

WEEKLY BULLETIN
DECEMBER 22, 2024

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SUNDAY

8:15 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

Memorials:

After Liturgy:

Fellowship Hour

MONDAY

8:00 a.m.

TUESDAY

9:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

8:45 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

8:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY

5:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 22

Orthros

Divine Liturgy

Helen Alex, Jody Alexander, Elaine Kalivas, Marika Karamatskos, Christos Patsavos

Greek School Kalanda

DECEMBER 23

Divine Liturgy

DECEMBER 24

Royal Hours

Christmas Eve Liturgy & Choir Concert

DECEMBER 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY (OFFICE CLOSED)

Orthros

Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with Metropolitan Athenagoras

DECEMBER 26 – OFFICE CLOSED

DECEMBER 27 – FEAST DAY OF ST STEPHEN

Orthros

Divine Liturgy

Neolea Dance Troupe

DECEMBER 28

Vespers

Epistle Reading—Hebrews 11:9-10, 32-40

Reader: Zoe Panton

Gospel Reading—Matthew 1:1-25

Our Christmas Mailing Is On the Way! – Current stewards of Holy Apostles Church, please be on the lookout for a large, white envelope, hopefully by Christmas Eve. In it, you will find a letter from Fr George, our Christmas Card, beautifully designed by Will Carlin, one of our parishioners, the 2025 Ecclesiastical Calendar, donated by Chris Balodimas, the 2025 Daily Reading Bible Guide, assembled by Fr Nicholas, and a Christmas offering envelope. This mailing wouldn't have been possible without the work of Eleni Geanon and Sophia Pappas. They worked several hours over two days to stuff the contents into envelopes and then sorted them for bulk mailing. Thank you, ladies, for going above and beyond the call of duty.

Holy Apostles Welcomes Anna Gordon, a former participant and current Ambassador for the CrossRoad Summer Institute. This program is a 10-day educational opportunity held each summer for high school seniors and college freshmen to learn more about their Orthodox faith. This morning, Anna will have a table setup in the Multi-Purpose Room after Divine Liturgy to provide our parish with general awareness and information regarding the CrossRoad program.

65th Anniversary Luncheon Reservation Deadline is Today – Please make yours, if you haven't already done so. We all look forward to celebrating this momentous occasion.

Resurrectional Apolytikion – Mode 1.

The stone having been sealed by the Pharisees and chief priests, and Your all-immaculate body being guarded by soldiers, You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. Then the powers of the heavens cried out to You, O Giver of Life, and shouted, “Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your eternal rule! Glory to Your plan for saving us, only benevolent God!” 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 α΄.

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν. Διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

Tu lithu sfragisthentos ipo ton Iutheon, ke stratioton filasonton to ahranton su Soma, anestis triimeros Sotir, thorumenos to kosmo tin zoin; thia tuto e Thinamis ton uranon, evoon si Zoothota. Thoxa ti Anastasi su Christe, thoxa ti vasilia su, thoxa ti ikonomia su, mone filathrope.

The Epistle – Hebrews 11:9-10, 32-40

Brethren, by faith Abraham sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets — who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated — of whom the world was not worthy — wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

The Gospel – Matthew 1:1-25

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Ammin'adab, and Ammin'adab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Bo'az by Rahab, and Bo'az the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uri'ah, and Solomon the father of

Rehobo'am, and Rehobo'am the father of Abi'jah, and Abi'jah the father of Asa, and Asa the father of Jehosh'aphat, and Jehosh'aphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzzi'ah, and Uzzi'ah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezeki'ah, and Hezeki'ah the father of Manas'seh, and Manas'seh the father of Amon, and Amon the father of Josi'ah, and Josi'ah the father of Jechoni'ah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoni'ah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerub'babel, and Zerub'babel the father of Abi'ud, and Abi'ud the father of Eli'akim, and Eli'akim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eli'ud, and Eli'ud the father of Elea'zar, and Elea'zar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations. Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne her firstborn son; and he called his name Jesus.

Save the Date for our Annual Vasilopita Celebration on Sunday, January 12, 2025 – Philoptochos welcomes you to join their hosted coffee hour with Vasilopita after the Divine Liturgy in the Multipurpose Room. *Special thank you to Wanita & Paul Loupakos for hosting the Philoptochos sponsored Vasilopita Celebration, and to Eleni Poteres for baking the Vasilopita for the blessing in the nave.* Philoptochos sends its best wishes to the Holy Apostles Community for a blessed new year.

In the fourth century, Saint Basil the Great established various philanthropic institutions, and distributed money to the poor in a discreet manner by placing gold coins in the sweetened bread. The recipients cutting the bread were surprised to find the gold coin, which provided them with material sustenance. These special loaves became known as the bread of St. Basil or Vasilopita.



*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>



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>



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.

You're Invited to Host a Coffee Hour! – We know many of you have a flair for hosting family and friend gatherings, so we invite you to give of your time and talent to host a Fellowship Hour. It can be done by a single family, a group of families or members of a ministry, usually to honor someone's memory or celebrate a special event. Your effort and generosity are greatly appreciated! There are plenty of dates available in 2025. Please sign up by scanning the QR code below and filling out the requested information.



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



**-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



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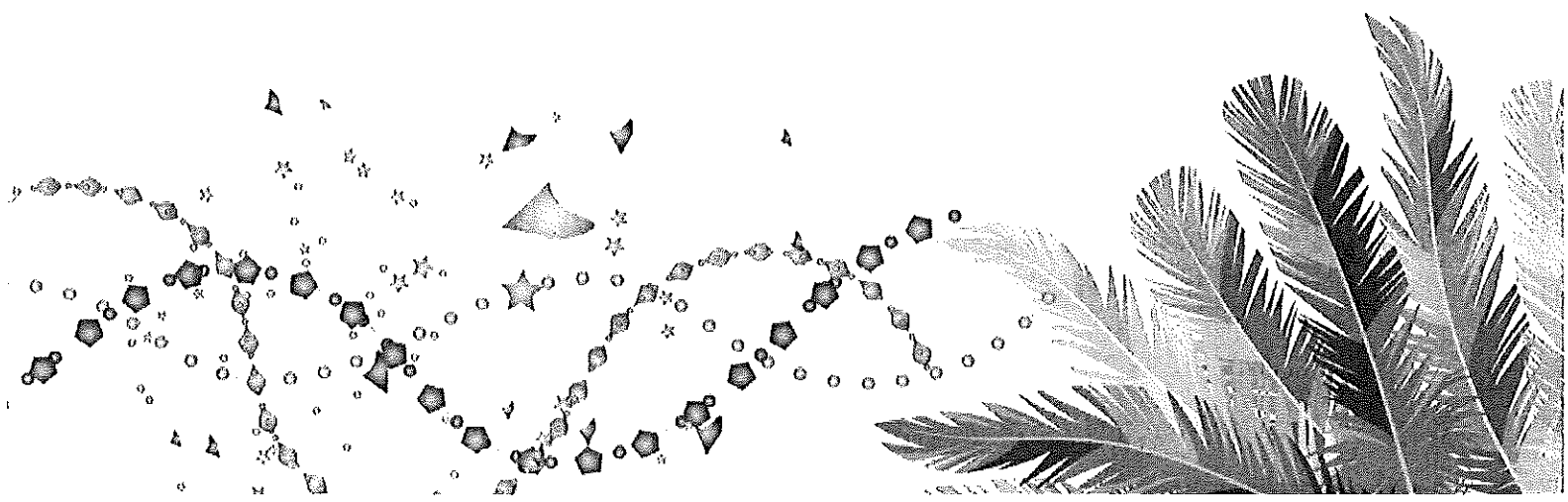
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FEBRUARY 16, 2025

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

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DANCE**

7-10 PM | DECEMBER 30, 2024



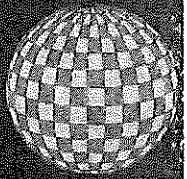
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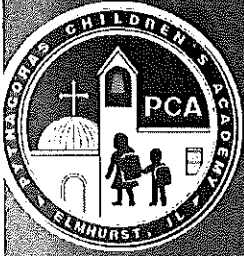


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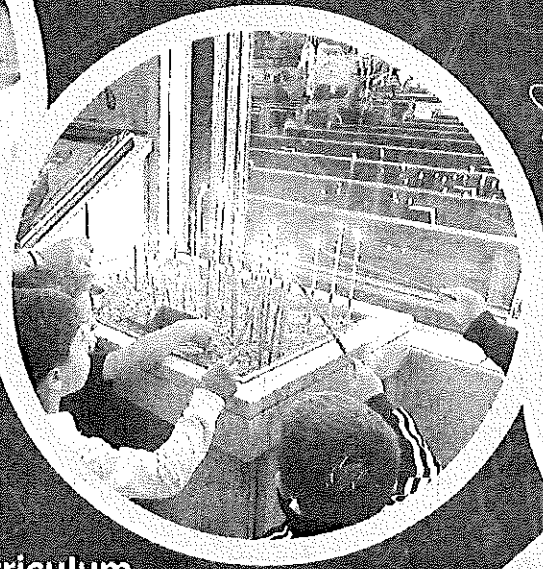
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PYTHAGORAS CHILDREN'S ACADEMY PRESCHOOL

START YOUR CHILD ON JANUARY 6TH, 2025

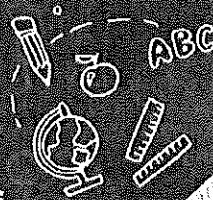


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Vasilopita Celebration

To Benefit St. Basil's Academy &
Youth and Young Adult Ministries

JANUARY

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Start 6 PM

Hosted by St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
10301 S. Kolmar Ave, Oak Lawn, IL, 60453

Rsvp by January 6

Parish Reservations can be made
by calling or emailing:

708-636-5460

saintnicholasoffice@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

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

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

The image shows a musical score for a voice part. It consists of two staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The lyrics are in English and include some Greek words in parentheses. The music is set in a key with one flat (F major or D minor).

Sermon Notes

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