

**WEEKLY BULLETIN**  
**FEBRUARY 23, 2025**

**SUNDAY**

8:15 a.m.  
9:30 a.m.  
Memorials:

**FEBRUARY 23 – MEATFARE SUNDAY**

Orthros  
Divine Liturgy  
Paul Franks, Fr. Athanasios Maragos, Panagiota Panagakos, Demetrios Papadimas, Georgia Rufalo, Nicholas Sahlas, Nicholetta Sahlas, Niketas Sahlas, Panayiotos Sahlas, Rev. Fr. George Panagiotis Vlahos, Scott Willsey  
Fellowship Hour: In loving memory of Rev. Fr. George Panagiotis Vlahos, hosted by the William & Chrisie Alex Family  
1:00 p.m. Baptism: Stefanos, son of Prokopios & Jacklyn Verros  
Sponsors: George & Amy Fotopoulos

**TUESDAY**

4:30 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.

**FEBRUARY 25**

Greek School  
GOYA Bowling @ Pinstripes in Oakbrook

**WEDNESDAY**

10:00 a.m.  
7:00 p.m.

**FEBRUARY 26**

TOTS  
Parish Family Ministry Meeting

**THURSDAY**

1:00 p.m.  
4:30 p.m.  
6:15 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.

**FEBRUARY 27**

Bible Study  
Greek School  
Greek School Staff Meeting  
Women's Book Club

**SATURDAY**

8:00 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.  
11:30 a.m.  
  
4:00 p.m.  
5:00 p.m.  
6:00 p.m.

**MARCH 1 – SATURDAY OF SOULS**

Orthros  
Divine Liturgy  
Baptism: Mercedes, daughter of Arianna Zielinski & Faustas Jonenas  
Sponsor: Faith Koszewski  
Confession for Sunday School  
Vespers  
Vespers Potluck Dinner

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**Epistle Reading**—1 Corinthians 8:8-13; 9:1-2

**Gospel Reading**—Matthew 25:31-46

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**Children in the Loft Today** – Children will be dismissed to Sunday School after Communion.

**Welcome to Holy Apostles Church** – If you are new to our church today, after receiving the blessed bread at the conclusion of the service, look for a member of the Welcome Ministry standing at the back of the church. Consider staying for our Fellowship Hour. A Welcome Ministry member will be happy to escort you there and answer any questions you may have.

## **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. – Ἦχος β΄.**

Ὅτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἢ 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 – 1 Corinthians 8:8-13; 9:1-2**

Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol’s temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother’s falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

### **The Gospel – Matthew 25:31-46**

The Lord said, “When the Son of man comes in his glory and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.’ And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

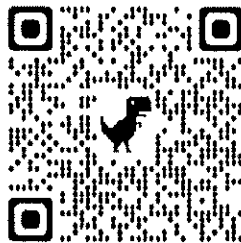
**We're Hiring!** – The Parish Council has begun a search for a part-time associate to work in the office and perform administrative functions in alignment with the needs of the parish and assist with delegated, day-to-day church responsibilities under the supervision and oversight of the Director of 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).



## 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.

Holy Apostles has loyally supported missionary Jesse Brandow and his work in Central America. One of the dilemmas he encounters is finding liturgical materials in Spanish, the second most spoken language in the world. Therefore, he has begun a new project: translating the Orthodox Chant Stand into Spanish, and online for anyone to use. Holy Apostles will dedicate the donations for this year's Macaronatha luncheon towards this endeavor.

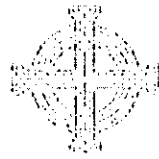
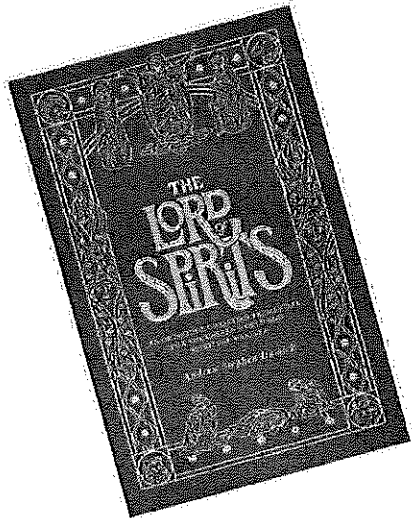
**Reservations are required!** There are three ways to make them, so please choose whichever is most convenient for you:

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 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.



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.





# PROSPHORO DEMONSTRATION

**Saturday, March 8**

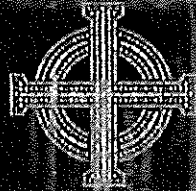
**1:00-2:30pm**

**Holy Apostles  
Multipurpose Room**

SIGN UP HERE



QUESTIONS?  
[PROSPHORA@HOLYAPOSTLESCHURCH.COM](mailto:PROSPHORA@HOLYAPOSTLESCHURCH.COM)



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)



COME ALONG FOR THE RIDE

**MARCH  
23  
12:15PM-  
3:45PM**

**FIELD**

**TRIP**

**LUNCH & VISITING NEW  
GRACANICA & ST. SAVA TO  
VENERATE ST. MARDARIJE  
BUS PROVIDED! YOU MUST RSVP!**



**QUESTIONS? EMAIL ALEXA AT  
YOUTHDIRECTOR@HOLYPOSTLESCHURCH.COM**

## 2025 Project HOPE Senior Visit Initiative - UPDATE



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 an activity. We have decided on a simple craft project.

**Philoptochos is THRILLED to announce that funds have been donated which will cover the cost for ALL of the food needed for 50 HOPE Bags.**

**We are still looking for more individuals to join our team.**

Our visit is scheduled for **Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**. Here is a general idea of how the day will go:

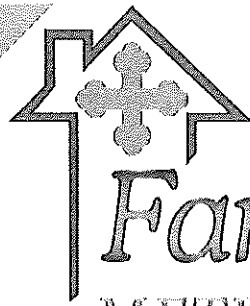
- A bus will pick our volunteer team up at 10:15am for arrival at 11:15am at the Pilsen Satellite Center 2021 S. Morgan St Chicago, IL 60608
- Carts will be available to load the 50 HOPE bags for transport into the center
- Opening statement from either a Pilsen Satellite Center or a HOPE representative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

**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>. All are welcome to assist on March 29th.

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 for the April 4<sup>th</sup> team.

**Thank you for your support!**



*Family Synaxis*  
METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO

# LENTEN RETREAT "FOLLOWING CHRIST ALONE TOGETHER"

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES THROUGH THE BOND OF COMMUNITY

**Saturday, April 5 — 9:00AM - 3:00PM**

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



**Keynote Speaker**

**FATHER  
GEORGE  
DOKOS**

*Parish Priest  
Holy Apostles Greek  
Orthodox Church  
(Westchester, IL)*

## **A retreat by families, for families!**

How can we work together on our journey to Christ? What can the Fathers of the Church tell us about the Christian family and the secular world? Join us for this day retreat to explore the rich teachings of our Church and how we can become holy in our own homes.

- Prayer services as a family
- Parent workshops and discussions
- Children's games and activities
- Breakfast and Lunch provided

## **Register Now!**

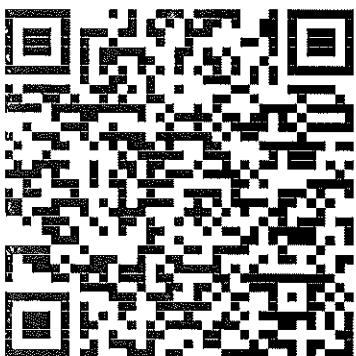
\$75 per family — Must Register by March 23

Ages 4+ (Toddler Care Unavailable)

Questions? Email Us at

*chicago.family.synaxis@gmail.com*

Or visit *www.gocfamilysynaxis.org*



# 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

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## Sermon Notes

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