

WEEKLY BULLETIN
DECEMBER 15, 2024

SUNDAY

8:15 a.m. Orthros
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Memorials: Anastasia Georgiou, Stelianos (Stanley) Korbellas
After Liturgy: Christmas Pageant
40 Day Blessing: Kayla Coggins, daughter-Adelphia
12:00 p.m. Christmas Breakfast, Hosted by Holy Apostles Philoptochos

DECEMBER 15 – FEAST DAY OF ST ELEUTHERIOS

MONDAY

8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

TUESDAY

DECEMBER 16

Divine Liturgy

DECEMBER 17 - FEAST DAY OF ST DIONYSIOS OF ZAKYNTHOS

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 Christmas Party

7:00 p.m. 65th Anniversary Luncheon Committee Meeting

7:15 p.m. ECM Cohort Meeting

WEDNESDAY

DECEMBER 18

8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

1:00 p.m. Bereavement Group

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Jr GOYA Christmas Party

THURSDAY

DECEMBER 19

8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

1:00 p.m. Bible Study

4:30 p.m. Greek School Christmas Party & Movie Night / Parent-Teacher Conferences

6:15 p.m. Neolea Dance Troupe

7:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

FRIDAY

DECEMBER 20

8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

9:00 p.m. Vigil for St John of Kronstadt

SATURDAY

DECEMBER 21

4:00 p.m. Open Confession

5:00 p.m. Vespers

Memorials: Nikolaos Labros, Asimina Syregelas, George Syregelas

Epistle Reading—2 Timothy 1:8-18

Gospel Reading—Luke 14:16-24

Resurrectional Apolytikion

Mode pl. 4.

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and consented to a three-day burial, to free us from the passions. O Lord, our life and resurrection, glory to You!

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον.

Ἦχος πλ. δ΄.

Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ Εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφὴν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσῃς τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Ex ipsus katilthes o Efsplachnos, tafin katethexo tri-imeron, ina imas eleftherosis ton pathon, I zoi ke I anastasis imon, Kirie thoxa si.

The Epistle – 2 Timothy 1:8-18

Timothy, my son, do not be ashamed of testifying to our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not in virtue of our works but in virtue of his own purpose and the grace which he gave us in Christ Jesus ages ago, and now has manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, and therefore I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. Follow the pattern of the sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus; guard the truth that has been entrusted to you by the Holy Spirit who dwells within us. You are aware that all who are in Asia turned away from me, and among them Phygelus and Hermogenes. May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me; he was not ashamed of my chains, but when he arrived in Rome he searched for me eagerly and found me — may the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that Day — and you well know all the service he rendered at Ephesus.

The Gospel – Luke 14:16-24

The Lord said this parable: “A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time of the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come; for all is now ready.’ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I must go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.’ And the servant said, ‘Sir, what you commanded has been done, and there is still room.’ And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet. For many are called, but few are chosen.’”

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.

Bereavement Group Meeting on Wednesday, December 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. Please email Cleo Pappas at cleop76@gmail.com to indicate your intent to take part in this journey.

Nativity Fast Continues – During the Nativity Fast or Advent, 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, next Saturday, December 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.

Youth Choir Rehearsal for 65th Anniversary Luncheon on Sunday, December 22 – We encourage children, 3rd grade and up, to join us! If your family plans to attend the luncheon on Sunday, December 29, please consider this wonderful opportunity. Rehearsals will be held next Sunday at 9:15am in the Multi-purpose Room, 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!

Children in the Loft Dates Set – Here are the dates for the remainder of the 2024-25 Sunday School year: Sundays, January 19, February 23, March 16 and May 4 (Youth Sunday). If you have any questions, please email Bette Schieber at loft@holyapostleschurch.com.

PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation Awarding \$250,000 in 2024-2025 Scholarships – Please visit www.panhellenicsf.org for more information. Applications are due on January 31.

Your Help Needed for 9th Annual Feed6 Challenge on Saturday, January 11, 2025

It's a wonderful opportunity for our entire community, from grandparents to grade schoolers, to come together to help those less fortunate in our local community. Please sign up to volunteer and/or donate in the Weekly News or at this link: <https://form.jotform.com/240166985186164>



3rd Annual Trivia Night Scheduled for Saturday, January 25, 2025 – Please join us for a fun evening! It's only \$10 per person, however, you can also make an additional goodwill donation to the beneficiary of this event, Westchester Food Pantry. Sign up as a team or individual in the Weekly News or at this link: <https://form.jotform.com/230106508275147>

**-THIRD ANNUAL-
TRIVIA
NIGHT**

Bring your family, friends, or ministry group
for an unforgettable night of trivia.

**SATURDAY
JAN 25**

TRIVIA BEGINS 7 PM
Holy Apostles Multipurpose Room
*Bring your own food and beverages to
enjoy while playing!*

*\$10 per person
Register as a team of 6-8 or
as individuals to be added to a team.
All proceeds benefit the Westchester Food Pantry.*

**REGISTER WITH THE LINK
IN YOUR WEEKLY EMAIL**

QUESTIONS?
stewardship@holypostleschurch.com



*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

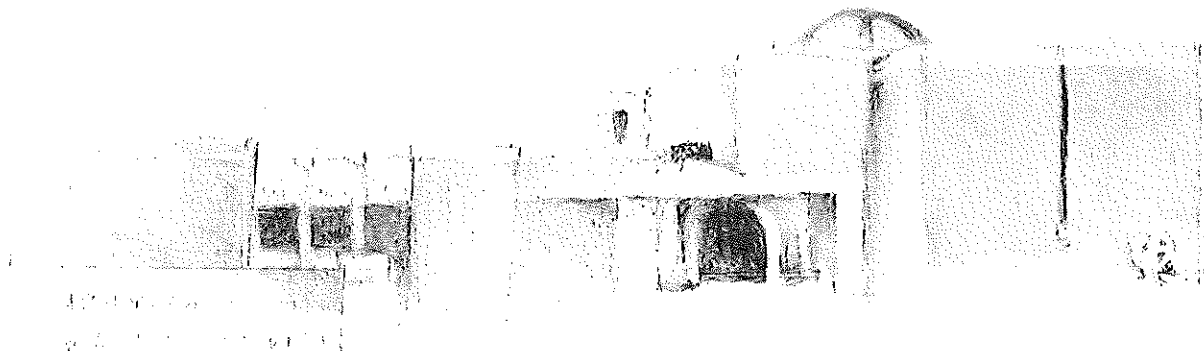
Children 12 and under: \$28

IN PERSON

Sundays after Divine Liturgy
beginning October 6th

ON LINE

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





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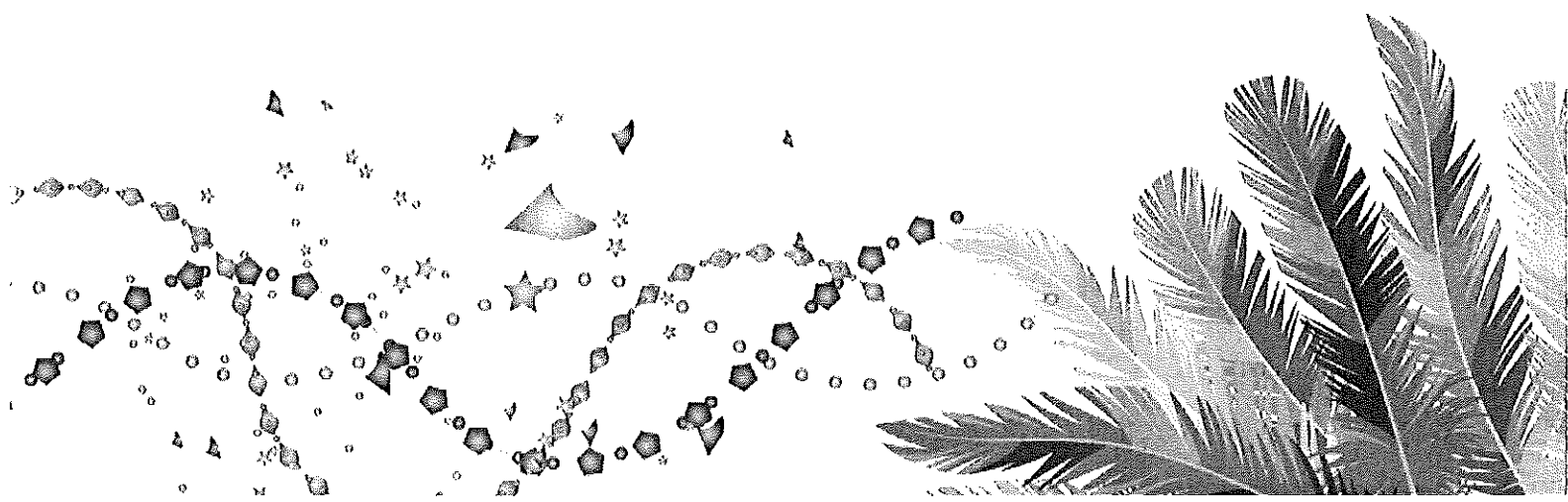
Hosted by the Holy Apostles Greek School

FEBRUARY 16, 2025

EMPRESS BANQUET HALL, 6 PM

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

Sponsorship & Ad Presentation Inquiries Email
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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:

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

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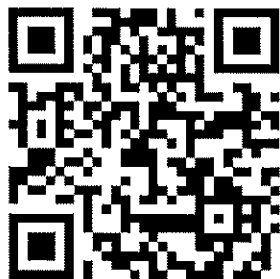
METROPOLIS
OF CHICAGO

December 2024

MESSAGES *from* the METROPOLIS

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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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ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN FOR

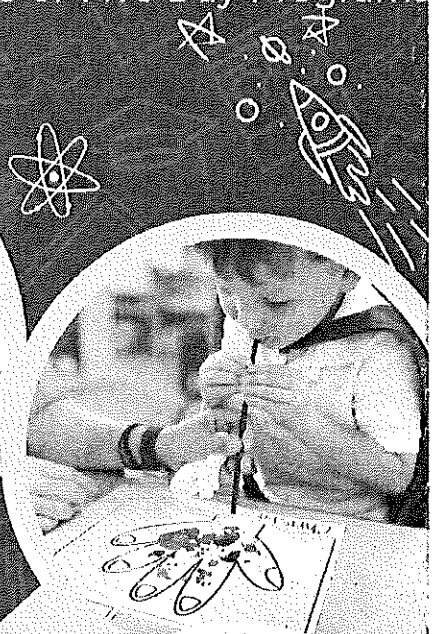
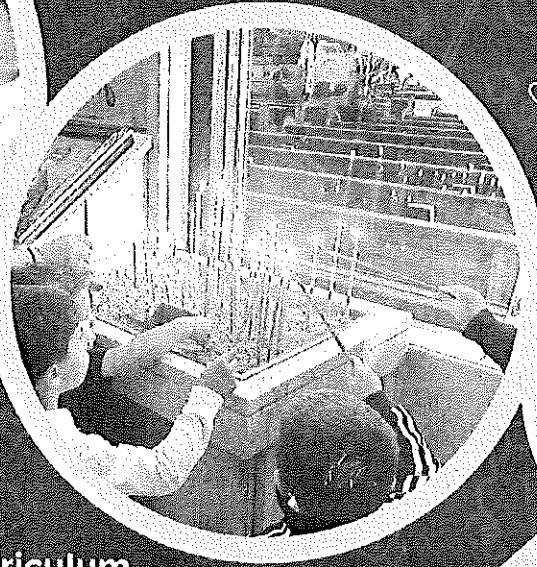
2025/2026

PYTHAGORAS CHILDREN'S ACADEMY PRESCHOOL

START YOUR CHILD ON JANUARY 6TH, 2025

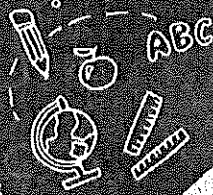


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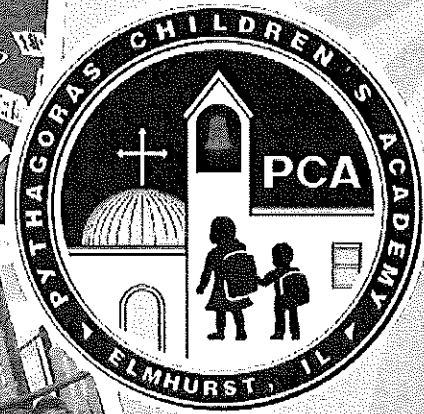
LEARNING, GROWING AND COMMUNITIES COME TOGETHER

PYTHAGORAS CHILDREN'S ACADEMY PRESCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

JANUARY 24TH, 2025

5:30-7:30 PM

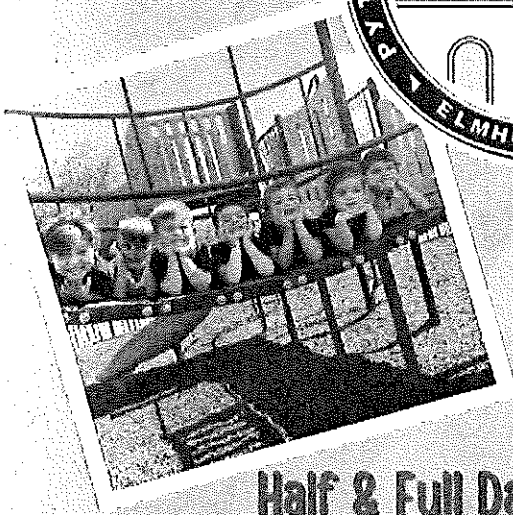


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O Monoyenis Yios – Hymn of Justinian

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

Anastassion

Voice

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

A - po - sto - li a - yi - i ke - 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 - fo - sin pa - ra - shi tes psi hes - i - mon.

The image shows two staves of musical notation for a voice part. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Ho -o- ly A -po- stles In -ter- cede- With the Mer -' and 'A - po - sto - li a - yi - i ke - sve - sa - te to e - le - i - mo -'. The second staff contains the lyrics 'ci -ful God. That for - all - our - faults He may grant For-give-ness To our souls' and 'ni - The - o i - na - pte - sma - ton a - fo - sin pa - ra - shi tes psi hes - i - mon.' The notation includes various note values, rests, and bar lines.

Sermon Notes

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