

WEEKLY BULLETIN JULY 28, 2024

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SUNDAY

JULY 28

8:45 a.m.

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10:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy

Family Picnic:

Hosted by Parish Council

THURSDAY

AUGUST 1

10:00 a.m.

TOTS Splash Island

7:00 p.m.

Paraklesis

FRIDÂY

AUGUST 2

7:00 p.m.

Paraklesis

SATURDAY

AUGUST 3

5:00 p.m.

Vespers

6:00 p.m.

Vespers Potluck Dinner

Epistle Reading—Romans 10:1-10

Reader: Madeline Kubesh

Gospel Reading—Matthew 8:28-34; 9:1

FAMILY PICNIC TODAY! – We look forward to seeing everyone at our annual picnic, hosted by the Parish Council, immediately after today's Divine Liturgy.

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 and be sure to RSVP to Alexa at <u>Youthdirector@holyapostleschurch.com</u>:

- 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 <u>platovalentine@hotmail.com</u> or 708-369-9365. Families are welcome to help (children 5 and older). This is also a great opportunity to earn service hours.

FIELD TRIP: Great Vespers for Dormition of the Theotokos on Wednesday, August 14 – Please join us in attending this beautiful service at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church on Central Avenue in Chicago. We have chartered a bus to transport approximately 50 people to this magnificent venue. All you need to do is drive to Holy Apostles and leave your car in our parking lot. A bus, equipped with a bathroom, will be ready to leave by 6:00pm. Vespers begin at 7:00pm, so we will return no later than 10:00pm. To reserve your seat(s), please send an email to office@holyapostleschurch.com or call Lou at 708.562.2744. First come, first served!

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!"

Απολυτίκιον Άναστάσιμον-Ήχος δ΄.

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ ἄγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριαι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς ἄποστόλοις 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.

The Epistle – Romans 10:1-10

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that every one who has faith may be justified. Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says, Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

The Gospel - Matthew 8:28-34; 9:1

At that time, when Jesus came to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one would pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.



Looking for a way to give back and serve God? Please consider the needed volunteer opportunities below and contact Alexa at Youthdirector@holyapostleschurch.com if interested in learning more! These are open to EVERYONE! We want YOU!

- Sunday School we need teachers and subs for Sundays.
- Jr. GOYA Advisors we need two to three adults to help at meetings with 6th, 7th and 8th graders every 1st and 3rd Wednesday. You also would facilitate snacks, and send reminder emails. You would NOT plan lessons or need to teach.
- Athletic Director We need a new director to help plan the basketball league, and Jr. Olympics. Aleka will help you for your first year.
- Cooking for JOY We need a few volunteers to help cook dinner for the JOY ministry (kids ages 5-12). We meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesday with about 20-30 children per meeting. We are desperate so even if you can only do one time, please let me know!

Saturday Vespers Potluck

First Saturday of Each Month

2024

2025

* August 3*

· January 4

*September 7

*February 1

October 5

·March 1*

November 2

April 5*

December 7 *

•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@holyapostleschurch.com



JOINT SERVICE DACKING EVENT

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

Tuesday August

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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)

stewardship@holyapostleschurch.com



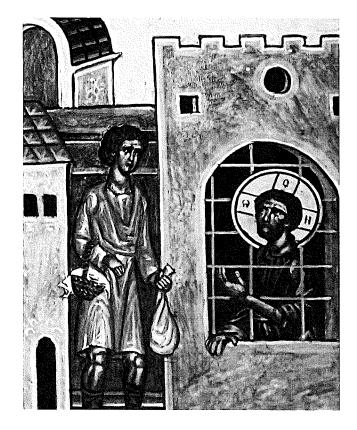
PRISON MINISTRY AWARENESS SUNDAY

Did you know that there are Orthodox Christians practicing their faith in prison? Or that there are prisoners who are ready to repent of their crimes and embrace the Orthodox Church? **Who will minister to them?**

As the national prison ministry of the Orthodox Church, Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM) supports prisoners' unique spiritual needs through longterm case management and provides resources and training to parishes and clergy, enabling them to offer local solutions and fulfill Christ's command to visit Him in prison. As a result, families are reunited, marriages are healed, and thousands of incarcerated men and women have a new sense of peace and restored order in their lives.

4,667
TOTAL PRISONERS MINISTERED TO

BIBLE STUDIES, DAILY READINGS, AND SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS SENT IN 2023



"I was in prison, and you visited Me."

Matthew 25:36

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