

**WEEKLY BULLETIN**  
**FEBRUARY 16, 2025**

**SUNDAY**

8:15 a.m. Orthros  
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
Memorials: Elaine Cardullias, John D Lewis, Katherine Lewis, Ted Patrinos,  
Konstandinos (Dene) Stamas  
Fellowship Hour: Potluck, made possible by multiple families  
40 Day Blessing: Clare Fikaris, daughter-Molly  
6:00 p.m. Apokriatiko Dinner Dance @ Empress Banquets in Addison

**MONDAY**

**FEBRUARY 17 – PRESIDENT’S DAY (OFFICE CLOSED)**

**TUESDAY**

**FEBRUARY 18**

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

**WEDNESDAY**

**FEBRUARY 19 – FEAST DAY OF ST PHILOTHEI OF ATHENS**

9:45 a.m. ECM Workshop  
1:00 p.m. Bereavement Group  
6:00 p.m. Evening Divine Liturgy  
7:00 p.m. ECM Stakeholders Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Jr GOYA

**THURSDAY**

**FEBRUARY 20**

12:00 p.m. ECM Lunch  
1:00 p.m. Bible Study  
4:30 p.m. Greek School  
6:15 p.m. Neolea Dance Troupe  
7:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

**FRIDAY**

**FEBRUARY 21**

7:00 p.m. Small Paraklesis

**SATURDAY**

**FEBRUARY 22 – SATURDAY OF SOULS**

8:00 a.m. Orthros  
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
11:00 a.m. OCF College Day  
5:00 p.m. Vespers

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**Epistle Reading**—1 Corinthians 6:12-20

**Gospel Reading**—Luke 15:11-32

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**Fr. Nicholas** is serving at St. Athanasios in Aurora today.

### **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.

### **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!”

### **The Epistle – 1 Corinthians 6:12-20**

Brethren, “all things are permitted for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are permitted for me,” but I will not be enslaved by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food” — and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two shall become one flesh.” But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body and in your spirit which belong to God.

### **The Gospel – Luke 15:11-32**

The Lord said this parable: “There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.’ And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his belly with the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.’ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.’ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, ‘Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!’ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

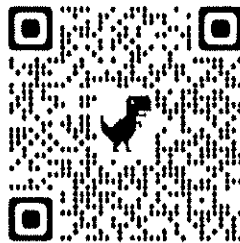
**We're Hiring!** – The Parish Council has begun a search for a part-time associate to work in the office and perform administrative functions in alignment with the needs of the parish and assist with delegated, day-to-day church responsibilities under the supervision and oversight of the Director of 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](mailto:office@holypostleschurch.com), with “ASSOCIATE RESUME” in the subject line of the email, or drop it off to the office, by Friday, February 28.** You can also help us by alerting qualified people that you know.

**Enrich your 2025 Lenten Season - Join the Psalms Reading Group!** Everyone is invited to participate in reading and praying the Psalms throughout Lent.

- When: Monday, 3/3 - Friday, 4/11
- Where: In the privacy of your home
- How: Use a resource that employs the Greek numbering system (Septuagint). Examples are: The Orthodox Study Bible; The Psalter; or Songs of Praise by Sylvia Leontaritis. All are available in HARC.
- Register now thru Sunday, 2/23 by sending your name/email/phone number to: [psalter@holypostleschurch.com](mailto:psalter@holypostleschurch.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:



**Music Competition 2025** – So as to recognize excellence and to encourage the achievements of young men and women of Greek heritage, the **Greek Women's University Club is sponsoring its 35<sup>th</sup> national music competition on Saturday, April 26 at Alice S. Millar Chapel on the Northwestern University campus, 1870 Sheridan Rd, in Evanston.** Applicants must be young men or women of Greek descent, from 20 to 29 years of age. **Please contact Anna Moreno for an application**, either by mail to 2074 W. Pratt Blvd., Chicago, IL 60645, or by email to [akmoreno@comcast.net](mailto:akmoreno@comcast.net). Applications must be postmarked by no later than **March 30 to be eligible.** An 8-10 minute performance is required. Selection requirements are specified in the application. Award(s) of \$1000 will be paid to the winner(s).

# Are you ready for college?

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Prepare spiritually & practically at

## OCF COLLEGE DAY

for high schoolers & their parents

**Feb 22 | 11am-5pm**

Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church,  
Westchester, IL

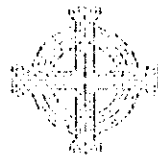
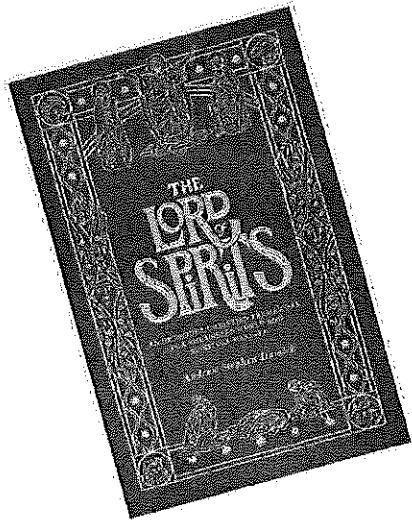
### Student & Parent Programs

- 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



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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

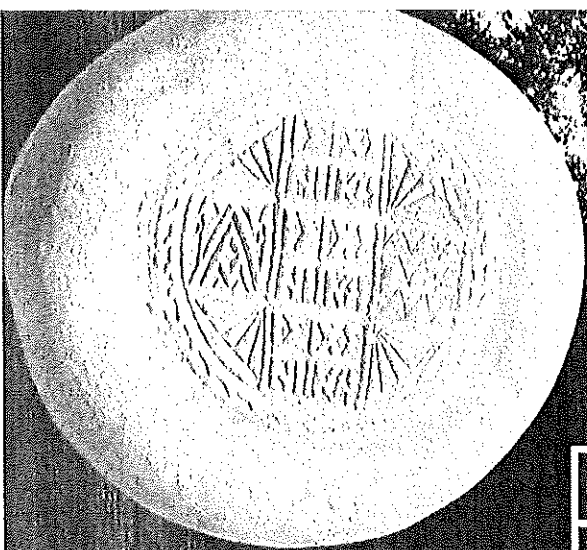
**Reservations are required!** There are three ways to make them, so please choose whichever is most convenient for you:

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 16 or 23.**

3) Contact Sandy Pihos, by phone/text at (630) 640-5811 or email at [greeks1@gmail.com](mailto: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.



# PROSPHORO DEMONSTRATION

**Saturday, March 8**

**1:00-2:30pm**

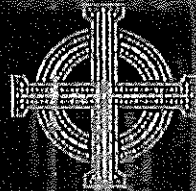
**Holy Apostles  
Multipurpose Room**

SIGN UP HERE



QUESTIONS?  
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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, [yfawell@gmail.com](mailto:yfawell@gmail.com), or Mary Maragos, (708) 712-4421, [mem123@ameritech.net](mailto:mem123@ameritech.net)

## 2025 Project HOPE Senior Visit Initiative

# H O P E

Humanitarian Outreach & Philanthropic Engagement

The Metropolis Project HOPE Team is encouraging parishes to visit and engage with low-income senior citizens. **The request is for each parish to fill 50 HOPE bags and to also provide a team of 10 individuals to pass out the food bags and to engage the seniors in some type of entertainment - a game, craft, etc.**

The Holy Apostles HOPE team has agreed to take on this challenge and we need your support to make this happen. **Our visit is scheduled for Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.**

Here is a general idea of how the day will go:

- A bus will pick our volunteer team up at 10:15am for arrival at 11:15am at the Pilsen Satellite Center 2021 S. Morgan St Chicago, IL 60608
- Carts will be available to load the 50 HOPE bags for transport into the center
- Opening statement from either a Pilsen Satellite Center or a HOPE representative
- Senior activity (bingo, craft) from 11:30-12:30
- Bag distribution by the volunteer team
- Bus return to Holy Apostles – arrival around 2pm

Philoptochos, Missions, and Stewardship will jointly purchase the items needed for 50 bags of food. **The bags will be packed at the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Serve Day on March 29<sup>th</sup>** and stored at Holy Apostles until the visit on April 4<sup>th</sup>. We have decided to fill the bags with the following items:

- **Pasta/Rice/Lentils/Cereal**
- **Canned Tuna/Canned Beans/Canned Corn/Soup (low sodium)**
- **Fruit Jams/Peanut Butter/Pasta Sauce/Granola Bars/Pudding Snacks**

If there are any parishioners that can provide a means for us to purchase any of the above items for the bags at cost or wholesale, this would be most appreciated. Please contact either Faye Adams at [geofaye.adams@gmail.com](mailto:geofaye.adams@gmail.com) or Maria Patt at [mdpatt59@comcast.net](mailto:mdpatt59@comcast.net).

Father George has graciously agreed to lead the volunteer team on this visit. The Metropolis has also suggested that it might be helpful to have someone who is fluent in Spanish on the team.

We realize this is quite an undertaking, but we are confident that Holy Apostles will rise to this challenge. **Please consider being a part of this team.** There will be a link in the Weekly News to sign up to participate.

**Thank you for your support!**

Faithtree Kids  
**SUPER SAINTS**  
Heroes of our Faith

# VBS 2025

June 9 - 13th, 2025  
Pre-K through 5th Grade

Save the Date!

CARNIVAL FRIDAY  
12-2pm



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



WE WILL BE VISITING THE "HALL OF FAME" OF  
SUPER SAINTS FOR OUR VBS JOURNEY THIS YEAR

JUNE 9-13TH

8:45-12:00PM



SCAN TO SIGN UP

CONTACT: NICOLE 630-673-6635

# O Monoyenis Yios – Hymn of Justinian

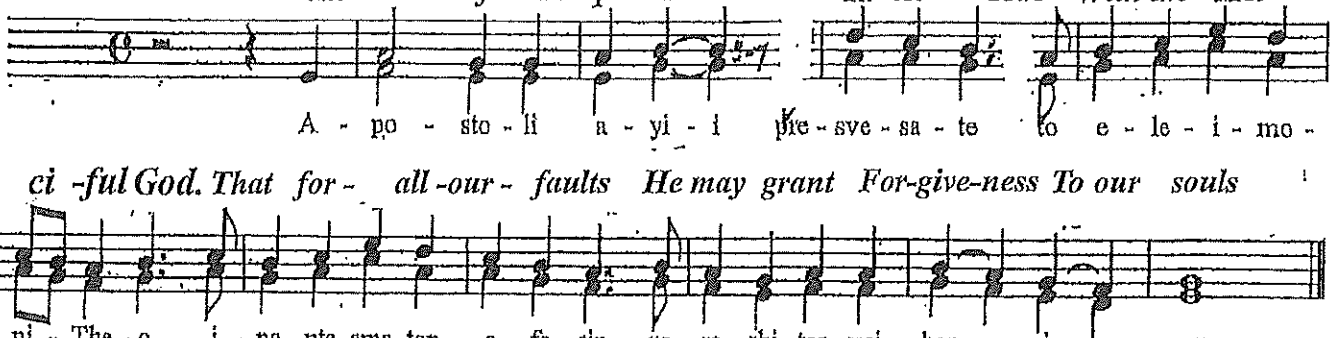
Only begotten Son and Logos of God, being immortal.  
You condescended for our salvation to take flesh from the  
Holy Theotokos and ever virgin Mary, and without change became man.  
Christ our God, You were crucified and conquered death by death.  
Being one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the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

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## Sermon Notes

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