

**WEEKLY BULLETIN**  
**NOVEMBER 10, 2024**

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**SUNDAY**

8:15 a.m.  
9:30 a.m.  
Memorials:  
Fellowship Hour:  
11:35 a.m.  
5:00 p.m.

**NOVEMBER 10**

Orthros  
Divine Liturgy  
Basiliki G Kouros, Peter Sigalos  
Hosted by the Missions Ministry  
Christmas Pageant Rehearsal  
Altar Boy Outing

**TUESDAY**

10:00 a.m.  
1:00 p.m.  
4:30 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.

**NOVEMBER 12**

Clergy Syndesmos Meeting @ St. Demetrios in Elmhurst  
Caregivers Support Meeting  
Greek School  
65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon Meeting  
GOYA Christmas Shopping  
Neighborhood Bible Study – LaGrange

**WEDNESDAY**

8:00 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.  
3:30 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.

**NOVEMBER 13 – FEAST DAY OF ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

Orthros  
Divine Liturgy  
TOTS (Ages 3-5)  
ECM Church Meeting  
Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY**

12:00 p.m.  
4:30 p.m.  
7:15 p.m.

**NOVEMBER 14**

Koula's Kafenio  
Greek School  
Discoveries in Orthodoxy – Of Water and Spirit

**FRIDAY**

8:00 a.m.  
7:00 p.m.

**NOVEMBER 15 – NATIVITY FAST BEGINS / 40 LITURGIES**

Divine Liturgy  
Small Paraklesis

**SATURDAY**

8:00 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.  
4:00 p.m.  
5:00 p.m.

**NOVEMBER 16**

Divine Liturgy  
Philoptochos Blanket Making Day  
Open Confession  
Vespers

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**Epistle Reading**—Galatians 1:11-19

Reader: Madeline Kubesh

**Gospel Reading**—Luke 10:25-37

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**Thank you for your service!** – Today, we have an artoklasia in honor our parish's veterans: Nick Anos, Gus Athas, Anthos Baenen, Jim Banakis, Al Cololias, Dean Dranias, Michael Hamalis, James Karones, John Kass, Paul Kuchuris, Bill Leider, Demetri Malamis, Steve Melonides, Tom Obmascik, Nick Panos, George Pappas, Lee Plankis, Norm Pomrening, Jim Sotirakos, Steve Stamatis, Christ Stamatopoulos, Harry Theodore, Gregory Vandarakis, Scott Willsey, Jim Zakos, Chris Zurales plus our two active military men, Nicholas Kasimos and Michael Linardakis. God bless you and God bless America!

### **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. – ᾠδὴ 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, epatisse to thanato ton thanaton, prototokos ton nekron eyeneto, ek kilias Athu erisato imas, ke pareshe to kosmo to mega eleos.

### **The Epistle – Galatians 1:11-19**

Brethren, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when God who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son in me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

### **The Gospel – Luke 10:25-37**

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

**First Potluck Coffee Hour A Success!** – Thanks to all who participated in our first Potluck Coffee Hour last Sunday. Sharing the responsibility made it easy to host and I think the camaraderie in the room was enjoyed by all. I hope in the future others will continue to participate by contributing just one item to share which we will plate. The next Potluck is on Sunday, February 23. A sign-up form will be available online in an upcoming Weekly News email. There will also be information in the Sunday Bulletins beginning in January. For more information, please contact Sandy Pihos at (630) 640-5811 or [greeksl@gmail.com](mailto:greeksl@gmail.com).

**Hellenic College Fundraiser on Thursday, November 14** – This event, hosted by the St Athanasios Men's Group and HCHC Alumni Association, will be held at Empress Banquet Hall in Addison. Cocktail hour begins at 6:30pm. Dinner is at 7:30pm. Limited seating remains at the Holy Apostles table for \$125. It's a fundraiser for the education of future leaders of the Orthodox Church. Please contact Lou at 708.562.2744 if you are interested in attending.

**Nativity Fast November 15 – December 24** – During the Nativity Fast or Advent, which is the 40 days from November 15 until Christmas, the Church encourages us to intensify our spiritual lives in order to ready our souls and bodies for the Feast of Christ's First Coming. We do this through fasting, prayer, almsgiving, Holy Confession, and increased attention given to "preparing for His coming", to make sure we've done what we can to make a "fit dwelling place for Him" in our hearts and lives. During this sacred period of preparation, the Divine Liturgy is offered every day and there is open Confession on most Saturdays at 4 PM. Please take advantage of the increased number of services to sanctify your souls and to also make sure to go to Holy Confession. Your priests are always available to hear confessions, which is not an optional Sacrament, but necessary, for through Confession we receive God's mercy and forgiving grace.

**Enrich Your Nativity Season - Join the Psalms Reading Group!** – Everyone is invited to participate in reading/praying the Psalms throughout the Nativity Fast!

- When: Friday, November 15 - Tuesday, December 24
- Where: In the privacy of your home
- How: Use a resource that employs the Greek numbering system (Septuagint or The Seventy). Examples are: The Orthodox Study Bible; any Orthodox version of The Psalter; or Songs of Praise by Sylvia Leontaritis, available in HARC.

Register now through Monday, November 11 by sending your name and email address to [psalter@holyapostleschurch.com](mailto:psalter@holyapostleschurch.com).

**Final 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Serve Day of 2024 is Saturday, November 30 at 10:00am** – Please join us as we will be tracing, cutting and stitching heart pillows with Stuffed Love. We will also make handwritten, decorative cards to go with the pillows. Stuffed Love provides support to families and children affected by congenital heart defects, as well as partnering with community food pantries and other local organizations. Hope to see you there!

**PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation Awarding \$250,000 in 2024-2025 Scholarships** – Please visit [www.panhellenicsf.org](http://www.panhellenicsf.org) for more information. Applications are due on January 31.



## CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

A HOLY APOSTLES MINISTRY

*Please join us for Coffee and Discussion*

*Tuesday, November 12th*

*At 1:00 pm In the Philoptochos Room*

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.



# *Fall* PITA SALE

BENEFITING THE HOLY  
APOSTLES GREEK SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 10TH  
AFTER DIVINE LITURGY

DEADLINE TO ORDER: 11/12/24

DELIVERY JUST IN TIME FOR  
THANKSGIVING ON NOVEMBER 24TH  
AFTER DIVINE LITURGY IN THE  
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM





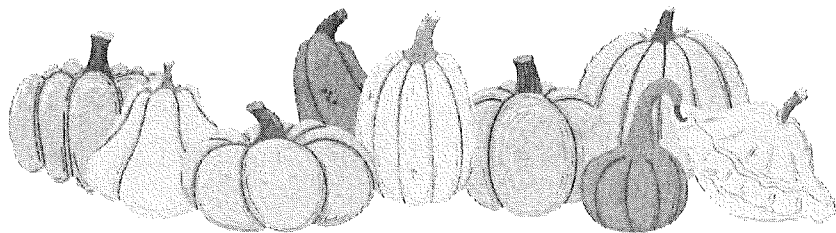
Holy Apostles Greek School

# AUTUMN BAKE

*Safe*



**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24TH**  
**AFTER DIVINE LITURGY**



Proceeds to benefit the  
children of the Holy Apostles  
Greek School

## **HOLIDAY FOOD COLLECTION**

Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> thru Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>



The holidays can be very difficult for those with food insecurity. Our HOPE collections have been going to the Hillside Food Pantry (HFP) which operates out of Immanuel Lutheran Church one block to the north of us. The HFP hosts 2 Holiday Drive-thrus – one for Thanksgiving and one for Christmas. HFP provides turkeys and we are asking parishioners to donate sides to help HFP give away complete holiday meals. HFP has informed us that food donations are down. Please consider making a non-perishable holiday donation to help those less fortunate.

**ANY** donation is greatly appreciated!

### **Suggested Items**

- boxed stuffing
- instant mashed potatoes
- canned cranberry sauce
- canned, jars, or packets of turkey gravy
- canned pumpkin (HFP provides evaporated milk and pie crust)
- canned fruits and vegetables
- biscuit or cornbread mix
- green beans/mushroom soup, French fried onion rings (green bean casserole ingredients)
- desserts: quick breads, cookie or cake mix, Jello

A turkey themed collection box will be set up in front of the HOPE collection counter to receive donations. This holiday collection is in addition to our on-going HOPE bags.

Please feel free to contact either Maria Patt ([mdpatt59@comcast.net](mailto:mdpatt59@comcast.net)) or  
Faye Adams ([geofaye.adams@gmail.com](mailto:geofaye.adams@gmail.com)) with any questions.

Together, we can make the holidays a little brighter for those in need.

Thank You for your Support!



PLEASE DONATE TO THE PHILOPTOCHOS

# HOLIDAY COLLECTION FOR TOYS & GIFTS

*to benefit families assisted by the Family Shelter  
Service of DuPage*

Philoptochos volunteers shop and deliver items directly to the shelter where victims of domestic abuse have an opportunity to select a special Christmas gift for members of their families.

- ❖ DONATE IN PERSON EVERY SUNDAY IN NOVEMBER AFTER LITURGY
- ❖ SEND YOUR CHECK TO THE CHURCH OFFICE MADE OUT TO "HOLY APOSTLES PHILOPTOCHOS" and note "TOY DRIVE" in the memo
- ❖ ONLINE AT [www.tinyurl.com/haphilo2501](http://www.tinyurl.com/haphilo2501)
- ❖ SCAN THE QR CODE



*Please consider helping us to make the holiday season brighter and happier for these families - Thank you!*



## **HOLY APOSTLES CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>**

We are pleased to announce that the children of Holy Apostles will be presenting the annual Christmas Pageant on December 15th. Kindergartners through third graders will play the silent roles of the characters in the Nativity scene. Fourth through eighth grade students will sing traditional Christmas Carols for the program, some serving as narrators. High school students are encouraged to sign up to be assistants. High School vocalists and instrumentalists who are interested in joining the musical ensemble should contact Mrs. Zoe Tomaras at 630-476-0223 or email her at the email below.

The first rehearsal will take place TODAY on Sunday, November 10th. There will be rehearsals on November 17<sup>th</sup>, November 24<sup>th</sup> and December 8<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your child to today's rehearsal at 11:35. Forms will be available for those children that have not already done so. A dress rehearsal will take place on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Please attend as many rehearsals as possible.

Please feel free to contact Sandy Pihos, Pageant Director, for more information at:

[christmaspageant@holypostleschurch.com](mailto:christmaspageant@holypostleschurch.com) or call/text 630-640-5811



## Christmas Breakfast with Santa

Please reserve a spot at the pancake Christmas Breakfast,  
following Liturgy and the Pageant,  
on Sunday December 15th.

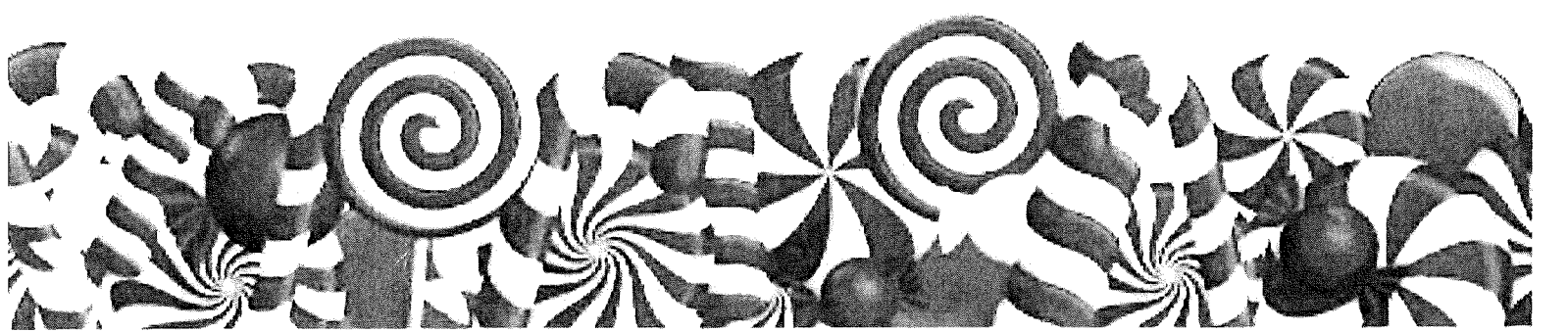
Santa will make a special appearance, in spite of his busy  
schedule.

Cost will be \$10 for Adults and children 5 and older -  
children 4 and under are free.

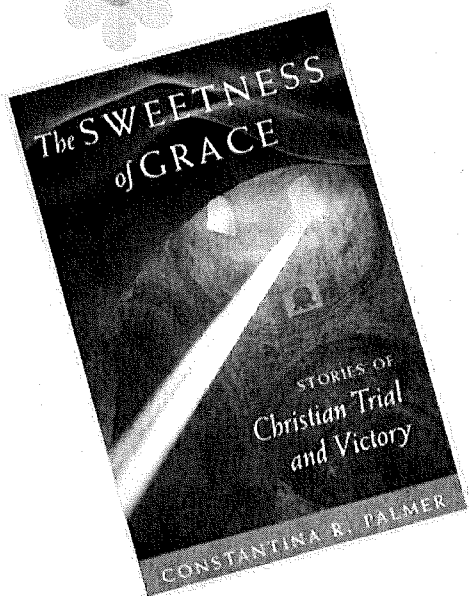
Please make your reservations  
November 6<sup>th</sup> thru December 11<sup>th</sup>  
either by clicking on the QR code here



online at [www.tinyurl.com/haphilo2501](http://www.tinyurl.com/haphilo2501), in person after  
liturgy on Sundays, December 1<sup>st</sup> & December 8<sup>th</sup>  
or contact Nia Dillon at [niamdillon@gmail.com](mailto:niamdillon@gmail.com)



NEW! AT HOLY APOSTLES



Women's

Book

Club!

Women of all ages are welcome to join in the reading of "The Sweetness of Grace". It is a short, easy read and should promote some fruitful discussion.

Please bring your favorite mug because we will use that as a way to get to know each other as we sip our way through the discussion.

**WHEN:**  
**THURSDAY,**  
**DECEMBER 12,**  
**7 PM**

**WHAT:**  
**"THE SWEETNESS OF GRACE"**  
**BY PRESVYTERA CONSTANTINA**  
**PALMER**

**WHERE:**  
**HOLY APOSTLES**  
**MULTIPURPOSE**  
**ROOM**

Please contact Presvytera Christa Dokos with any questions and your RSVP by October 31 at [preschrista@gmail.com](mailto:preschrista@gmail.com) or 605-376-3710. Make sure to include whether or not you will need a book ordered through HARC so Presvytera Michelle will know how many to order.



*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: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

CREDIT CARD # \_\_\_\_\_ EXPIRATION: \_\_\_\_\_ CVC: \_\_\_\_\_

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.
Bronze	\$250.00	One-Sixth Screen	Your family names or company name up to 75 characters.
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DONATION AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

COMMEMORATIVE SPONSORSHIP MESSAGE:

# O Monoyenis Yios – Hymn of Justinian

Only begotten Son and Logos of God, being immortal.  
You condescended for our salvation to take flesh from the  
Holy Theotokos and ever virgin Mary, and without change became man.  
Christ our God, You were crucified and conquered death by death.  
Being one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit.  
Save Us.

## Apostoli Agii

Anastassiou

Voice

*Ho -o- ly A -po- stles In -ter- cede- With the Mer -*

A - po - sto - li a - yi - i pre - sve - sa - te to e - le - i - mo -

*ci -ful God. That for - all -our - faults He may grant For-give-ness To our souls*

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## Sermon Notes

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