

**WEEKLY BULLETIN**  
**OCTOBER 6, 2024**

**SUNDAY**

8:15 a.m. Orthros  
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
Memorials: Theodore (Ted) Adams, Kyriakos Panagakos  
Fellowship Hour: Hosted by the Parish Council  
11:45 a.m. GOYA Board Meeting  
12:00 p.m. Parish Assembly Meeting

**OCTOBER 6 – FEAST DAY OF ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

**TUESDAY**

10:00 a.m. Clergy Syndesmos @ Holy Trinity, Schiller Park, IL  
1:00 p.m. Caregivers Support Meeting  
4:30 p.m. Greek School  
5:00 p.m. Greek School PTO Ice Cream Social  
7:00 p.m. GOYA (Grades 9-12)  
7:00 p.m. Neighborhood Bible Study – LaGrange (Home of Peter & Megan Savas)

**OCTOBER 8**

**WEDNESDAY**

10:00 a.m. TOTS  
6:00 p.m. Evening Divine Liturgy  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**OCTOBER 9 – FEAST DAY OF ST JAMES THE APOSTLE**

**THURSDAY**

1:00 p.m. Bible Study  
4:30 p.m. Greek School  
6:15 p.m. Neolea Dance Troupe  
7:00 p.m. Thursday Game Night @ Fountain Blue Banquets, Des Plaines, IL  
in support of St Iakovos Retreat Center

**OCTOBER 10**

**SATURDAY**

5:00 p.m. Vespers

**OCTOBER 12**

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**Epistle Reading**—2 Corinthians 4:6-15

Reader: Zoe Panton

**Gospel Reading**—Luke 7:11-16

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**Fr George** is leading the St. Mary's Family Camp retreat in Minneapolis this weekend.

**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 prosphoron bakers, or both! Readers take turns reading the Epistle at the Divine Liturgy on Sundays. Bakers bake prosphoron 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.

## **Resurrectional Apolytikion**

### **Mode pl. 2.**

When the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary, who was seeking Your immaculate body. Unassailed by Hades, You divested it of spoils. Then You met the Virgin. You granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory to You!

### **Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον.**

#### **Ἦχος πλ. β´.**

Ἀγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμα σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν· καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἀχραντὸν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ’ αὐτοῦ· ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωὴν. Ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Angelike thinamis epi to mninma su, ke i filasontes apenekrothisan ke istato Maria en to tafo, zitusa to ahranton su soma; eskilefsas ton Athin, mi pirasthis ip’ aftu ipintisas ti Partheno, dorumenos tin zoin. O anastas ek ton nekron, Kirie thoxa si.

### **The Epistle – 2 Corinthians 4:6-15**

Brethren, it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus’ sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, “I believed, and so I spoke,” we too believed, and so we speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

### **The Gospel – Luke 7:11-16**

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited his people!”

**Philoptochos** would like to extend a heartfelt "Thank You" to the parish for the support of the Greek Fire Relief Fund. It was a great success! We collected a grand total of \$2,800 and all of the proceeds will be sent to National Philoptochos for the Greek Fire Relief Fund. We sincerely appreciated all who set up, served, cleaned up, baked or brought goodies AND to those who made donations. We could not have done this without your assistance.

**Philoptochos "Share the Warmth"** – During October, your donation of gently used adult and children's coats to Warm Coats for Cool Kids and Repeat Boutique will help those in need. Please bring donations to the coat racks in the Multipurpose Room. Thanks for your support!

**Ministry Recognition Artoklasia on Sunday, October 13** – Please join us as we specifically recognize outreach service projects conducted by our ministries from July through September 2024. Let's celebrate our ministries and pray for their continued successes on that day.

**Feed My Starving Children on Saturday, November 2** – Philoptochos plans to volunteer from 9:00-10:45am that morning. We will pack specially formulated meals that will be distributed around the world. Families are welcome to help, but children must be at least 5 years old. This event is a great opportunity to earn service hours. Please contact Emily Rehn at [platovalentine@hotmail.com](mailto:platovalentine@hotmail.com) or 708-369-9365 to volunteer or obtain more information.



**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 sign up, making sure to include your name and contact information, or contact Sandy Pihos at [greeks1@gmail.com](mailto: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 before the event.

**2024 Hellenic History Educational Tournament on Saturday, November 9** – We are excited to invite students in grades 8-12 to participate in this event, which will be held at Loyola University Chicago's School of Law, 25 E Pearson St, Chicago, from 10:00am-3:00pm. Registration deadline is Wednesday, October 23. This educational competition is for students who want to learn about 3,500 years of Greek history. There are \$12,000 in prizes to be awarded as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$6,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$3,000, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Place - \$1,500 each.



*Together, our Holy Apostles Family is celebrating our first 65 years.  
Be part of the celebration!*

**HOLY APOSTLES 65TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON**  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024

**HILTON OAK BROOK HILLS RESORT**  
12:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR (CASH BAR)  
1:00 PM LUNCHEON

**RESERVATIONS**

OCTOBER 1, 2024 - DECEMBER 22, 2024

Adults: \$65/person

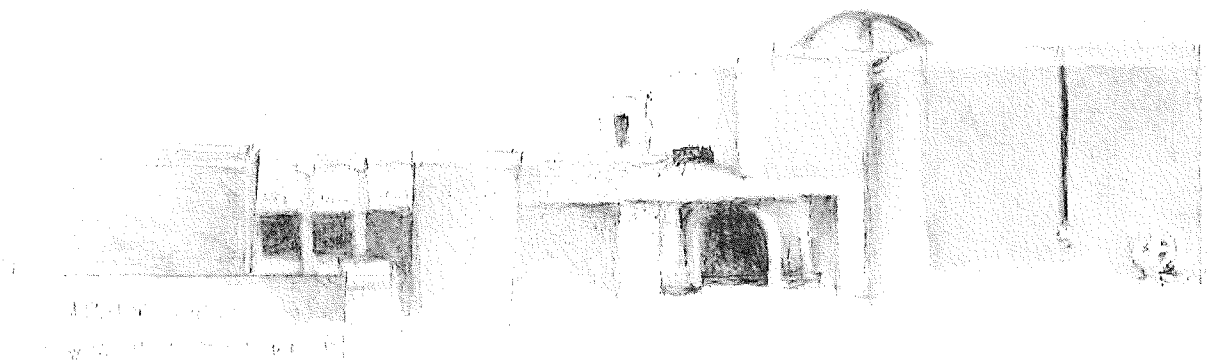
Children 12 and under: \$28

**IN PERSON**

Sundays after Divine Liturgy  
beginning October 6th

**ON LINE**

Log into <https://form.jotform.com/242327277528058>



## HOLY APOSTLES 65TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON COMMEMORATIVE SPONSORSHIP LETTER

Dear Holy Apostles Family,

On December 29, 2024, we will joyfully celebrate the 65th Anniversary of Holy Apostles Church, a milestone that marks decades of faith, community, and dedication. We look forward to our Holy Apostles family celebrating this special event during this blessed Christmas Season and welcoming in the New Year together.

To support the ongoing growth and endeavors of our cherished parish, we are reaching out to invite you to contribute through our unique digital sponsorship initiative. This year, we are forgoing the traditional printed ad book in favor of a dynamic digital format that will be showcased on screens throughout the event and featured on our YouTube channel, as well as our Facebook and Instagram pages.

By participating, your message or advertisement will reach our entire parish community and beyond, ensuring that your support is recognized and appreciated. This innovative approach not only allows us to highlight our benefactors but also enhances our sense of unity and connection.

We would be deeply grateful for your consideration and support. To reserve your space in the digital presentation, please complete the attached form and submit it by **December 7, 2024**. For any questions or additional details, feel free to contact Steven Savas at [spssav@gmail.com](mailto:spssav@gmail.com), call or text 312-315-9797, find us during Fellowship Hour following Divine Liturgy every Sunday or visit the church office.

Thank you for helping us make this celebration a truly memorable one. Your generosity will contribute significantly to the continued growth and vitality of our Holy Apostles community.

In Christ,



Steven Savas

65th Anniversary Sponsorship Chairman





# "BUILDING ON OUR FOUNDATION"

HOLY APOSTLES 65TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29TH, 2024

## COMMEMORATIVE SPONSORSHIP FORM

**\*Deadline for Sponsorship Submission is December 7th, 2024\***

Please scan the QR code below to submit your sponsorship or log into the URL address below:



<https://form.jotform.com/holy.apostles.westchester.il/commemorative-ad-form>

**OR** use this form and enclose a check made out to "Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church"

**OR** credit card information and send to:

**Holy Apostles Church Office at 2501 S Wolf Rd, Westchester, IL 60154**

Email Logo (if applicable) to [spssav@gmail.com](mailto:spssav@gmail.com) or send hard copy.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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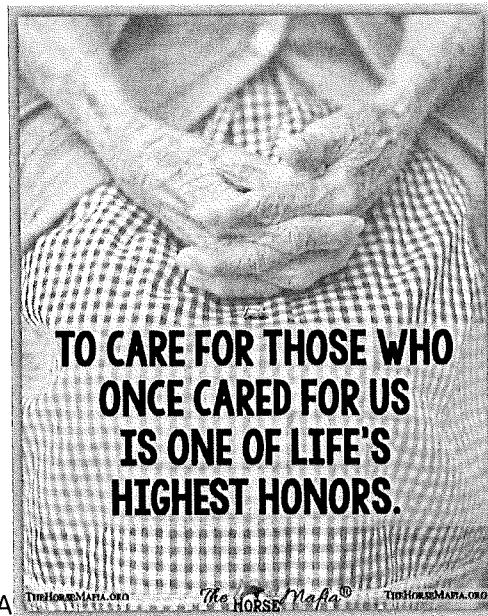
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Sponsorship Level	Contribution	Screen Size	Character Count
Diamond	\$5,000.00	Full Screen	Your family names or company name up to 200 characters and logo in JPEG, TIFF or BMP format, sized 1000x1000 dpi or better.
Platinum	\$2,500.00	One-Half Screen	Your family names or company name up to 175 characters and logo in JPEG, TIFF or BMP format, sized 1000x1000 dpi or better.
Gold	\$1,000.00	One-Third Screen	Your family names or company name up to 150 characters and logo in JPEG, TIFF or BMP format, sized 1000x1000 dpi or better.
Silver	\$500.00	One-Quarter Screen	Your family names or company name up to 100 characters.
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Patron	\$100.00	Listing	Your family names or company name up to 50 characters.

DONATION AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

COMMEMORATIVE SPONSORSHIP MESSAGE:



## CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

A HOLY APOSTLES MINISTRY

*Please join us*

*On Tuesday, October 8th*

*at 1:00 pm*

*In the Philoptochos Room*

*For a Special Presentation*

### ***Being a Caregiver: Responding To the Many Faces of Dementia***

***Dr Teresa M. Schultz PhD, MBA,***

***Licensed Clinical & Developmental Psychologist***

***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.



# 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

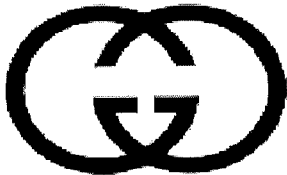
Proceeds to benefit Easterseals DuPage & Fox Valley, CrossRoad Institute, and other Philoptochos Endeavors



## Luxury RAFFLE

BUY a \$20 raffle ticket to be entered to win  
**TWO** luxurious items from

# GUCCI



(scan to buy tickets)

A portion of the proceeds from this raffle will benefit  
Easterseals DuPage & Fox Valley  
CrossRoad Institute

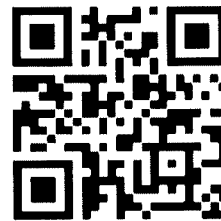
We would like to thank the Katherine Karvelas Group for their generous sponsorship of this prize.



*Winner need not be present.*

Our Fashion Show Silent  
Auction items  
are **NOW** available for  
**BIDDING!**

Please scan the code below



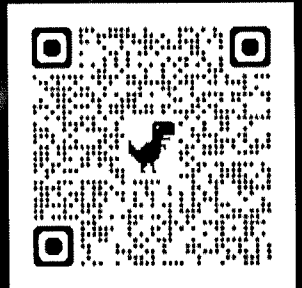
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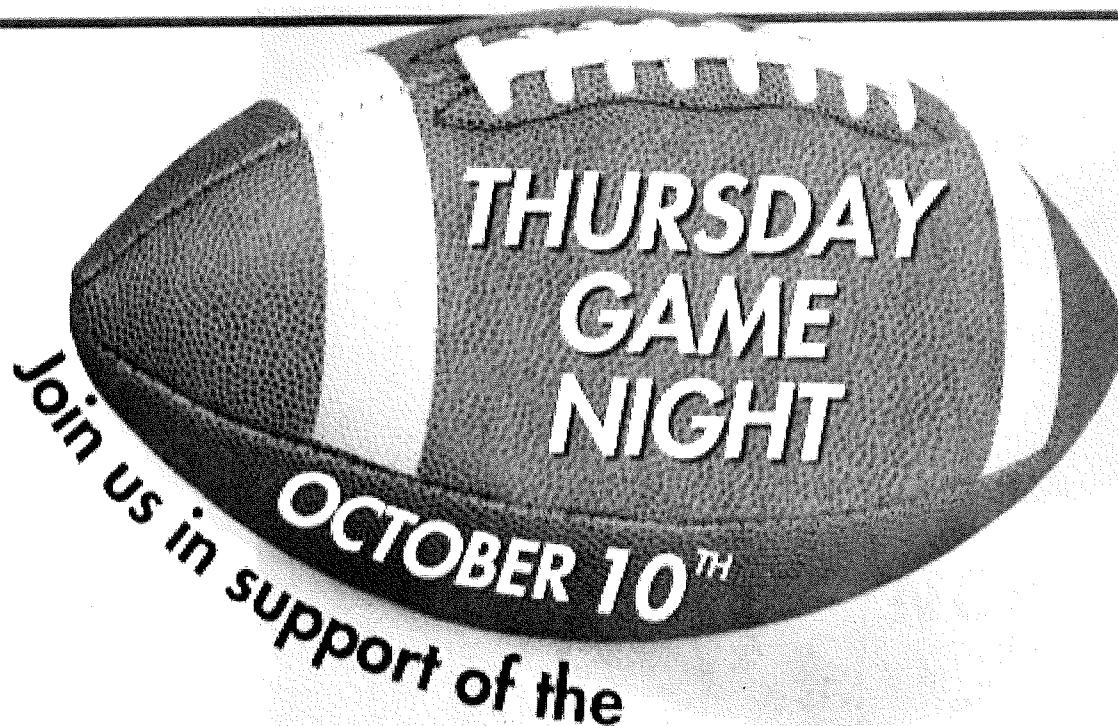
GREEK ORTHODOX  
ATHLETIC LEAGUE

# HOLY APOSTLES BASKETBALL

BOYS AND GIRLS  
3RD - 12TH GRADE

QUESTIONS? EMAIL THEM TO  
[ATHLETICS@HOLYAPOSTLESCHURCH.COM](mailto:ATHLETICS@HOLYAPOSTLESCHURCH.COM)





## ST. IAKOVOS RETREAT CENTER

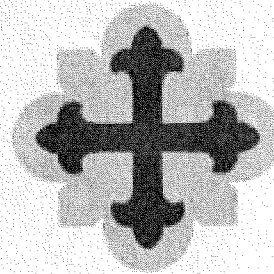
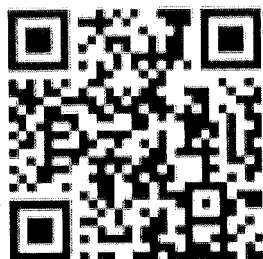
AT A NON-TRADITIONAL "SMOKER" NIGHT -  
FILLED WITH FOOD, FUN, DRINKS & PRIZES

OCTOBER 10TH, 2024 AT 7PM  
FOUNTAIN BLUE BANQUETS

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS TODAY!

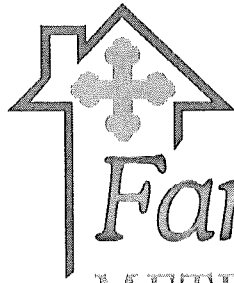
EMAIL MARILYN AT [MGT LTD@AOL.COM](mailto:MGT LTD@AOL.COM)

DINNER ONLY: \$75    DINNER + GRAND RAFFLE \$2K PRIZE: \$125



ST. IAKOVOS RETREAT CENTER

MORE FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES THE NIGHT OF THE SMOKER



# 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](mailto:chicago.family.synaxis@gmail.com)

Or visit [www.gocfamilysynaxis.org](http://www.gocfamilysynaxis.org)



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*hearts & hands in harmony*

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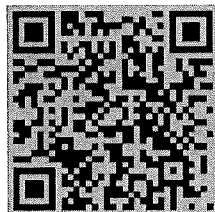
*Fall Volunteer Day 2024*  
*Sunday, October 13 ~ 12pm-5pm*

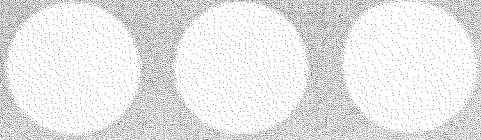
The members of the retreat center's auxiliary group need  
your help in preparing for the winter season.

So please bring your family and friends; along with  
your work gloves and handy tools,  
and spend a beautiful day in God's country.

Please complete the Sign- Up Genius [HERE](#) or  
contact Marion Karras at 630.561.5972 or  
register via QR code below

We will send you more information upon registration.





## PLATO SCHOOL



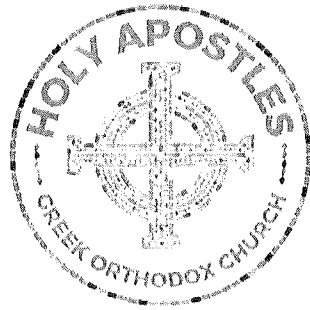
Let's Celebrate!

### Plato School Reunion

Contact Christine Simms,  
630-795-9956 for reservation or  
scan the QR Code.

Fountain Blue Banquet  
Oct. 19 | 6:30 PM \$40.00  
Fellowship, appetizers,  
dancing & cash bar

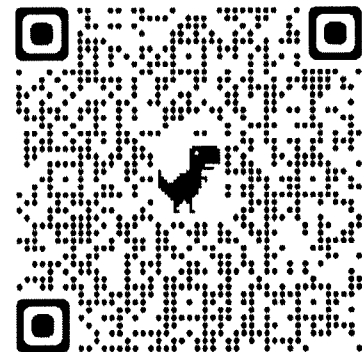
# Seeking Applications for Directors of the Holy Apostles Foundation



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

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