

WEEKLY BULLETIN
FEBRUARY 2, 2025

SUNDAY

8:15 a.m. Orthros
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. GOYA Board Meeting
Fellowship Hour: Godparents Luncheon, Hosted by Philoptochos

FEBRUARY 2 – PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

TUESDAY

6:45 a.m. Brotherhood of St Peter the Apostle
4:30 p.m. Greek School
6:15 p.m. JOY
7:00 p.m. Philoptochos Board Meeting
7:15 p.m. ECM Webinar

FEBRUARY 4

WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. Jr GOYA

FEBRUARY 5

THURSDAY

8:00 a.m. Orthros
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
1:00 p.m. Bible Study
4:30 p.m. Greek School
5:30 p.m. Greek School PTO Meeting
6:15 p.m. Neolea Dance Troupe
7:15 p.m. Discoveries in Orthodoxy: Orthodox Spirituality/Building on Our Baptism

FEBRUARY 6 – FEAST DAY OF ST PHOTIOS THE GREAT

FRIDAY

7:00 p.m. Small Paraklesis

FEBRUARY 7

SATURDAY

9:00 a.m. Pre-Marital Seminar: Journey of Marriage
10:30 a.m. Baptism: Sophia, daughter of Mike & Sarah Danek
Sponsors: John & Georgia Chronopoulos
5:00 p.m. Vespers

FEBRUARY 8

Epistle Reading—Hebrews 7:7-17

Reader: Zoe Panton

Gospel Reading—Luke 2:22-40

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 – Grave Mode.

You destroyed death by Your Cross, You opened Paradise to the Robber. You turned the Myrrh-bearing Women's lament into joy, and You commanded Your Apostles to preach that You rose, O Christ God, granting the world the great mercy.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον. – Ἦχος βαρύς.

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον· ἠνέφξας τῷ ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον· τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρήνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας, ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Katelisas to Stavro sou ton thanaton, ineoxas to Listi ton Paradison, ton Miroforon ton thrinon metevalas, ke tis sis Apostolis kiritin epetaxas, oti anestis Christe o Theos, parehon to kosmo to mega eleos.

The Epistle – Hebrews 7:7-17

Brethren, it is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. Here tithes are received by mortal men; there, by one whom it is testified that he lives. One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him. Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become a priest, not according to a legal requirement concerning bodily descent but by the power of an indestructible life. For it is witnessed of him, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

The Gospel – Luke 2:22-40

At that time, the parents brought the child Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtle doves, or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And in the Spirit he came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher; she was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her virginity, and as a widow till she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to God, and spoke of him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.



2024
Holy Apostles Stewardship
Results as of 12/31



<u>Metric</u>	<u>Dec 2024 TYD</u>	<u>Dec 2023 YTD</u>	<u>% Inc/Dec</u>
Number of Pledges	717 96% of 750 GOAL	677	+ 6%
Total Pledged	\$883,817 74% of \$1.2M GOAL	\$783,274	+ 13%
Total Collected	\$865,433 98% of Pledged	\$771,007	+ 12%
Average Pledge	\$1,233 78% of \$1,585 GOAL	\$1,157	+ 7%
Median Pledge	\$600 21% of Pledges ≥ \$1,500	\$600	SAME

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@holypostleschurch.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 alerting qualified people that you know.

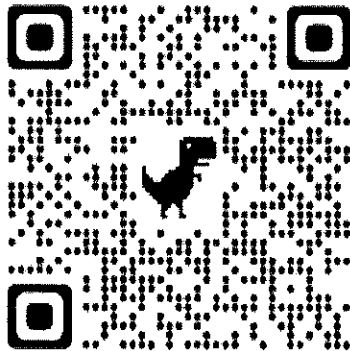
Discoveries in Orthodoxy Continues on Thursday, February 6 – Fr George’s series entitled, "Orthodox Spirituality: Building on our Baptism", discusses living out your baptismal life. Invite your friends! All sessions will be held at Holy Apostles on **Thursday evenings, from 7:15-8:30pm**. The last session is scheduled for Thursday, February 13.

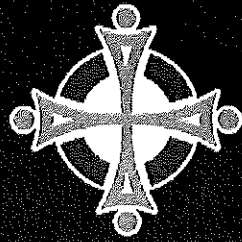
Ministry Recognition Artoklasia on Sunday, February 9 – Please join us as we recognize outreach service projects conducted by our ministries from October through December 2024. Let’s celebrate our ministries and pray for their continued successes on that day.



on Sunday, February 16 – A survey was taken looking for suggestions to revitalize the robust Coffee Hours that are held after the Divine Liturgy. Many of our parishioners generously sign up to host this wonderful way to share fellowship and visit with others. The most frequent suggestion in response to the survey was to fill in some gaps with a “Potluck Coffee Hour” where an individual signs up to bring just one item (40 pieces) to church and puts it in the kitchen by 9:30am that Sunday. The Fellowship Committee will plate and serve it. There is no other responsibility expected from those contributing to this coffee hour. Please click on the link in Wednesday’s Weekly News to signup, making sure to include your name and contact information, or contact Sandy Pihos at greeks1@gmail.com (write POTLUCK on the subject line). You may also call/text her at 630.640.5811. Your help is greatly appreciated! A reminder and information will be sent before the event.

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:





THE ASSEMBLY OF CANONICAL ORTHODOX BISHOPS
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS

PEACE OF MIND

MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE GENEROUS
SUPPORT OF THE HELLENIC FOUNDATION

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2025
HOLY APOSTLES GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
2501 WOLF RD. WESTCHESTER, IL 60154



No Cost- One Day Blended Mental Health First Aid Training

Register: <https://forms.office.com/r/ND47hY79Y7>

Contact: mjannakos@assemblyofbishops.org

Learn more: assemblyofbishops.org/peaceofmind



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

Sponsorship & Ad Presentation Inquiries Email
holyapostlespto@gmail.com



Please join us for our
Philoptochos
General Meeting

Tuesday, February 18th @ 6:30 pm
Holy Apostles - Multi-purpose Room
Refreshments & Appetizers will be served

Special Guest Speaker - Maria Karalis, RDN

Maria is a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) which means she is a Food and Nutrition Expert, translating the science of nutrition into practical solutions for healthy living. Maria will be speaking on food, nutrition and fasting in the Orthodox Church

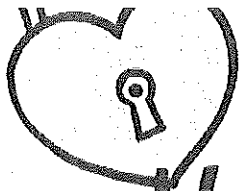
Please RSVP by 2/14 to Aleka Ernst
alekaernst@aol.com or (630) 561-1660

Please join our Philoptochos Chapter to continue its mission - Online Membership registration link/QR code below

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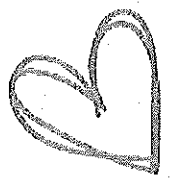
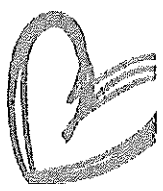




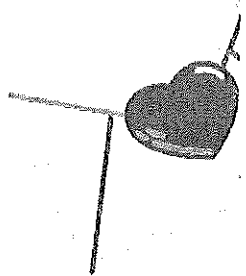
YOU ARE INVITED TO

Holy Taxiarchai & St.
Haralambos GOYA

VALENTINE'S
DAY DANCE

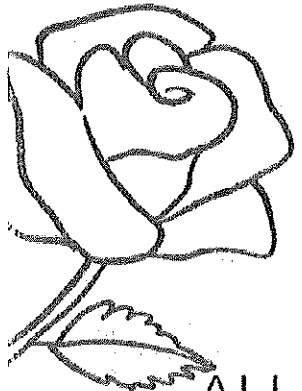


FEBRUARY 21



FROM 7:30 PM- 10:30 PM

7373 N CALDWELL AVE, NILES



COME JOIN US FOR FOOD,
MUSIC, DANCING AND
A PHOTO BOOTH!



ALL GOYAS GRADES 6th-12th INVITED

RSVP HERE

NO ENTRANCE FEE

*any free will donation will



Are you ready for college?

Prepare spiritually
& practically at

OCF COLLEGE DAY

for high schoolers & their parents

Feb 22 | 11am-5pm

Holy Apostles Greek
Orthodox Church,
Westchester, IL


Student & Parent Programs

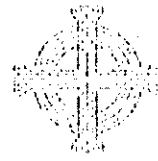
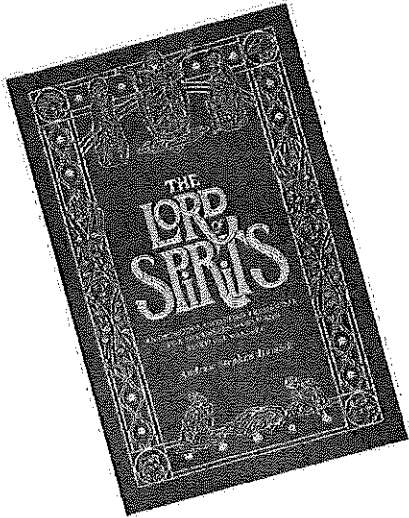
- Practical workshops with an Orthodox Christian college counselor (college applications, finances, etc)
- Peer-led discussions and mentorship opportunities
- Insight and encouragement from Orthodox Christian college students

Scan for more
details and
to register



 OCF

 Orthodox Christian
College Counseling



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.



Macaronatha Luncheon on Sunday, March 2, 2025

On behalf of the Holy Apostles Parish Council, please join us after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, March 2nd for our 66th Annual Macaronatha Luncheon. As we begin Great Lent let us nourish our souls and begin our efforts together as a church community with love and camaraderie. As always, your generous free-will contribution will be donated to one of our Mission projects.

Reservations are required! There are three ways to make them, so please choose whichever is most convenient for you:

1) Click on the button provided in the *Holy Apostles Weekly News* or **scan the QR code below and submit ALL the requested information:**



2) Sign-up in the Multi-Purpose Room after Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, February 9, 16 or 23.**

3) Contact Sandy Pihos, by phone/text at (630) 640-5811 or email at greeks1@gmail.com, your name, contact phone number, email address and the number of people in your party. If you would like to be seated with another family, please indicate their full names, as well. Please make sure that **MACARONATHA LUNCHEON** appears in the subject line of your email and Sandy will confirm your reservation's receipt.



HOLY APOSTLES
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

CELEBRATION OF BOOKS

"WHAT DO ANGELS HAVE
TO DO WITH
SALVATION?"

MARCH 16TH

6:30 PM SOLEMN VESPERS

8:00 PM PRESENTATION BY

FR. ANDREW DAMICK

(CHIEF CONTENT OFFICER AT
ANCIENT FAITH MINISTRIES)

The Celebration of Books Reception will be hosted on Sunday, March 16th following Vespers. To assist with this event, contact Yvonne Fawell, (630) 234-4666,

INTERNSHIP INITIATIVE

2025-2026

ARE YOU SEARCHING FOR AN INTERNSHIP?

The PanHellenic goes "Beyond a Scholarship" for its Scholars and PanHellenic Young Leaders by providing internships through our Internship Initiative. We are pleased to be partnering with amazing companies to provide internships for high-achieving young professionals across the nation

Become a Panhellenic Young Leader and Meet with our Director of Alumni and Internships to discuss your internship search today!

BOOK A MEETING WITH
THE DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI
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ARE YOU A COMPANY LOOKING TO FIND GOOD QUALITY INTERNS? BECOME A PARTNER COMPANY



Discover New Talent: Tap into a pool of skilled young professionals ready to bring their perspectives to your company.



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CONTACT GEORGIA TSAKOS AT GTSAKOS@PANHELLENICSF.ORG





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OF CHICAGO

February 2025

MESSAGES *from* the METROPOLIS

www.chicago.goarch.org

LATEST NEWS



SCAN FOR
MORE NEWS

- 1/10/25** Three Parishes of the Metropolis of Chicago Celebrate Debt Elimination, Inspired by 5-Year Vision for Parish Growth
- 1/22/25** Encyclical: Reawakening the Evangelical Spirit of our Holy Metropolis of Chicago
- 1/31/25** Deadline for 2025 Pilgrimage of Discovery Applications
- 3/1/25** Deadline for the Independent Director for the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago Foundation application

UPCOMING EVENTS



SCAN FOR
MORE
EVENTS

- 1/30/25** Western Region Basketball Tournament
- 2/1/25** Strengthen Stewardship Now & Forever Virtual Event
- 2/1/25** Tim Tebow Foundation Night To Shine hosted by Holy Taxiarchai & St. Haralambos
- 2/18/25** The Ministry of Women in the Church panel discussion with keynote speaker, Elizabeth Prodromou, Ph.D, hosted by St. Andrew of Chicago
- 02/20/25** YAL Chicago Conference

sign up to receive email updates:
www.chicago.goarch.org/sign-up

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 -

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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 (C). 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 ends with a double bar line.

Sermon Notes

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