

**WEEKLY BULLETIN**  
**SEPTEMBER 8, 2024**

**SUNDAY**

**SEPTEMBER 8 – FEAST DAY: NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS**

8:15 a.m. Orthros  
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
After Communion: First Day of Sunday School  
Fellowship Hour: Ministry Fair hosted by Stewardship & Welcome Ministry  
11:35 a.m. GOYA Board Meeting

**TUESDAY**

**SEPTEMBER 10**

11:00 a.m. OCCA Meeting  
1:00 p.m. Caregivers Support Meeting  
4:30 p.m. Greek School  
6:30 p.m. GOYA BBQ

**WEDNESDAY**

**SEPTEMBER 11**

6:30 p.m. Philoptochos Fashion Show Workshop

**THURSDAY**

**SEPTEMBER 12**

1:00 p.m. Bible Study  
4:30 p.m. Greek School  
6:15 p.m. Neolea Dance Troupe

**SATURDAY**

**SEPTEMBER 14 – FEAST DAY: ELEVATION OF THE CROSS**

8:00 a.m. Orthros  
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
10:00 a.m. Jr GOYA & GOYA Car Wash  
5:00 p.m. Vespers

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**Epistle Reading**—Galatians 6:11-18

**Gospel Reading**—John 3:13-17

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**Ministry Fair Today** – Please visit our Ministry Fair after Divine Liturgy to learn about the ministries our church has to offer you and your family. Representatives will be stationed at tables throughout the room to answer your questions.

**Special Thanks** – We're blessed by these Sunday School volunteers who donate their time and talent to teach and engage our children and help them build relationships with each other and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ:

- Toni Milak, Alicia Sage, Fran Antonopoulos, Andrea San Luis, Deanne Chiganos, Tricia Chiganos, Nicole Kubesh, Joanne Panopoulos, Demetra Theotikos, Thania Panopoulos, Bessie & Jim Pappas, Alexa Kakis, George Demetralis, Dolly Patsavos-Panton, James Nicholas, Pres. Christa Dokos, Alex Magdalinos, Jim Tselepis, Steven Milak, Peter & Megan Savas, Chris Chakonas, Cynthia Stathopoulos, Yvonne Fawell, Deb Chiganos, Eleni Fosses, Vanessa Clohessy, Deanna Markos, Sundy Urban, Garen & Anna Toloken

## **Resurrectional Apolytikion**

### **Mode 2.**

When You descended unto Death, O Lord, You who are immortal Life put Hades to death, by the lightning of Your divinity. And when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the hosts of heaven sang aloud to You, “O Christ God, Giver of life, glory to You!”

### **Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον.**

#### **Ἦχος β΄.**

Ὅτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ ζωὴ ἢ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας, τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς θεότητος· ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

Ote katilthes pros ton thanaton, i Zoi i athanatos, tote ton Athin enekrosas, ti astrapi tis Theotitos. Ote the ke tus tethneotas ek ton kaththonion anestisas, pase e Thinamis ton epuranion ekragazon; Zo-othota Christe, o Theos imon thoxa si.

### **The Epistle – Galatians 6:11-18**

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

### **The Gospel – John 3:13-17**

The Lord said, “No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.”

**Sunday School Begins Today** – We are so excited to welcome your children into our Sunday School classrooms today! Our amazing teachers have been busy preparing fun and meaningful lessons to not only engage and teach your children, but more importantly to help them build relationships with one another and with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Sunday School begins with the Liturgy. Children gain so much from hearing the prayers, seeing the icons, singing the hymns, listening to the Gospel, and taking communion. Like last year, when children arrive in time to hear the Gospel being read, they can put a sticker on their card in the Narthex and earn prizes!

Children will line up for communion first. If you have young children who need to be escorted to their classroom, you are welcome to commune with them. When ready, please exit the door near the choir, and head down the hall toward the classrooms. Children may select one treat from the snack table on their way to class.

Parents are then free to enjoy the end of Divine Liturgy and some coffee and conversation in the fellowship hall until 11:35am, when classes will conclude. Children in third grade and younger should be picked up by parents promptly from their classrooms. Older children will be dismissed independently, unless you make other arrangements with the teacher.

**New for this Year:**

- Our youngest classes (PreK through 3rd grade) will each get a rotating turn to sit in a reserved front-row pew with their teacher. This is a special opportunity for the children to see what happens during the liturgy from a great vantage point!
- Our weekly PreK class in room 206 will be limited to children who have turned 4 by September 1, 2024. Younger preschool children will be invited to come with a parent to the TOTS room after communion to enjoy some learning and play-stations together, providing a wonderful opportunity for parents to get to know one another.

**Classrooms** (Rooms 105-108 are downstairs and Rooms 205-208 are upstairs):

- PreK: Room 206 with Mrs Alicia & Mrs Fran
- Kindergarten: Room 207 with Mrs Andrea
- 1st Grade: Room 208 with Mrs Deanne & Mrs Tricia
- 2nd Grade: Room 105 with Mrs Nicole & Mrs Joanne
- 3rd Grade: Room 107 with Miss Demetra & Ms Thania
- 4th/5th Grade: Room 106 with Mrs and Mr Pappas & Mr and Mrs Kakis
- 6th Grade: Room 205 with Mr D, Mr James, and Mrs Panton
- 7th/8th Grade: Room 108 with Presvytera Christa and Mr Alex
- 9th/10th Grade: Room "GOYA" room behind HARC with Mr Milak and Mr Tselepis
- 11th/12th Grade: Philoptochos Room with Mr and Mrs Savas

Please reach out to Toni at [sundayschooldirector@holypostleschurch.com](mailto:sundayschooldirector@holypostleschurch.com) or 630-341-2013 if you have any questions.

**Bible Study Begins on Thursday, September 12** – Fr George will lead the group in studying the Gospel of St John. Please gather for fellowship at 1:00pm. Sessions begin at 1:30pm and end between 2:30 and 3:00pm. Lunch will be provided.

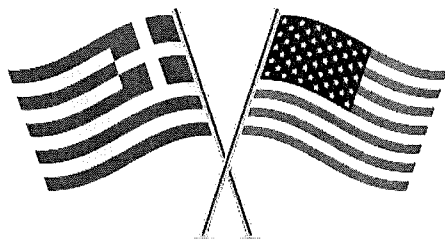
**New Ministry Begins on Wednesday, September 18** – The first meeting of our Bereavement Group will be held on Wednesday, September 18 at 1:00pm. We hope and pray that this group will be a safe place for participants to hear and to be heard, to find solace and rest, a place where peace and love settle in your soul. Our plan is to meet on the third Wednesday of the next six months. Please email Cleo Pappas at [cleop76@gmail.com](mailto:cleop76@gmail.com) to indicate your interest.

**Handmaidens Ministry Looking for New Members** – All high school age girls are welcome to participate in the liturgical life of the church by becoming readers or proskomide bakers, or both! Readers take turns reading the Epistle at the Divine Liturgy on Sundays. Bakers bake proskomide for the Divine Liturgy when it falls on the fifth Sunday of a month. Email [Handmaidens@holyapostleschurch.com](mailto:Handmaidens@holyapostleschurch.com) to join the ministry or ask questions.

**Discoveries in Orthodoxy Begins on Thursday, September 26** – Deacon Perry's new series entitled, "**Of Water and Spirit**", will focus on *the meaning & spirituality of Baptism for Orthodox Christians*. We'll not only discuss the various elements of the sacrament of Baptism, but, more importantly, we'll explore how our baptism and chrismation remain relevant for our spiritual lives today. To guide the sessions, he'll be using **Fr. Alexander Schmemmann's classic book, *Of Water and the Spirit***. This is "optional" or "recommended reading" for all who attend, and HARC has extra copies of the book available for purchase if you'd like to follow along.

Please mark your calendars, invite your friends & neighbors, and attend as many sessions as you can. All sessions will be held at Holy Apostles on **Thursday evenings, 7:15-8:15pm**, scheduled and structured as follows:

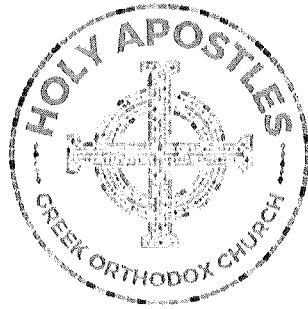
1. Thu, 9/26 (immediately following evening Divine Liturgy) – "The Lost Meaning of Baptism and Why it Matters"
2. Thu, 10/3 – "From Preparation to Immersion"
3. Thu, 10/24 – "From Immersion to Chrismation & Life in the Spirit"
4. Thu, 11/7 – "The Fulfillment of Baptism-Eucharist and Living the Resurrection"



**Fellowship Hour on Sunday, September 29** – Holy Apostles Philoptochos has decided to host a Pop Up Kafé after the Divine Liturgy on this day, with ALL proceeds going to the Greek Fire Relief Fund. This fund was launched by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America to aid the communities in the Attica region affected by the devastating fires that took place in August.

A collection box will be in place in the multi-purpose room to accept donations. Look for the large evzone! Collection baskets will also be available in the narthex for those unable to stay for the Fellowship Hour. Thanks for your support! Any amount is welcome.

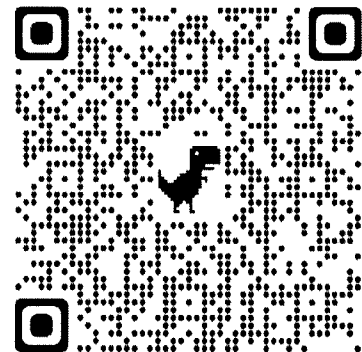
# Seeking Applications for Directors of the Holy Apostles Foundation

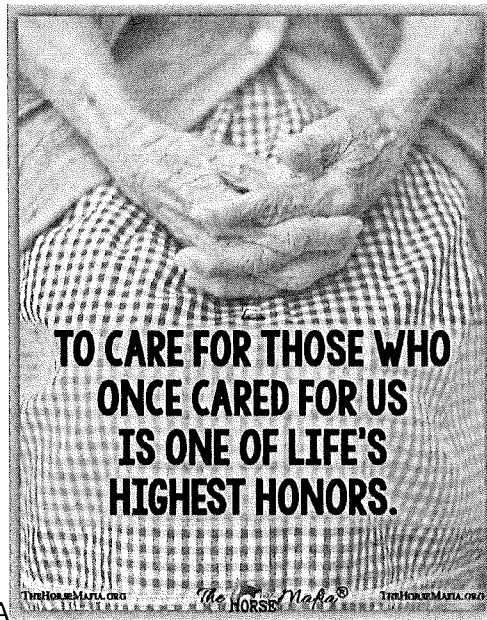


The Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church newly created Holy Apostles Foundation is conducting a search for Greek Orthodox Christians (Orthodox Christians in good standing in a Greek Orthodox Church) interested in serving on its Board of Directors.

As a director, you will be working with other respective Board members in managing the Foundation's operations, which include fundraising, investment oversight, legal, and financial and accounting reporting. Experience in any of the above areas and/or having served on other non-profit boards is preferred.

The deadline for application submissions is **November 4, 2024**. Applications, as well as background information, can be accessed via the QR code:





## CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

*A HOLY APOSTLES MINISTRY*

***We're Back from our Summer Hiatus!***

***Please join us***

***On Tuesday, September 10th***

***at 1:00 pm***

***In the Philoptochos Room***

***For Discussion and Coffee***

***See you then!***

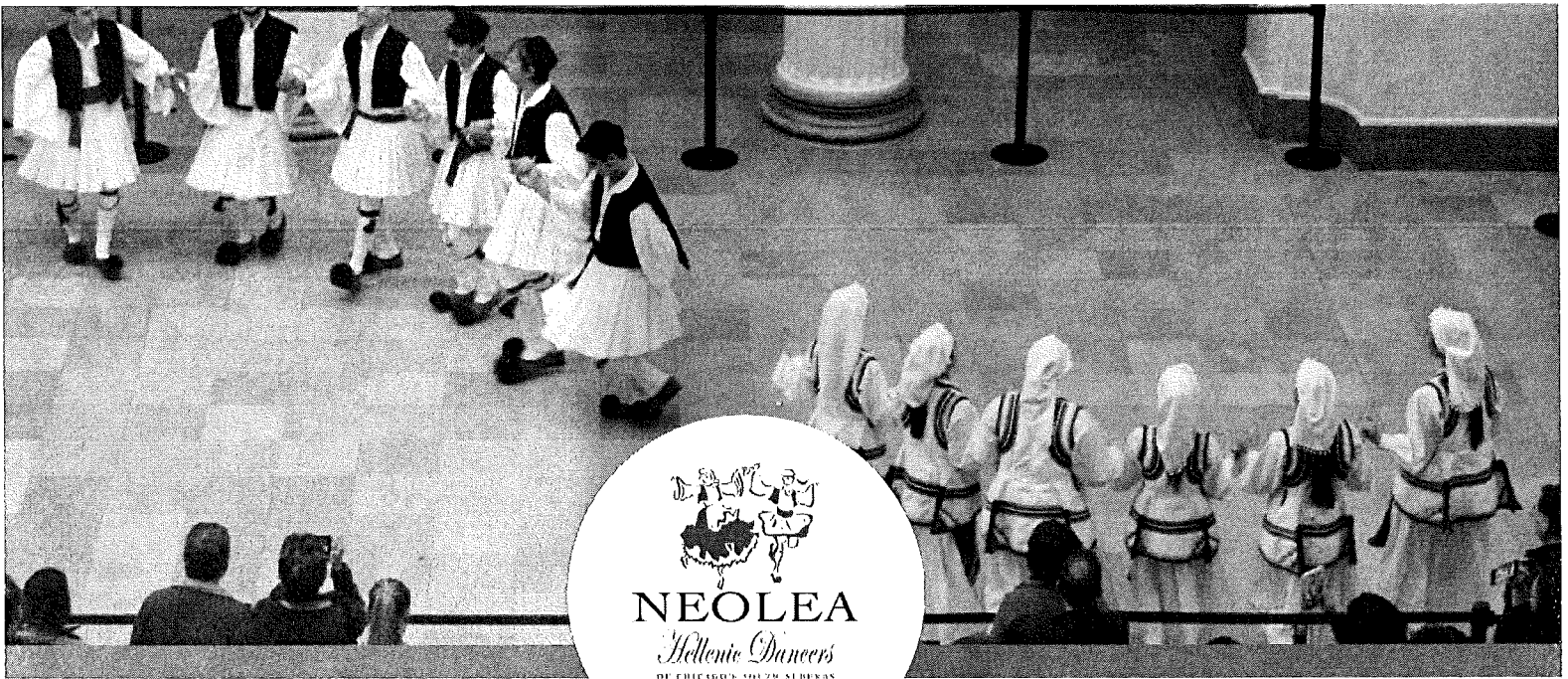
Please contact Kathy Steffenson at [gksteff@gmail.com](mailto:gksteff@gmail.com) or Val Dranias at [valdranias@aol.com](mailto:valdranias@aol.com) with any questions. We hope that you will join us.

*Holy  
Apostles!*

**GOYA BBQ  
6:30 PM ON  
SEPT. 10**

*all high  
schoolers*





## NEOLEA IS BACK ON THURSDAYS

You may have seen us perform at various Hellenic events, including Greek Night with the Chicago White Sox, Field Museum, Greek Church Festivals, as well as other events.

If you are interested in learning Greek dances and meet other kids, from the various parishes, stop by to see what we have to offer.

Our next practice will be on:  
**Thursday,  
September 12th at  
6:30pm**

Holy Apostles Church  
2501 S Wolf Road  
\* Westchester, Illinois, 60154

Information about our groups will be posted in FB and Instagram. Please follow the pages to get the latest updates. Practices will be held on Thursdays at Holy Apostles Church in Westchester for BOTH the Neolea (14+) and Neolea Jr (9-13).

All are welcome to come and dance!! Come when you can!



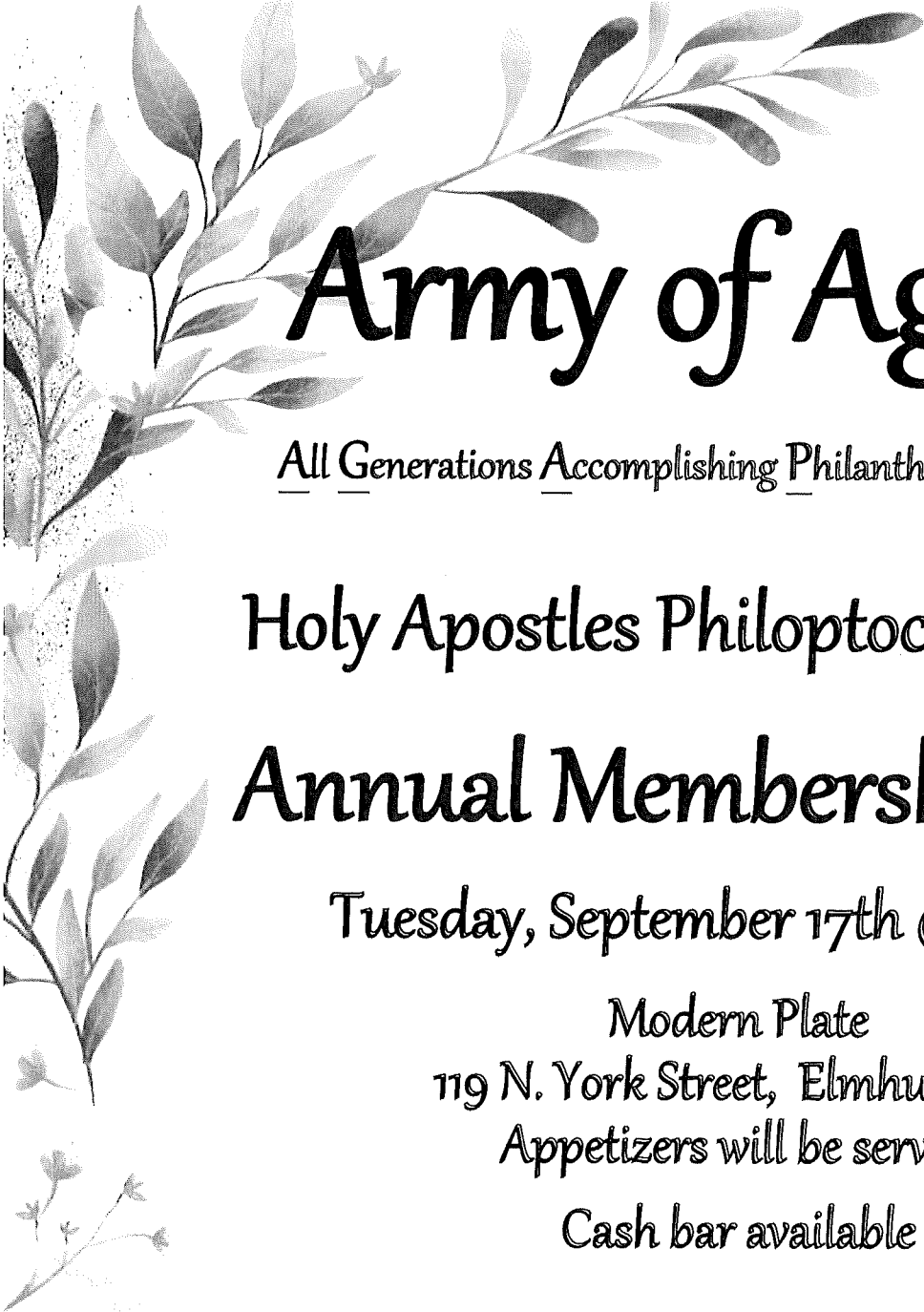
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If you have any questions, please contact us at:  
**chicagoneolea@gmail.com**



# Army of Agape

All Generations Accomplishing Philanthropic Endeavors

Holy Apostles Philoptochos Society

## Annual Membership Night

Tuesday, September 17th @ 6:30 pm

Modern Plate

119 N. York Street, Elmhurst, IL

Appetizers will be served

Cash bar available

RSVP by 9/10 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 or by check

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



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# *An Enchanted Afternoon*

Holy Apostles Philoptochos Society  
Annual Fashion Show & Luncheon

*Saturday, October 19, 2024*

*Drury Lane*

100 Drury Lane  
Oakbrook Terrace, IL

**Tickets Available:**

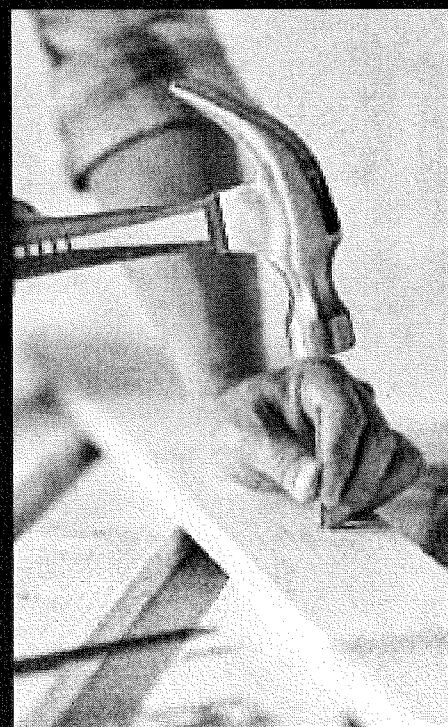
Table selection from the floor plan may only be done in person with the purchase of at least 8 tickets.

***In Person:*** Saturday, September 7 from 9 am to 10 am in Church Multi-Purpose Room and the following Sundays through October 6 after Divine Liturgy

***Online:*** Purchase through October 6 at [www.tinyurl.com/HAPhiloptochos1](http://www.tinyurl.com/HAPhiloptochos1) or scan QR Code

Proceeds to benefit Easterseals DuPage & Fox Valley, CrossRoad Institute, and other Philoptochos Endeavors





# FALL PLANTING & PARISH BEAUTIFICATION

Join us for a day of taking care of our church building!

Bring your own flowers to plant before the frost, or come ready to work! The Building and Grounds committee will give us a task list to be completed.

If possible, bring your own tools!

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

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**  
**10:00 AM**

**Saturday, September 21st**  
**Metropolis of Chicago**  
**Dive for the Cross and BBQ**

St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church  
5649 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago, IL 60660

**10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**



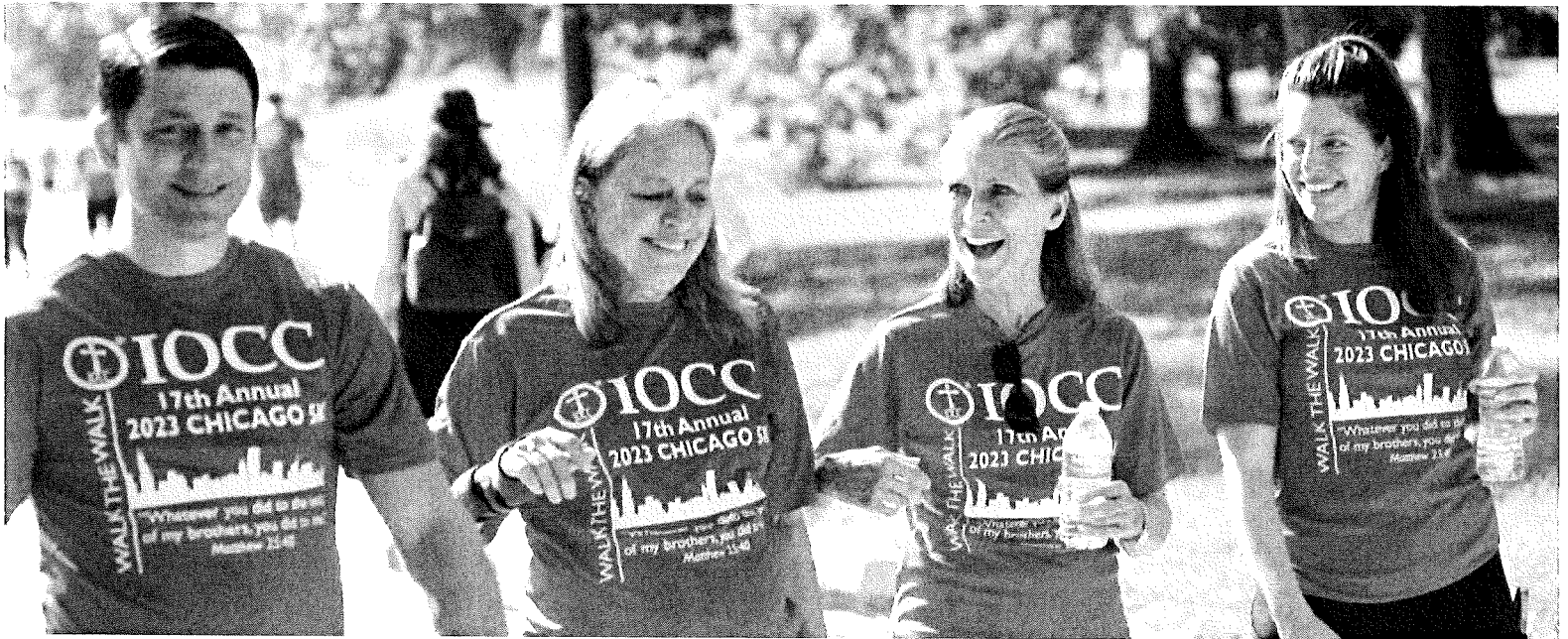
**CALLING ALL YOUTH  
OF THE METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO**

All Parishes are invited to join the Clergy of Chicago  
as they bless the Waters of Lake Michigan  
then throw the Cross for the youth to retrieve

BBQ lunch at St. Andrew's to follow

**This event is open to all children, ages 5-18.**  
**Please scan the QR code below to sign up and attend with Holy Apostles Church!**  
**We'll meet at St Andrew's.**





# 18TH ANNUAL Walk the Walk *for* IOCC

Saturday, October 5, 2024

*Join us for our 5K Walk/Run and make a difference  
for those in need around the world!*

St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church  
5649 N. Sheridan Rd. • Chicago, IL 60660

Registration 8:00 AM • Walk/Run Begins 9:00 AM • Breakfast following the race  
\$20 – Registration before 9/15 | \$30 – Registration after 9/15 | \$10 – Children under 12

Register at [ioccc.org/chicago](http://ioccc.org/chicago) or detach and complete form below.

Participant #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Age on Race Day: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to sponsor the 18th Annual Walk the Walk for IOCC (Please select sponsorship level):

- \$1,000 Platinum Medal     \$500 Gold Medal     \$250 Silver Medal

Order your t-shirts here (one per participant). Indicate quantity on the line provided:

ADULT:  S: \_\_\_\_\_  M: \_\_\_\_\_  L: \_\_\_\_\_  XL: \_\_\_\_\_  XXL: \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD:  XS (Youth size 5-6): \_\_\_\_\_  S (Youth size 6-7): \_\_\_\_\_  M (Youth size 8-10): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to IOCC  
To guarantee a t-shirt, register by 9/20.

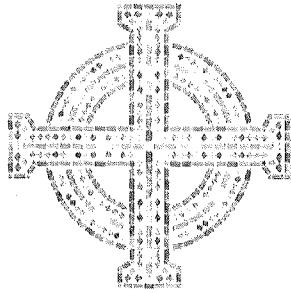
Questions? Contact  
[ioccchicago5K@gmail.com](mailto:ioccchicago5K@gmail.com)



Mail the completed form to:  
IOCC Chicago  
Metropolitan Committee  
6251-53 W. Touhy Ave  
Chicago, IL 60646

**Waiver:** In consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I, intending to be legally bound, do hereby myself, my heirs and my assigns, waive any and all claims I or any below named minor may have against any of the Orthodox Churches of the greater Chicago area and IOCC or any event sponsor, or any city or public entity or agent for any and all injuries suffered by me, while traveling to, from and/or participating in the IOCC Run/Walk and hereby state that I assume any and all risk inherent in same. I further state that I am in good physical condition to participate in this event. I also hereby authorize IOCC to publish photographs taken of me for use in IOCC's digital and printed publications.

# SAVE THE DATE



## HOLY APOSTLES CHURCH 65TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29TH, 2024  
HILTON OAK BROOK HILLS RESORT

WE LOOK FORWARD TO OUR  
HOLY APOSTLES FAMILY CELEBRATING THIS  
IMPORTANT MILESTONE TOGETHER

# Sermon Notes

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