

WEEKLY BULLETIN
JANUARY 5, 2025

SUNDAY

8:15 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hour

5:00 p.m.

JANUARY 5 – EVE OF THEOPHANY

Orthros

Divine Liturgy

Blessing of the Waters

Great Vespers of Theophany

MONDAY

8:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

JANUARY 6 - THEOPHANY

Orthros

Divine Liturgy

Blessing of the Waters

TUESDAY

6:45 a.m.

8:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

4:30 p.m.

6:15 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:15 p.m.

JANUARY 7 – FEAST DAY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Brotherhood of St Peter the Apostle

Orthros

Divine Liturgy

Greek School & Vasilopita Cutting

JOY

65th Anniversary Luncheon Wrapup Meeting

ECM Webinar

WEDNESDAY

10:00 a.m.

3:30 p.m.

JANUARY 8

TOTS

ECM Church Meeting

THURSDAY

1:00 p.m.

4:30 p.m.

6:15 p.m.

JANUARY 9

Bible Study

Greek School

Neolea Dance Troupe

SATURDAY

9:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

JANUARY 11

Feed6

Vespers

Epistle Reading—2 Timothy 4:5-8

Gospel Reading—Mark 1:1-8

House Blessings – Fr George and Fr Nicholas look forward to blessing your homes during the holy season of Theophany in 2025. Please call them or the church office to set up your blessing. May God bless you and your family this New Year!

Resurrectional Apolytikion

Mode 3.

Let the heavens be glad. Let the earth rejoice exceedingly. For the Lord has shown strength with his arm. He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead. Out of the belly of Hades, He has rescued us, and to the world He has granted the great mercy.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον

ᾠχος γ´.

Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιάσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος· ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον· πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο· ἐκ κοιλίας ᾄδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Efrenestho ta ourania, agaliastho ta epiyia, oti epi-ise kratos, en vrahioni aftu, o Kyrios, epatisse to thanato ton thanaton, prototokos ton nekron eyenetos, ek kilias Athu erisato imas, ke pareshe to kosmo to mega eleos.

The Epistle

2 Timothy 4:5-8

Timothy, my son, always be watchful, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

The Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophets, 'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who shall prepare your way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight —' John was baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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.

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>



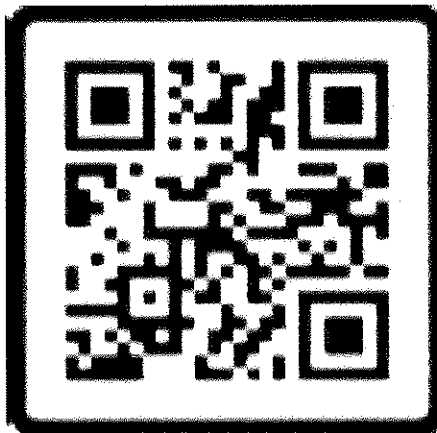
PLEASE JOIN THE PHILOPTOCHOS
AS THEY HOST THE

Godparents' *Luncheon*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2
Following Liturgy

RSVP TO:

[HTTP://WWW.TINYURL.COM/HAPHILO2501](http://WWW.TINYURL.COM/HAPHILO2501)
312-501-1533 OR MARIANNA.BANNOS@GMAIL.COM
BY JANUARY 26



CATERED BY
GREEK ISLANDS

PHOTOBOOTH FUN

\$10 FOR AGES 4 AND OLDER
FREE FOR AGES 3 AND YOUNGER

2025 Project HOPE Update

New Year - New Collection Guidelines

The Metropolis Project HOPE Team has made some adjustments to the Project HOPE collection bag guidelines. We hope these changes will make it easier for parishioners to donate. We anticipate that the bags will be lighter to carry and will allow donors to purchase multiple items that may be discounted or on sale.

Non-perishable items are now divided into 3 categories and parishioners are asked to donate 4-5 items from each category for a total of 12-15 items.

The collection process will be the same. The Holy Apostles Project HOPE Team will stock the current crate with bags that have the new checklist attached beginning January 1st. Parishioners can take one of these bags, fill it with the items of their choosing, and then return the filled bag to the Project HOPE counter. These bags are picked up once or twice per month and delivered to those in need. We will continue to send the donated food to the Hillside Food Pantry, which operates out of Immanuel Lutheran Church one block to the north of us. Immanuel Lutheran has been overwhelmed by our support and is truly grateful for our assistance. They operate a once per month drive-thru food pantry that serves many, many families - until they run out of food. With our help, they have been able to significantly increase the number of families they support.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Philoptochos or the Missions Ministries.

HOPE

Humanitarian Outreach & Philanthropic Engagement

DONATION CHECKLIST

Non-Perishable Items

CARBOHYDRATES

Pasta
Rice
Lentils
Instant Potatoes
Graham Crackers
Crackers
Cereal
Oatmeal

CANNED ITEMS

Chicken
Tuna
Salmon
Turkey
Beans
Corn
Soup (low sodium)
Chili

CONDIMENTS

Fruit Jams
Granola Bars
Apple Sauce
Pudding
Pasta Sauce
Nuts
Cooking Oils
Powdered Milk
Peanut Butter
Dried herbs/Spices

Please include 12-15
of the non-perishable items

3-4 items per category

Do not overstuff the bags if you
are using double paper bags

Separate into multiple bags
or place in canvas bags
to avoid ripping.



Metropolitan Community Church
METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH





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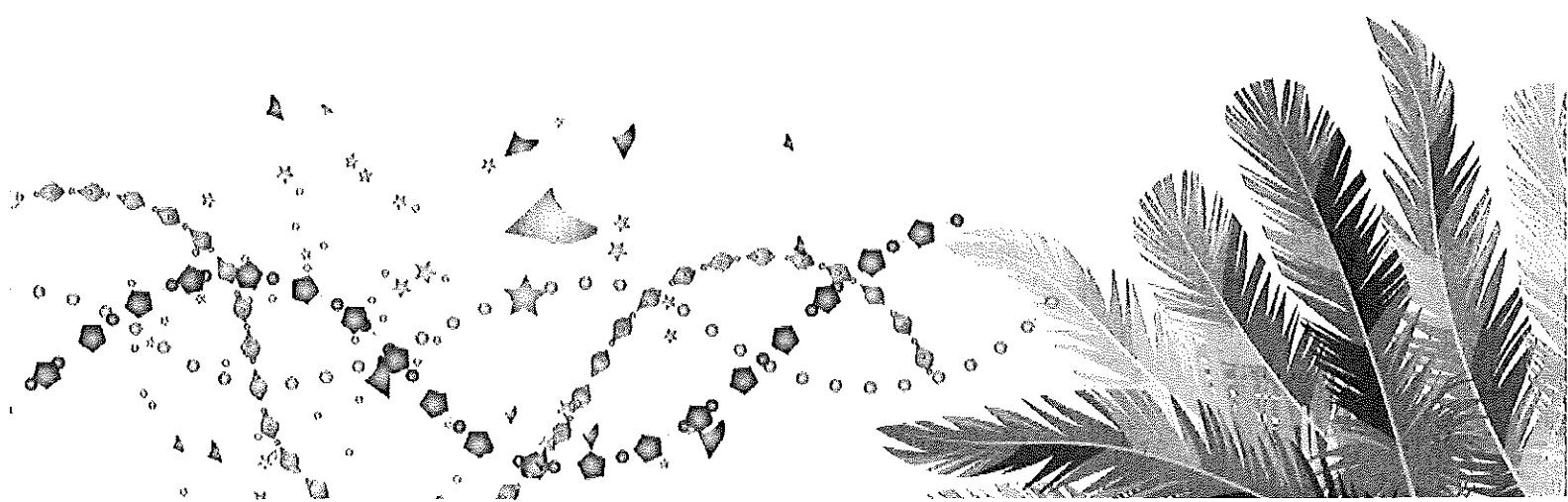
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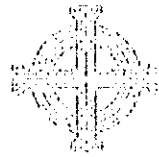
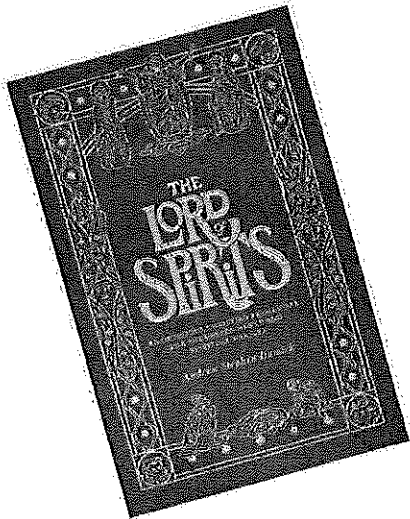
FEBRUARY 16, 2025

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

Sponsorship & Ad Presentation Inquiries Email
holyapostlespto@gmail.com





HOLY APOSTLES
GREEK CATHOLIC 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.

**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

12

Start 6 PM

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

Resep by January 6

**Parish Reservations can be made
by calling or emailing:**

708-636-5460

saintnicholasoffice@gmail.com

JANUARY 18, 2025

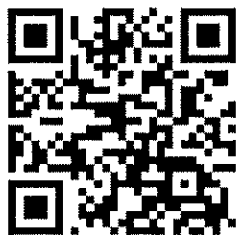


THEOPHANY DIVE FOR THE CROSS

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

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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