

WEEKLY BULLETIN
SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

SUNDAY

8:15 a.m. Orthros
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Memorials: Theodoros (Ted) Christou, Panagoula Kotsiantos, Michael Pihos, Toula Poulos
Fellowship Hour: Hosted by Sandy Pihos in loving memory of Michael Pihos

SEPTEMBER 15

TUESDAY

6:45 a.m. Brotherhood of St Peter the Apostle
8:00 a.m. Orthros
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
4:30 p.m. Greek School
6:15 p.m. JOY
7:00 p.m. Philoptochos Annual Membership Night
7:15 p.m. ECM Cohort Meeting

SEPTEMBER 17 – FEAST DAY OF ST SOPHIA AND DAUGHTERS

WEDNESDAY

1:00 p.m. Bereavement Group
7:00 p.m. 65th Anniversary Luncheon Committee
7:00 p.m. Jr. GOYA
7:00 p.m. Neighborhood Bible Study – LaGrange (Home of Peter & Megan Savas)

SEPTEMBER 18

THURSDAY

1:00 p.m. Bible Study
4:30 p.m. Greek School
7:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

SEPTEMBER 19

FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. Orthros
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
7:00 p.m. Small Paraklesis

SEPTEMBER 20 – FEAST DAY OF ST EUSTATHIOS

SATURDAY

10:00 a.m. Parish Beautification & Planting
5:00 p.m. Vespers

SEPTEMBER 21

Epistle Reading—Galatians 2:16-20

Reader: Allie Rupp

Gospel Reading—Mark 8:34-38, 9:1

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.

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 ᾄδου 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 – Galatians 2:16-20

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

The Gospel – Mark 8:34-38, 9:1

The Lord said: “If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.” And he said to them, “Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power.”

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 to indicate your interest.

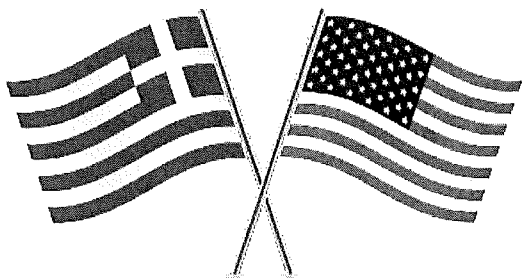
Handmaidens Ministry Looking for New Members – All high school age girls are welcome to participate in the liturgical life of the church by becoming readers or prophorion bakers, or both! Readers take turns reading the Epistle at the Divine Liturgy on Sundays. Bakers bake prophorion for the Divine Liturgy when it falls on the fifth Sunday of a month. Email 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 Multipurpose 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. Checks are welcome – please make them payable to Holy Apostles Philoptochos with Pop Up Kafe on the memo line. Checks may be placed into the collection box OR sent to the

church office. Parishioners may also contribute online via a link through the Weekly News. Thanks for your support!

Children in the Loft on Sunday, September 29 – It is time to hear children's voices in the choir loft! This invitation is open to all 3rd through 8th grade students. It is an opportunity for the children to gain a better understanding of our Divine Liturgy through our beautiful Orthodox hymns. Music experience is not required nor is fluency in Greek. This is not a show or program. We grow and learn together. Please note the following important information:

- Your child is invited to meet Bette Schieber today at 9:20 am in the Multipurpose Room for an introduction and brief review.
- So that we may plan for space in the choir loft, please confirm your child's attendance by contacting Bette at loft@holyapostleschurch.com
- On the morning of September 29, we will meet in the Choir Room at 9:10am for robe assignments and for a review prior to entering the Loft.
- We enter the Loft together as a group. If you are running late that morning, please do not send your child to the Loft. There will be other opportunities.
- To attend Sunday School, please note that the group will be dismissed after receiving Holy Communion. Plan to pick your child up from Sunday School, as usual.
- Future Children in the Loft dates are set for Sundays, October 20 and November 24

We look forward to hearing familiar and new voices. Feel free to contact Bette with questions.



New Concept Debuts on Sunday, November 3 – A survey was taken looking for suggestions to revitalize the robust Coffee Hours that are held after the Divine Liturgy. Many of our parishioners generously sign up to host this wonderful way to share fellowship and visit with others. The most frequent suggestion in response to the survey was to fill in some gaps with a “Potluck Coffee Hour” where an individual signs up to bring just one item (40 pieces) to church and puts it in the kitchen by 9:30am that Sunday. The Fellowship Committee will plate and serve it. There is no other responsibility expected from those contributing to this coffee hour.

Please click on the link in Wednesday’s Weekly News to signup, making sure to include your name and contact information, or contact Sandy Pihos at greeks1@gmail.com (write POTLUCK on the subject line). You may also call/text her at 630.640.5811. Your help is greatly appreciated! A reminder will be sent to you before the event.

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.

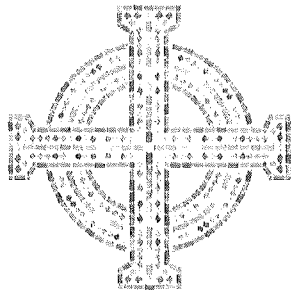
In Person: Saturday, September 7 from 9 am to 10 am in Church Multi-Purpose Room and the following Sundays through October 6 after Divine Liturgy

Online: Purchase through October 6 at www.tinyurl.com/HAPhiloptochos1 or scan QR Code

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



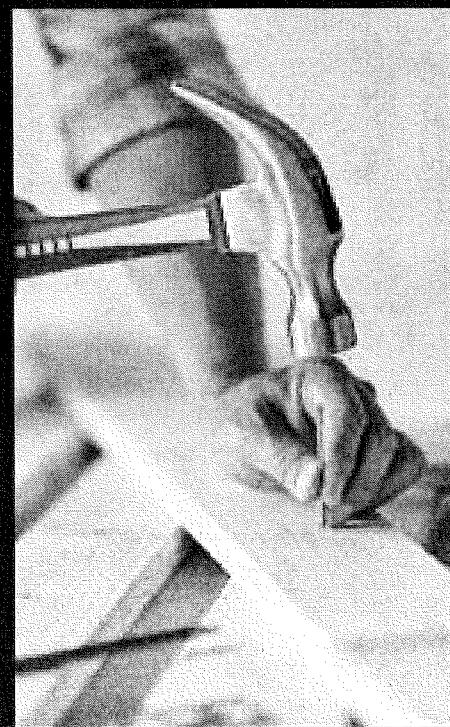
SAVE THE DATE



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



FALL PLANTING & PARISH BEAUTIFICATION

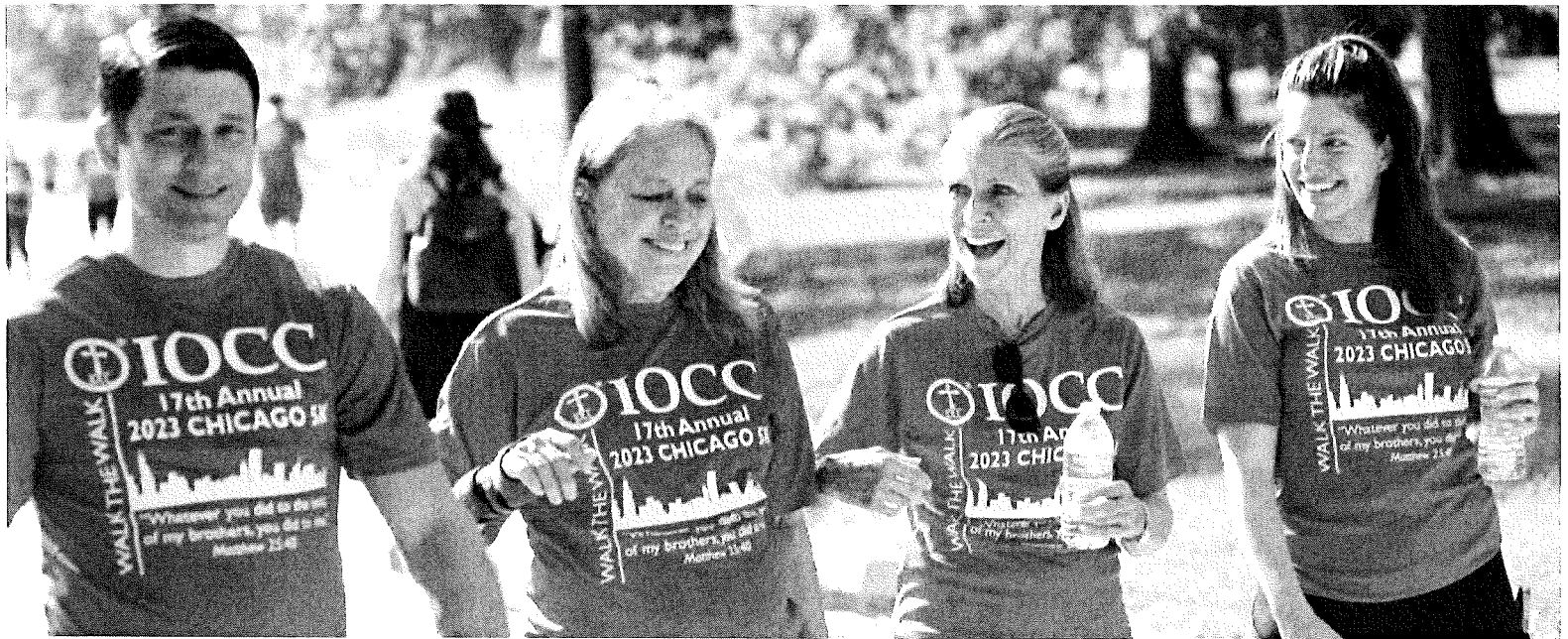
Join us for a day of taking care of our church building!

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
10:00 AM



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 iocc.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: _____

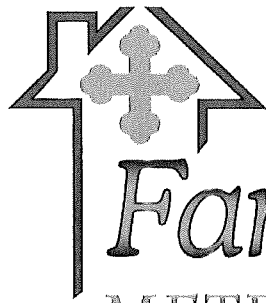
Make checks payable to IOCC
 To guarantee a t-shirt, register by 9/20.

Questions? Contact
iocchicago5K@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.



Family Synaxis

METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO

& PICK UP YOUR CROSS & FOLLOW ME MINISTRY

Invite you to our Annual Fall Retreat

God's Design

FOR OUR FAMILY

Saturday, October 12 — 9:00AM - 4:00PM

Ascension of Our Lord Greek Orthodox Church
1207 Riverwoods Road, Lincolnshire, IL 60069

Keynote Speaker



**FR. GEORGE
DOKOS**

*Parish Priest
Holy Apostles Greek
Orthodox Church
(Westchester, IL)*

A day retreat for the whole family!

What do the Fathers of the Church have to tell us about Orthodox family life? How do we center our children around Christ? Join us for this day retreat to explore the rich teachings of our Church about the Christian family and how we can become holy in our own homes.

- Prayer services as a family
- Parent workshops and discussions
- Children's games and activities
- Parallel and inclusion programming available for children with special needs via 'Pick Up Your Cross Ministry
- Breakfast and Lunch provided



Scan the QR Code to Register Now!

\$75 per family — Must Register by October 6
Ages 4+ (Toddler Care Unavailable)

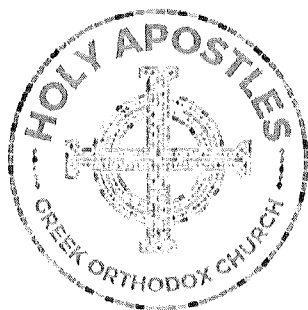
Questions? chicago.family.synaxis@gmail.com

Or visit www.gocfamilysvnaxis.org



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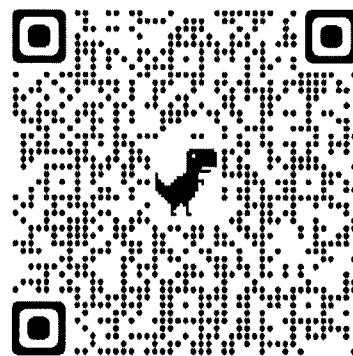
Seeking Applications for Directors of the Holy Apostles Foundation



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:



Sermon Notes

Apostoli Agii

Anastassiou

Voice

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ni - The - o i - na - pte - sma - ton a - fe - sin pa - ra - shi tes psi hes - i - mon.

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