

WEEKLY BULLETIN
DECEMBER 1, 2024

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SUNDAY

8:15 a.m. Orthros
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Memorials: Kimberly Argires, James Fotopoulos
Fellowship Hour: Hosted by the Fotopoulos family in loving memory of James Fotopoulos
11:45 a.m. GOYA Board Meeting

MONDAY

8:00 a.m. Orthros

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

TUESDAY

6:45 a.m. Brotherhood of St Peter the Apostle

8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

4:30 p.m. Greek School

6:15 p.m. Greek School Staff Meeting

6:15 p.m. JOY

7:15 p.m. ECM Webinar

WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. Orthros

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Jr GOYA

THURSDAY

8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

1:00 p.m. Bible Study

4:30 p.m. Greek School

5:30 p.m. Greek School PTO Meeting

6:15 p.m. Neolea Dance Troupe

7:15 p.m. Parish Council Candidate Seminar

FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. Orthros

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

7:00 p.m. Small Paraklesis

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

10:00 a.m. ECM Summit

4:00 p.m. Open Confession

5:00 p.m. Vespers

6:00 p.m. Vespers Potluck Dinner

DECEMBER 1

Orthros

Divine Liturgy

Kimberly Argires, James Fotopoulos

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GOYA Board Meeting

DECEMBER 2 – FEAST DAY OF ST PORPHYRIOS

Orthros

Divine Liturgy

DECEMBER 3

Brotherhood of St Peter the Apostle

Divine Liturgy

Greek School

Greek School Staff Meeting

JOY

ECM Webinar

DECEMBER 4 – FEAST DAY OF ST BARBARA

Orthros

Divine Liturgy

Choir Rehearsal

Jr GOYA

DECEMBER 5

Divine Liturgy

Bible Study

Greek School

Greek School PTO Meeting

Neolea Dance Troupe

Parish Council Candidate Seminar

DECEMBER 6 – FEAST DAY OF ST NICHOLAS

Orthros

Divine Liturgy

Small Paraklesis

DECEMBER 7

Divine Liturgy

ECM Summit

Open Confession

Vespers

Vespers Potluck Dinner

Epistle Reading—Ephesians 2:4-10

Reader: Madeline Kubesh

Gospel Reading—Luke 18:35-43

There is no Sunday School today. Classes resume next Sunday, December 8. See you then!

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 μνῆμα σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν· καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ’ αὐτοῦ· ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωροῦμενος τὴν ζωὴν. Ὁ ἀναστάς 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

Ephesians 2:4-10

Brethren, God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God — not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

The Gospel

Luke 18:35-43

At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” And he cried, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me receive my sight.” And Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

Parish Council Elections on Sunday, December 8 – Voting will be by secret ballot in the Multipurpose Room, beginning at the conclusion of Divine Liturgy until 3:00pm. If you're eligible to vote as a member in good standing of Holy Apostles Church, but won't be able to make it to church next week, absentee ballots will be available in the office, beginning today.

Nativity Fast Continues – During the Nativity Fast or Advent, which is the 40 days leading up to 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, on three consecutive Saturdays, December 7, 14 and 21 at 4:00pm, there is a one-hour period open for Confession prior to Vespers.** 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.

Next Christmas Pageant Rehearsal is Sunday, December 8 – Please make sure your children come directly to church, not to Coffee Hour, once they are dismissed from Sunday School. There will be a final dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 14, from 9:00-10:15am, but no need to bring any part of your child's costume until Sunday, December 15, the day of the Pageant. We will meet at 9:00am that day to do a short run through in the Multipurpose Room. After communion, the participants will come back to the Multipurpose Room to put on their costumes and line up. It is very important that your children make as many of the rehearsals left as possible. We want them to feel comfortable knowing what their roles are and to experience the delight of the congregation that day. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Pihos at (630) 640-5811 or christmaspageant@holypostleschurch.com.

Youth Choir Invited to Sing at 65th Anniversary Luncheon on December 29 – We encourage children, 3rd grade and up, to join us! If your family plans to attend, please consider this wonderful opportunity. Rehearsals will be held on Sunday, December 8 at 9:15am in the Multi-purpose Room and Sunday, December 22, after communion in Room 205 until 11:30am. If your child hasn't already joined, please email loft@holypostleschurch.com with questions or to confirm participation. We would love to have more voices! Please be a part of our Holy Apostles history and help us make this a memorable celebration!

Your Help Needed for 9th Annual Feed6 Challenge on Saturday, January 11, 2025 – This event is a wonderful opportunity for our entire community, from grandparents to grade schoolers, to come together to help those less fortunate in our local community. This year, we need \$56,000 in donations and 450 volunteers to meet our aggressive goal of 200,000 meals.

3rd Annual Trivia Night Scheduled for Saturday, January 25 – Please save the date! Additional details, including how to register and make additional goodwill contributions for the beneficiary of this event, will be shared in an upcoming email and issue of Weekly News.



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 6th thru December 11th
either by clicking on the QR code here



online at www.tinyurl.com/haphilo25o1, in person after
liturgy on Sundays, December 1st & December 8th
or contact Nia Dillon at niamdillon@gmail.com





*Philoptochos Annual
Christmas Party and
General Meeting*

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

6:30 pm

*Butterfield Country Club
2800 Midwest Rd., Oak Brook, IL*

Lenten Buffet Dinner - \$60 per person

*Please RSVP and pay
no later than December 3rd
either by clicking on the QR code here*



*online at www.tinyurl.com/haphilo2501
or in person after liturgy on
Sundays, November 24th & December 1st
or contact Helen Kasimos at
(630) 677-7757*

JOINT SERVICE PROJECT

Missions, Philoptochos & Stewardship Ministry are hosting a service event to assemble cold weather kits to be used by the BEDS outreach team in LaGrange.

Wednesday
December

11

Project
Immediately
Following
Liturgy
at 6:00 PM

We will be collecting donations in the wrapped box by HARC.

Items to be collected:

chapstick, handwarmers, granola bars

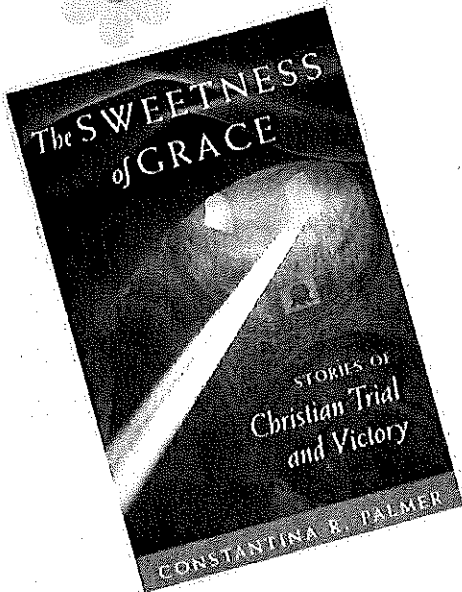
stewardship@holypostleschurch.com

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 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, 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 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.
Patron	\$100.00	Listing	Your family names or company name up to 50 characters.

DONATION AMOUNT: \$ _____

COMMEMORATIVE SPONSORSHIP MESSAGE:



The Metropolis of Chicago St. John of Damascus
League of Chanters invites you to celebrate the:

**FEAST DAY OF OUR PATRON SAINT,
ST. JOHN OF DAMASCUS
ΕΟΡΤΗ ΤΟΥ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΜΑΣ,
ΙΩΑΝΝΗΣ ΔΑΜΑΣΚΗΝΟΣ**

**Tuesday, December 3, 2024 / Τρίτη, 3 Δεκεμβρίου
Great Vespers / Μέγας Εσπερινός - 6:30p.m.**

**Followed by a reception & presentation by our host parish Chanter,
Mr. Nicholas Harisiadis**

The Role of the Psalti: My Personal Perspective

**Θα επακολουθήσει δεξίωση και ομιλία από τον πρωτοψάλτη του ναού,
Κ. Νικόλαον Χαρισιάδη**

To Έργο του Ψάλτη: Η Προσωπική μου Εμπειρία

**HOLY TAXIARCHAI & ST. HARALAMBOS CHURCH
ΕΝΟΡΙΑ ΤΩΝ ΤΑΞΙΑΡΧΩΝ & ΑΓΙΟΥ ΧΑΡΑΛΑΜΠΟΥΣ
7373 N. Caldwell Ave., Niles, IL**

Mr. Nicholas Harisiadis was born and raised in Constantinople. After grammar school and middle school, he graduated high school from the Theological School of Halki. He migrated to Greece for further studies and in 1977 to the United States. He then married his wonderful wife Anna, also from Constantinople, and is a father of two married sons, one of them also a Protopsalti in Chicago, and has been blessed with four grandchildren.

He first came up to the chanting stand (Αναλόγιο) at the age of four. He was blessed to learn under the tutelage of great teachers, including the late Vasilios Nikolaidis, the head chanter (Αρχών Πρωτοψάλτης) of the Patriarchate, who he had as a teacher for six consecutive years. Mr. Harisiadis has served several parishes over the years in our Metropolis while working full-time. Now semi-retired from the work world, he is fully devoted to serving at St. Haralambos as the Protopsalti. He currently serves as the secretary of our League and as the director of our choir. Our choir participates in the various Feast Day Vespers of our Churches along with various other events of the Metropolis and the Chicago area.

(pictured with his son & grandson at right)



St. John of Damascus League of Chanters - Metropolis of Chicago
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Community Christmas Celebration

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

The Carlisle
435 E. Butterfield Road.
Lombard, IL 60148

APPETIZERS & REFRESHMENTS WILL BE
SERVED

HELP US PROVIDE WARMTH TO THOSE IN NEED BY DONATING
NEW HATS, SCARVES, GLOVES, OR GIFT CARDS TO PROVIDE
BEDDING FOR THE PHILOXENIA HOUSE LOCATED IN
ROCHESTER MINNESOTA

WWW.PHILOXENIACHARITIES.ORG/ABOUT.HTML

"Love each other with a warm love that comes from the heart."

1 Peter 1:22



NATIVITY CONCERT

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2024 - 7:30pm

Hosted by Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church

1220 S 60th Ct, Cicero IL 60804

(Off of I-290 @ Austin, 1/2 Blk S of Roosevelt RD)

Also featuring parish choirs represented in the Pan Orthodox Choir:

- Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Cathedral, Chicago
- Holy Nativity Romanian Orthodox Church, Chicago
- Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church in America, Palatine

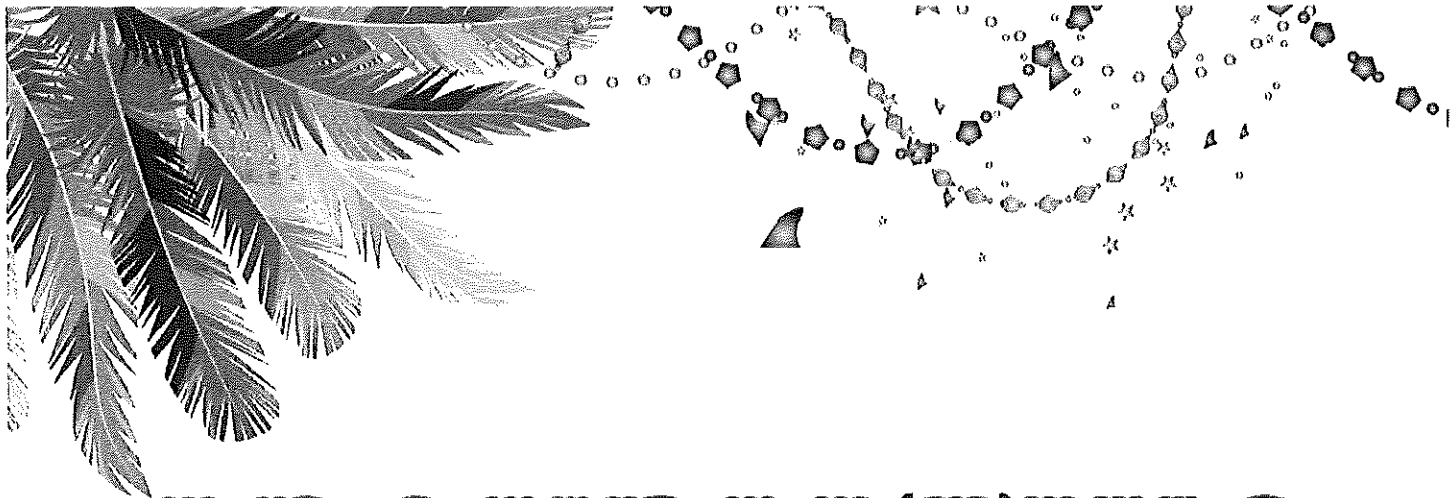
Free-will Offering (cash or check)

Proceeds to IOCC benefitting U.S. Hurricane Victims
and War-torn Christian Middle East

All are welcome! Free, Ample, Lighted Parking

CONTACT: (773) 619-8755 | gordana_faithnetorth@aol.com

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APOKRIATIKO GLENDI

Hosted by the Holy Apostles Greek School

FEBRUARY 16, 2025

EMPRESS BANQUET HALL, 6 PM - 10PM

Join us for dinner, dancing, raffles and activities
for all ages . Proceeds to Benefit the Holy
Apostles Greek School

Sponsorship & Ad Presentation Inquiries Email
holyapostlespto@gmail.com



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

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

Voice

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

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

Sermon Notes

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