

**WEEKLY BULLETIN**

**JULY 21, 2024**

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**SUNDAY**

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

**JULY 21**

Orthros  
Divine Liturgy  
John Brales, Aspasia Patras, Nick & Josephine Zaharopoulos  
Q2 Ministry Recognition  
Hosted by Missions Ministry for the Hoppe Family

**TUESDAY**

9:00 a.m.  
7:00 p.m.  
7:30 p.m.

**JULY 23**

St John Chrysostom Monastery Visit  
Jr GOYA & GOYA Outing – Ice Cream & Chill @ Tate's in LaGrange  
League of Chanters Practice

**FRIDAY**

8:00 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.

**JULY 26 – FEAST DAY OF ST PARASKEVI**

Orthros  
Divine Liturgy

**SATURDAY**

8:00 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.

**JULY 27 – FEAST DAY OF ST PANTELEIMON**

Orthros  
Divine Liturgy

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**Epistle Reading**—Romans 6:18-23  
**Gospel Reading**—Matthew 8:5-13

Reader: Renee Govostis  
Sermon: Nathan Hoppe

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**Today's Artoklasia** is celebrated to thank Holy Apostles' ministries for their service and to also recognize the outreach projects performed by the following ministries from April through June 2024:

- **Good Friday Youth Retreat:** Students in kindergarten through 5th grade assembled kits for children with cancer for the "Childhood Cancer Warriors" foundation and made cards to be included with Chrissy's kits, which are given by priests to sick people they visit in the hospital.
- **Vacation Bible School:** Pre-school through 3rd grade students made cards and painted positive affirmation rocks to be included with Chrissy's kits.
- **Vacation Bible School/Philoptochos:** Students donated 95 bags and boxes of cereal to be distributed to the Hillside Food Pantry. Fourth and fifth grade students made 26 blankets for the Animal Rescue Foundation in Wheaton.
- **Fifth Saturday Serve/Philoptochos:** Packed backpacks filled with school supplies and water bottles for underserved students in kindergarten through 8th grade in nearby communities for the Operation Classroom initiative.
- **Missions:** Organized the annual 5k run. All proceeds were donated to the Philoxenia House in Rochester, Minnesota.
- **Missions/Philoptochos:** Food collection for Project HOPE.
- **Missions/Philoptochos/Stewardship:** Lenten service project to assemble summer season kits for BEDS-Plus individuals.
- **Philoptochos:** Assembled specially formulated meals at Feed My Starving Children, prepared and distributed sack lunches for the Feed the Hungry initiative at Annunciation Cathedral, made Mother's Day baskets filled with blankets, lip balm, tea and water bottles for Thumbuddy Special, an organization that supports special needs children and their families, and collected professional women's attire for the Poised for Success clothing drive.

### **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.

### **Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον – Ἦχος 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 ἄδου 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, prototokos ton nekron eyeneto, ek kilias Athu erisato imas, ke pareshe to kosmo to mega eleos.

### **The Epistle – Romans 6:18-23**

Brethren, having been set free from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you once yielded your members to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now yield your members to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But then what return did you get from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the return you get is sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **The Gospel – Matthew 8:5-13**

At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, he marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

**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.

**A Special Thank You** to Sandy Pihos for hosting the feast day celebration at our Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church. The event was wonderful, filled with warmth, joy and a sense of community that made the day memorable for everyone who attended. Sincere thanks to those who assisted, baked and donated. The MPR looked beautiful and the food was delicious on the evening of this special occasion.

**Holy Apostles Group Outing to St. John Chrysostom Monastery on Tuesday, July 23** – Our comfortable tour bus (with a restroom) will depart at 9:00am to bring us from our church to the St. John Chrysostom Monastery in Pleasant Prairie, WI. We will meet with some of the monastics while touring the beautiful grounds, many chapels, and holy spaces of the monastery. Following the visit, we will travel to Demetris Greek Restaurant (Deerfield, IL) for a delicious lunch. We should return to Holy Apostles by 4:00pm. We hope that you can join us. Please RSVP to Jim Sotirakos at [jims39@comcast.net](mailto:jims39@comcast.net) to reserve your spot!

**Sign Up Today for the Annual Holy Apostles Church Picnic on Sunday, July 28** – The big event is next week. Please reserve your spot and make your food preferences known in the MPR today or by clicking on the link in the Weekly News.

**The Children's Word**, a weekly bulletin for young children, is now available at the candlestand. Its content, produced as a ministry of the Orthodox Christian Network (OCN), typically includes a short story about a saint, a word search and a picture for coloring.

**Holy Apostles Upcoming Summer Youth Events** – Please plan to attend these fun events:

- Thu, 8/1, 10am-noon: Splash Island (TOTS Ages 1-5), 1450 Forest Gate Rd, Oak Brook
- Wed, 8/7, 5-8pm: Pizza & Paraklesis (JOY, Jr GOYA & GOYA), Holy Apostles Church

**Feed My Starving Children on Saturday, August 10** – Philoptochos will volunteer at Feed My Starving Children in Aurora from 9:00 - 10:45am that morning. 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](mailto: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.

**Upcoming Metropolis of Chicago Parish Festivals** – Please mark your calendars with these dates of upcoming local festivals in July, August and September:

- 7/21 (Today), Holy Taxiarchai-St Haralambos, Niles IL and St George, Schererville IN
- 8/17-18, Sts Constantine & Helen, Palos Hills IL
- 8/31-9/1, Assumption, Homer Glen IL
- 9/14-15, Sts Peter & Paul, Glenview IL
- 9/27-29, St Athanasios, Aurora IL

# Saturday Vespers Potluck

First Saturday of Each Month

## 2024

- August 3\*
- September 7
- October 5
- November 2
- December 7 \*

## 2025

- January 4
- February 1
- March 1\*
- April 5\*
- May 3

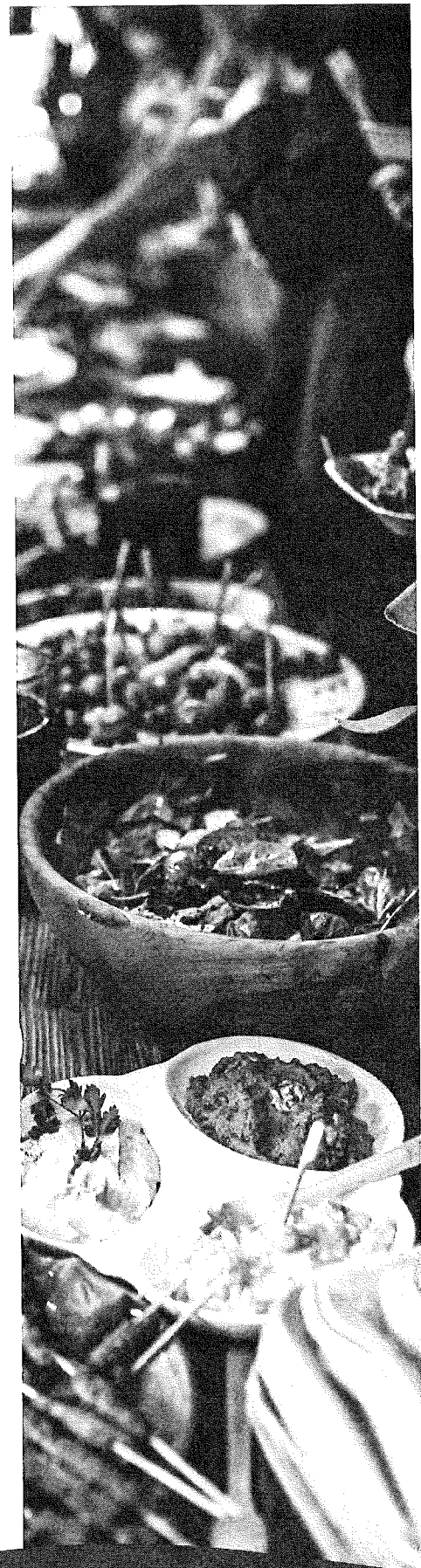
*\*On these days, please bring fasting-friendly meals  
On March 1st, dairy & eggs are allowed*

Vespers Service Begins at 5:00 PM  
Potluck Immediately Following  
at 6:00 PM

Sign up each month using  
the link in the weekly email

**QUESTIONS?**

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



# JOINT SERVICE PACKING EVENT

Missions, Philoptochos & Stewardship Ministry are hosting a service event to assemble birthday kits for the Westchester Food Pantry.

Tuesday  
August

**13**

Paraklesis  
at 7:00 PM

Project  
at 8:00 PM

We will be collecting donations in the "birthday wrapped" box by HARC. Items to be collected: boxed cake mix and frosting, birthday candles, birthday paper plates and napkins, birthday decorations (streamers, balloons, party hats, etc)

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# GREEK HERITAGE SPECIAL TICKET OFFER



TUESDAY  
AUGUST 20th

7:05 PM  
WRIGLEY FIELD

The Greek Heritage Special Ticket Offer includes a ticket to the Cubs-Tigers game at Wrigley Field and a **special-edition Cubs hat featuring the flag of Greece** on the underbill, perfect for showing your Cubs and Greek pride!



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TICKETS!



To purchase tickets for a group of 15 or more, please call  
Luke Levin at 773-404-4196 or email [llevin@cubs.com](mailto:llevin@cubs.com).

# Sermon Notes

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