

WEEKLY BULLETIN
DECEMBER 29, 2024

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SUNDAY

8:15 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

Memorials:

12:00 p.m.

TUESDAY

5:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 29

Orthros

Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with Metropolitan Nathanael

Konstandinos Mirmingos, Francis Scott Willsey

65th Anniversary Luncheon @ Hilton Oak Brook Hills Resort

DECEMBER 31

Wedding: Andrea Kaufman & Eric Russell

Sponsors: Alexandra Kaufman & Stratos Skarpathiotis

WEDNESDAY

8:45 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

FRIDAY

9:00 a.m.

JANUARY 1 – FEAST DAY OF ST BASIL (OFFICE CLOSED)

Orthros

Divine Liturgy

JANUARY 3

Great Hours of Theophany

SATURDAY

2:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

JANUARY 4

Wedding: Sofia Colantuono & Joseph Mendes

Sponsors: Desi & Michael Bakalis

Vespers

Vespers Potluck Dinner

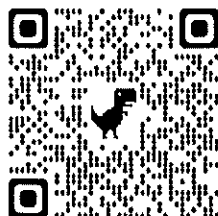
Epistle Reading—Galatians 1:11-19

Reader: Ellia Gryfakis

Gospel Reading—Matthew 2:13-23

65th Anniversary Luncheon Today – We look forward to celebrating this momentous occasion for Holy Apostles Church with you. There is no Coffee Hour in the MPR this morning, so those who made reservations, please proceed directly to the Hilton Oak Brook Hills Resort at the conclusion of Divine Liturgy.

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.



Resurrectional Apolytikion – Mode 2.

When You descended unto Death, O Lord, You who are immortal Life put Hades to death, by the lightning of Your divinity. And when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the hosts of heaven sang aloud to You, “O Christ God, Giver of life, glory to You!”

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον – ᾠχος β΄.

Ὅτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ ζωὴ ἢ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας, τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς θεότητος· ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

Ote katilthes pros ton thanaton, i Zoi i athanatos, tote ton Athin enekrosas, ti astrapi tis Theotitos. Ote the ke tus tethneotas ek ton kaththonion anestisas, pase e Thinamis ton epuranion ekragazon; Zo-othota Christe, o Theos imon thoxa si.

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 – Matthew 2:13-23

When the magi had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt have I called my son.” Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the magi, was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the magi. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: “A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they were no more.” But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” And he rose and took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

Saturday Vespers Potluck

First Saturday of Each Month

2024

~~August 3*~~

~~September 7~~

~~October 5~~

~~November 2~~

~~December 7*~~

2025

* January 4

* February 1

* March 1*

* April 5*

* May 3

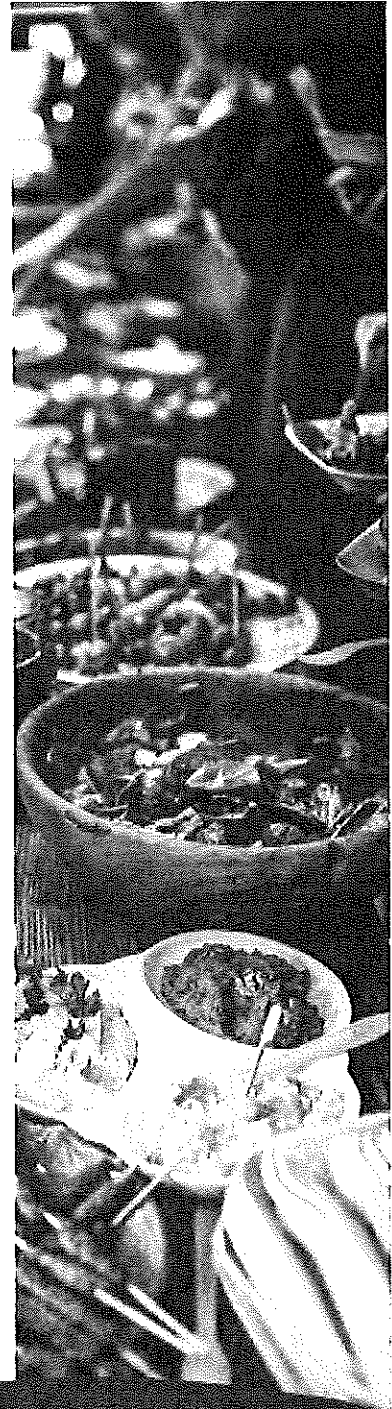
**On these days, please bring fasting-friendly meals
On March 1st, dairy & eggs are allowed*

Vespers Service Begins at 5:00 PM
Potluck Immediately Following
at 6:00 PM

Sign up each month using
the link in the weekly email

QUESTIONS?

Email stewardship@holypostleschurch.com



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>



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.

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.



-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

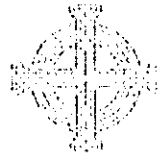
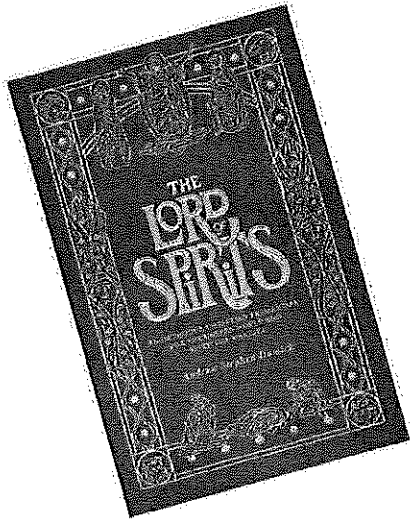
*Register as a team of 6-8 or
as individuals to be added to a team.*

All proceeds benefit the Westchester Food Pantry.

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

QUESTIONS?

stewardship@holypostleschurch.com



HOLY APOSTLES
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Women's Book Club!

Women of all ages are welcome to join us in the reading of "The Lord of Spirits" by Fr. Andrew Stephen Damick. This will be a special read because Fr. Andrew will be speaking at our Celebration of Books this year!

Bring a mug as hot drinks will be provided.

WHEN:
THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 27,
2025, 7 P.M.

WHAT:
READING "THE LORD OF
SPIRITS" BY FR. ANDREW
STEPHEN DAMICK

WHERE:
HOLY APOSTLES
MULTIPURPOSE
ROOM

Please contact Presvytera Christa Dokos with any questions and your RSVP at preschrista@gmail.com or 605-376-3710.



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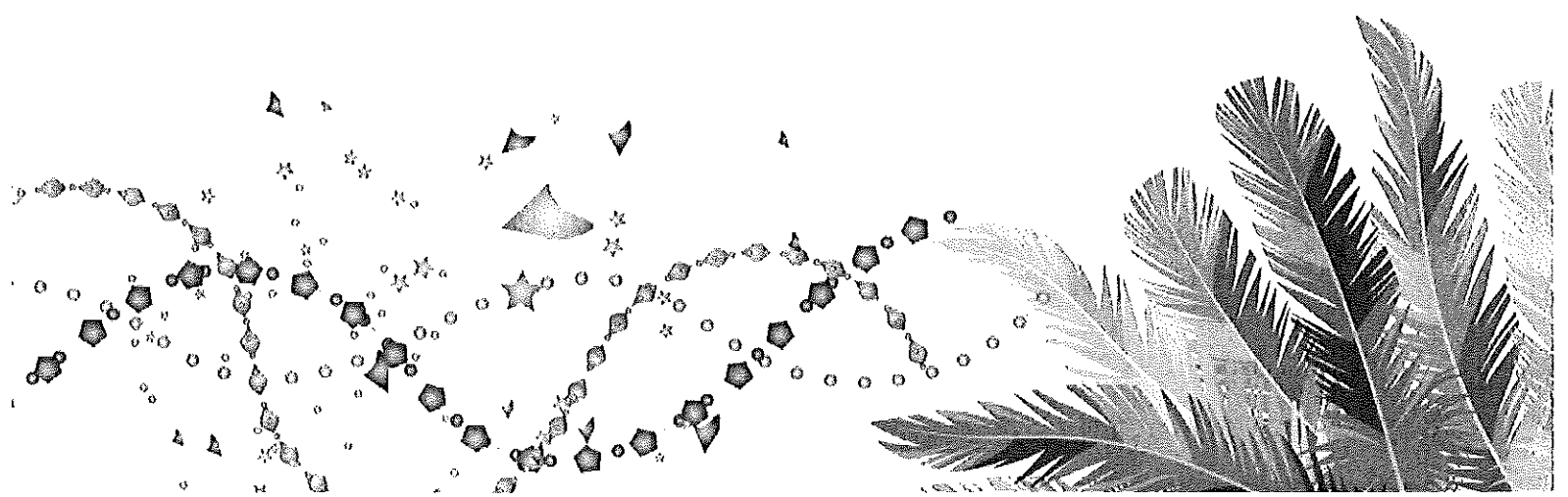
Hosted by the Holy Apostles Greek School

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
holyapostlespto@gmail.com

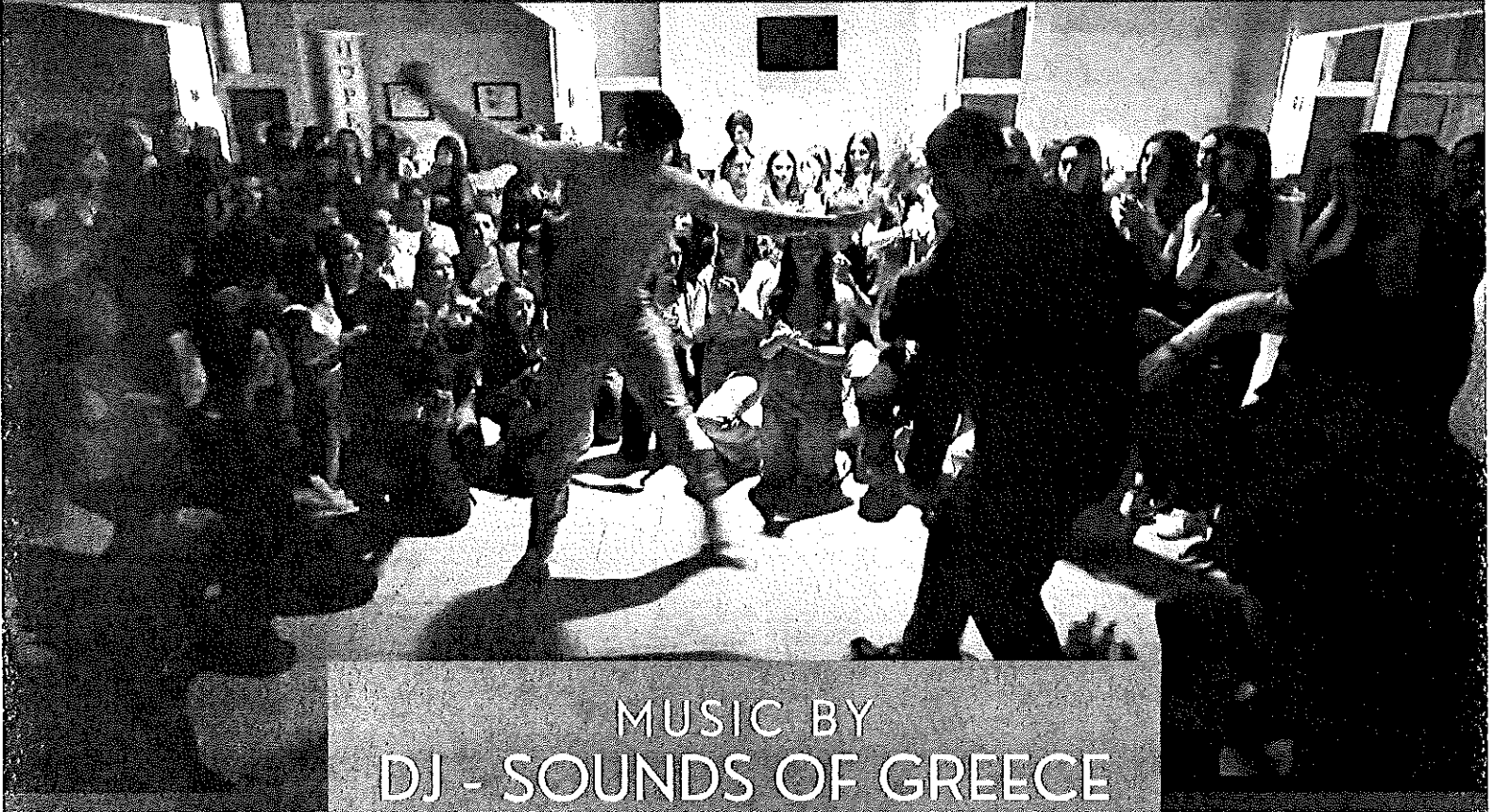




FANARI CAMP

REUNION DANCE

7-10 PM | DECEMBER 30, 2024



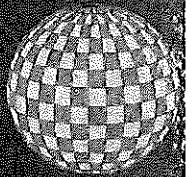
MUSIC BY
DJ - SOUNDS OF GREECE

Ascension of Our Lord Greek Orthodox Church
1207 Riverwoods Rd, Lincolnshire, IL 60069

All 2024 Fanari Campers are welcome - bring your friends!
DJ, Dancing, & Dinner!

TICKETS \$10

Order tickets at



**His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael of Chicago
and the Metropolis of Chicago Philoptochos**
Cordially invite you to
the 64th Annual



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

JANUARY 18, 2025

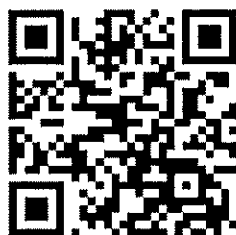


THEOPHANY DIVE FOR THE CROSS

OAKBROOK PARK DISTRICT
6PM-8PM

ALL YOUTH AGES AND FAMILIES
CROSS DIVE - SWIMMING - FOOD

RSVP with QR Code



Contact: George Demas
george@assumptionchicago.org
773.626.3114

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

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.

The musical notation is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a common time signature. It features a series of chords and melodic lines corresponding to the lyrics. The lyrics are written in both English and Greek.

Sermon Notes

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