

WEEKLY BULLETIN
JANUARY 12, 2025

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SUNDAY

8:15 a.m. Orthros
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Memorials: Evans Angelos, Michael Christofidis, Alkistis Wonais
Fellowship Hour: Vasilopita Celebration, hosted by Holy Apostles Philoptochos
1:30 p.m. 3rd/4th Grade Boys Basketball vs Holy Cross
2:15 p.m. 3rd-6th Grade Girls Basketball vs Holy Cross
6:00 p.m. Metropolis of Chicago Philoptochos Vasilopita Celebration @ St Nicholas

JANUARY 12

TUESDAY

1:00 p.m. Caregivers Support Meeting
4:30 p.m. Greek School
7:00 p.m. GOYA
7:00 p.m. Philoptochos Board Meeting
8:00 p.m. GOYA Board Meeting

JANUARY 14

WEDNESDAY

1:00 p.m. Bereavement Group Meeting
7:00 p.m. Jr GOYA

JANUARY 15

THURSDAY

1:00 p.m. Bible Study
4:30 p.m. Greek School
7:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

JANUARY 16

FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. Orthros
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
7:00 p.m. Small Paraklesis

JANUARY 17 – FEAST DAY OF ST ANTHONY

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. Orthros
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
10:30 a.m. Choir Federation Board Meeting
5:00 p.m. Vespers

JANUARY 18 – FEAST DAY OF ST ATHANASIOS

Epistle Reading—Ephesians 4:7-13

Reader: Ellia Gryfakis

Gospel Reading—Matthew 4:12-17

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 4.

When the women disciples of the Lord heard the Angel joyously proclaim the resurrection, they cast aside the ancestral verdict, and boasting in glory they said to the Apostles, "Death has been despoiled! Christ God has risen, granting the great mercy to the world!"

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον

Ἦχος δ΄.

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτραι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

To fedron tis anastaseos kirigma, ek tu Angelu mathuse, e tu Kiriu mathitrie, ke tin progonikin apofasin aporipsase, tis Apostolis kahomene elegon. Eskilefte o Thanatos, igerthi Christos o Theos, thorumenos to kosmo to mega eleos.

The Epistle

Ephesians 4:7-13

Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

The Gospel

Matthew 4:12-17

At that time, Jesus when heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

2025-26 Parish Council Members – Congratulations to our 15 member Parish Council, who will take their oath of office today after Divine Liturgy. The group is comprised of eight returning members (Peter Bell, Terry Chiganos, Bill Leider, Jim Maragos, Steven Milak, Patty Pappas, Chris Pepke, Sandy Pihos) and seven new ones (George Antonopoulos, Ted Dres, Nicole Ostendorf, Mike Parafink, Mike Thiakos, Nicole Voelz, Valentia Vourlos). Norm Pomrening, our immediate past-President, remains as a non-voting member of this Parish Council. We offer sincere thanks to Norm, and the other departing members, George Chechopoulos, Val Dranias, Nick Kirkeles, Emilia Linardakis and Lena Theotikos, for their dedicated service to the Parish Council and Holy Apostles Church.

Annual Vasilopita Celebration Today – 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>

We're Hiring! – The Parish Council has begun a search for a part-time associate to work in the office and perform administrative functions in alignment with the needs of the parish and assist with delegated, day-to-day church responsibilities under the supervision and oversight of the Director of Parish Operations. An outline of these responsibilities, along with the qualifications, knowledge, skills and abilities for the ideal candidate can be viewed in the full job description, which is available [HERE](#) or in the office.

If you are interested in being considered for this opportunity, **please submit a cover letter and resume to office@holyapostleschurch.com, with “ASSOCIATE RESUME” in the subject line of the email, or drop it off to the office, by Friday, February 14.** You can also help us by forwarding this email to interested and qualified people that you know.



CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

A HOLY APOSTLES MINISTRY

Please join us for Coffee and Discussion

Tuesday, January 14th

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.



**-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



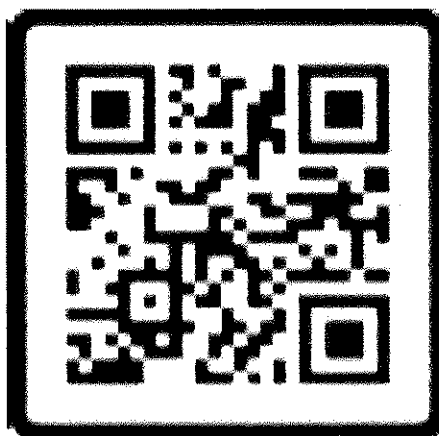
PLEASE JOIN THE PHILOPTOCHOS
AS THEY HOST THE

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



APOKRIATIKO GLENDI

Hosted by the Holy Apostles Greek School

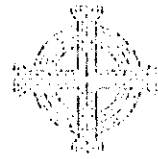
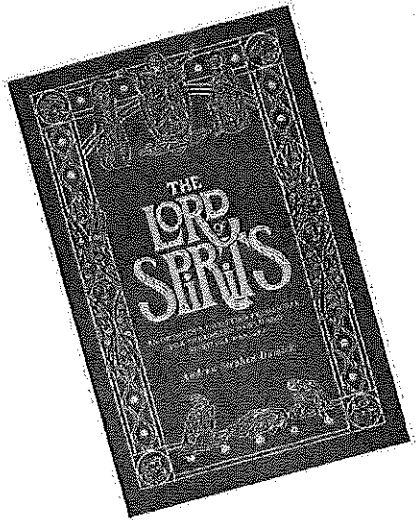
FEBRUARY 16, 2025

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

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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.

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 OF CHICAGO



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
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O Monoyenis Yios – Hymn of Justinian

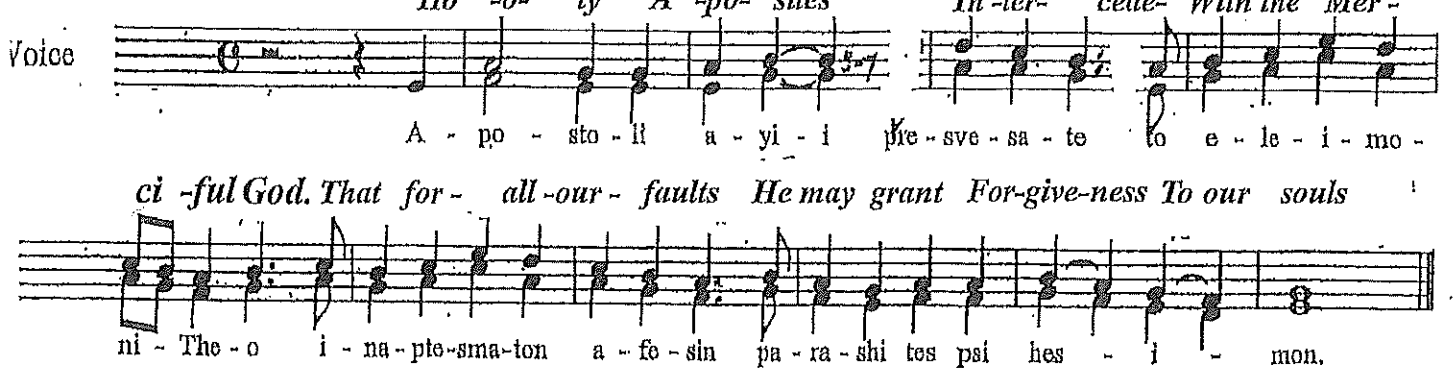
Only begotten Son and Logos of God, being immortal.
You condescended for our salvation to take flesh from the
Holy Theotokos and ever virgin Mary, and without change became man.
Christ our God, You were crucified and conquered death by death.
Being one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit.
Save Us.

Apostoli Agii

Anastassiou

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 - ple - sma - ton a - fo - sin pa - ra - shi tes pai hes - i - mon.

Sermon Notes

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