-26** 2024 Junior Olympics  
*Sts. Constantine & Helen and Stagg High School,  
Palos Hills IL*

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