

WEEKLY BULLETIN
DECEMBER 8, 2024

SUNDAY

8:15 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
Memorials:
11:20 a.m.
Fellowship Hour:
1:30 p.m.
2:15 p.m.
3:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 8

Orthros
Divine Liturgy
Thomas Angelos, Pauline Argianas, Konstantinos Skokos
Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
Parish Council Election
3rd/4th Grade Boys Basketball vs St Nectarios
3rd-6th Grade Girls Basketball vs St Nectarios
5th/6th Grade Boys Basketball vs St Nectarios

MONDAY

8:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy

TUESDAY

8:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy

1:00 p.m.

Caregivers Support Meeting

4:30 p.m.

Greek School

6:30 p.m.

Philoptochos General Meeting & Christmas Party

7:00 p.m.

GOYA Christmas Party

7:00 p.m.

Neighborhood Bible Study – LaGrange

7:30 p.m.

League of Chanters Practice

WEDNESDAY

10:00 a.m.

TOTS Christmas Party

3:30 p.m.

ECM Church Meeting

6:00 p.m.

Evening Divine Liturgy

7:00 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m.

Nativity Fast Service Project

THURSDAY

8:00 a.m.

Orthros

9:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy

1:00 p.m.

Bible Study

4:30 p.m.

Greek School

7:00 p.m.

Women's Book Club

FRIDAY

8:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy

9:00 a.m.

Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal

4:00 p.m.

Open Confession

5:00 p.m.

Vespers

Epistle Reading—Ephesians 2:14-22

Gospel Reading—Luke 13:10-17

Youth Choir Rehearsal Today for 65th Anniversary Luncheon – 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 today 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@holyapostleschurch.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!

Parish Council Elections Today! – Voting will be by secret ballot in the Multipurpose Room, beginning at the conclusion of Divine Liturgy until 3:00pm. Only members in good standing of Holy Apostles Church are eligible to vote. Here is a list of our 2025-26 candidates: Sandy Pihos, Bill Leider, Jim Maragos, Mike Thiakos, Patty Pappas, Peter Bell, Steven Milak, George Antonopoulos, Terry Chiganos, Chris Pepke, Nicole (Failla) Voelz, Valentia Vourlos, Nick Wendland, Ted Dres, Mike Parafink, and Nicoleta Ostendorf.

Holy Apostles Foundation Board Members Selected – Congratulations to the newly selected members of the Holy Apostles Foundation Board: Ernest Davis, Ernest Karras, Kristi Athas Landorf, Tom Loukas, Tim Stojka, and Joanne Volakakis. The creation of the Foundation has come about due to many hours of work from several people. Special thanks to Parish Council Foundation Committee members, Patty Pappas, Steve Milak, Jim Maragos, Jim Sotirakos, Greg Arzoumanidis, Father Nicholas Georgiou, our Legal Advisor Joan Berg and the Selection Committee, Alicia Magas, Freida Varlas, and Christos Linardakis for their time and effort.

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 the next two Saturdays, December 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.

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.

Resurrectional Apolytikion

Grave Mode

You destroyed death by Your Cross, You opened Paradise to the Robber. You turned the Myrrh-bearing Women's lament into joy, and You commanded Your Apostles to preach that You rose, O Christ God, granting the world the great mercy.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον.

Ἦχος βαρύς.

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον· ἠνέφξας τῷ ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον· τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρήνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας, ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Katelisas to Stavro sou ton thanaton, ineoxas to Listi ton Paradison, ton Miroforon ton thrinon metevales, ke tis sis Apostolis kiritin epetaxas, oti anestis Christe o Theos, parehon to kosmo to mega eleos.

The Epistle

Ephesians 2:14-22

Brethren, Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

The Gospel

Luke 13:10-17

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.



Christmas Pageant Rehearsal Today, 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.

We are so grateful to all the children who are participating in the annual Christmas Pageant this year. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Pihos at (630) 640-5811 or christmaspageant@holypostleschurch.com.



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



Christmas Breakfast with Santa

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

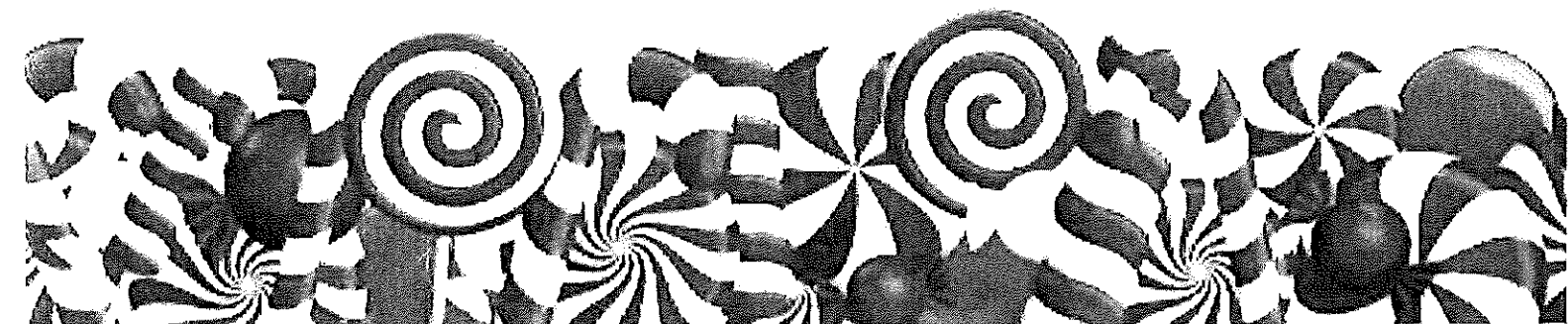
Santa will make a special appearance, in spite of his busy
schedule.

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/haphilo2501, in person after
liturgy on Sundays, December 1st & December 8th
or contact Nia Dillon at niamdillon@gmail.com





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CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

A HOLY APOSTLES MINISTRY

Please join us for Coffee and Discussion

Tuesday, December 10th

At 1:00 pm In the Philoptochos Room

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



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

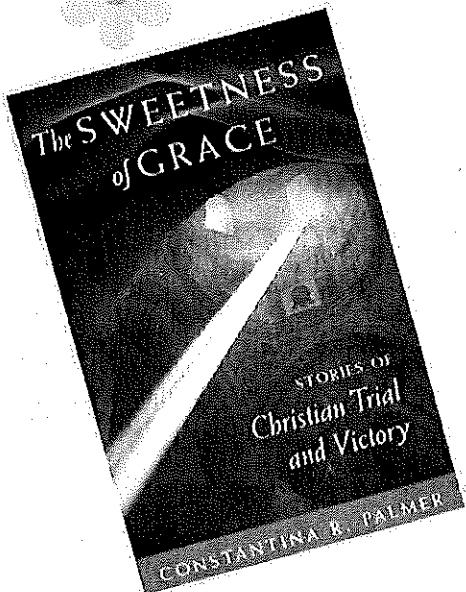
stewardship@holypostleschurch.com

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.



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, ½ 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

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*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>





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HOLY APOSTLES 65TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29TH, 2024

COMMEMORATIVE SPONSORSHIP FORM

*Deadline for Sponsorship Submission is **December 8, 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"

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

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

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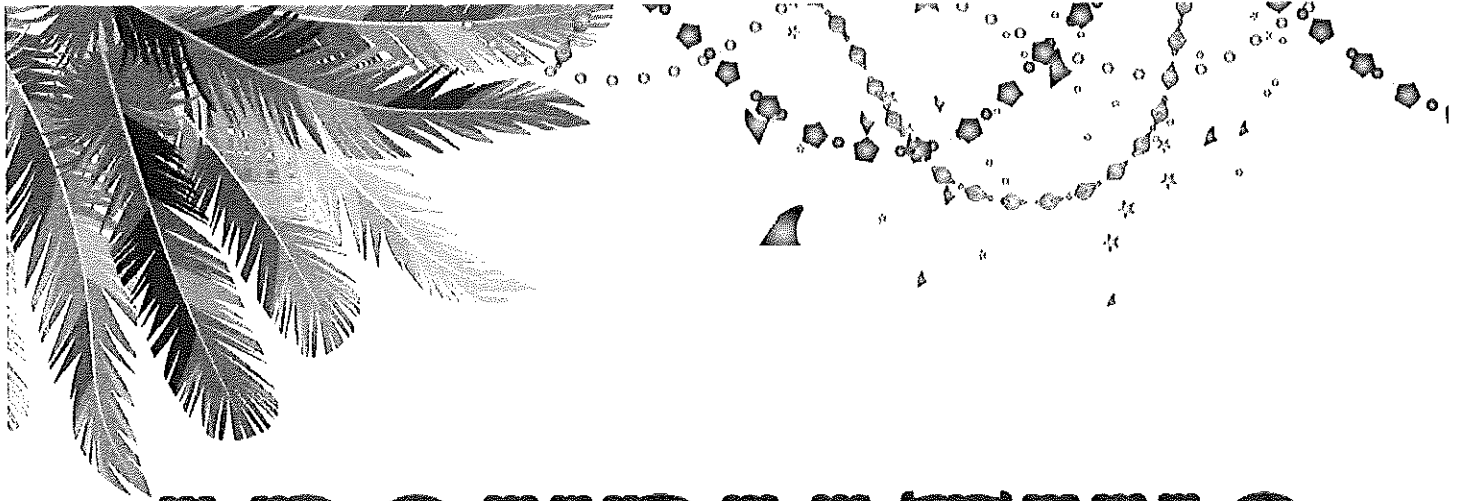
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Patron	\$100.00	Listing	Your family names or company name up to 50 characters.

DONATION AMOUNT: \$ _____

COMMEMORATIVE SPONSORSHIP MESSAGE:



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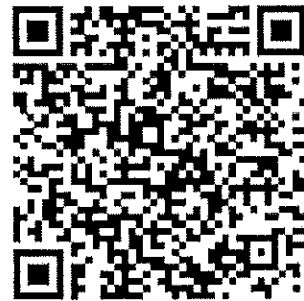
Hosted by the Holy Apostles Greek School

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

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December 2024

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LATEST NEWS



SCAN FOR
MORE NEWS

11/22

Campus of Annunciation Cathedral of Chicago chosen as proposed site of new Metropolis Center

11/07

His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael's 5-year vision continues to gather momentum across the Metropolis of Chicago

UPCOMING EVENTS



SCAN FOR
MORE
EVENTS

12/08

Metropolis of Chicago Community Christmas Party

12/26

YAL Chicago Christmas Party

12/30

Fanari Reunion Dance

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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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