

WEEKLY BULLETIN
MARCH 2, 2025

SUNDAY

8:15 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
Memorials:
After Liturgy:
11:45 a.m.
6:00 p.m.

MARCH 2 – FORGIVENESS (CHEESEFARE) SUNDAY

Orthros
Divine Liturgy
Archbishop Anastasios of Albania, Loretta Janos, Elpida Panagiotaros
Macaronatha Luncheon
GOYA Board Meeting
Metropolis of Chicago's Forgiveness Vespers @ St. Demetrios in Elmhurst

MONDAY

10:00 am
7:00 pm

MARCH 3 – CLEAN MONDAY

Open Confession
Holy Unction

TUESDAY

6:45 am
4:30 pm
6:00 pm
6:15 pm
7:00 pm
7:15 pm

MARCH 4

Brotherhood of St Peter the Apostle
Greek School
Great Compline
JOY
Philoptochos Board Meeting
ECM Webinar

WEDNESDAY

5:30 pm
7:00 pm

MARCH 5

9th Hour / Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
Pre-Sanctified Dinner Hosted by Brotherhood of St Peter the Apostle

THURSDAY

1:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m.
5:30 p.m.
6:00 p.m.

MARCH 6

Bible Study
Greek School
Greek School PTO Meeting
Great Compline

FRIDAY

7:00 pm
8:00 pm
8:15 pm

MARCH 7

Salutations to the Theotokos
Communing with the Saints
Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m.
4:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m.

MARCH 8 – SATURDAY OF SOULS

Orthros
Divine Liturgy
Philoptochos Blanket Making Day
Prosphoro Baking Demonstration
Open Confession
Vespers

Epistle Reading—Romans 13:11-14; 14:1-4

Gospel Reading—Matthew 6:14-21

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.

Ἦχος 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 ἄδου 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 eyeneto, ek kilias Athu erisato imas, ke pareshe to kosmo to mega eleos.

The Epistle – Romans 13:11-14; 14:1-4

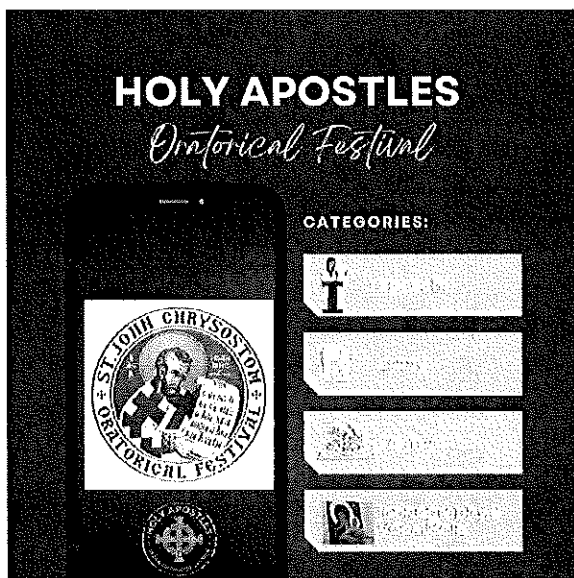
Brethren, salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for God is able to make him stand.

The Gospel – Matthew 6:14-21

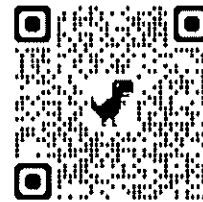
The Lord said, "If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Macaronatha Luncheon Today! – On behalf of the Holy Apostles Parish Council, please join us after Divine Liturgy 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. Your generous freewill contribution will support 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.

Archbishop Anastasios of Albania, who fell asleep in the Lord on January 25, 2025, is widely respected for his dedication to missionary work. He served as a missionary in East Africa and his efforts significantly expanded the presence of Orthodox Christianity in Africa. In 1991, he arrived in Albania immediately after the fall of the communist regime. Under his leadership, the Orthodox Autocephalous Church of Albania underwent a remarkable revival. Over 400 churches and monasteries were rebuilt, educational and charitable institutions established, and a new generation of clergy was formed. Through our support of missionaries, Nathan and Gabriela Hoppe, in Albania, our Holy Apostles community has been a longtime supporter of the Archbishop's work. May his memory be eternal!



Oratorical Festival on Sunday, March 16 - This event will take place during Sunday School for children in Grades 6-12. All participants will get a “swag bag,” and winners from the Junior and Senior division of the Speech competition will receive \$500 scholarships to be used for Fanari, Crossroad, Lighthouse, or Ionian Village! To sign up, get tricks, tips and learn more, scan this QR code:



Please email Toni at Sundayschooldirector@holypostleschurch.com or Alexa at youthdirector@holypostleschurch.com if you have any questions.

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 35th 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. 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).

Communing with the Saints

**Fridays at
8:00 PM following
Salutations**

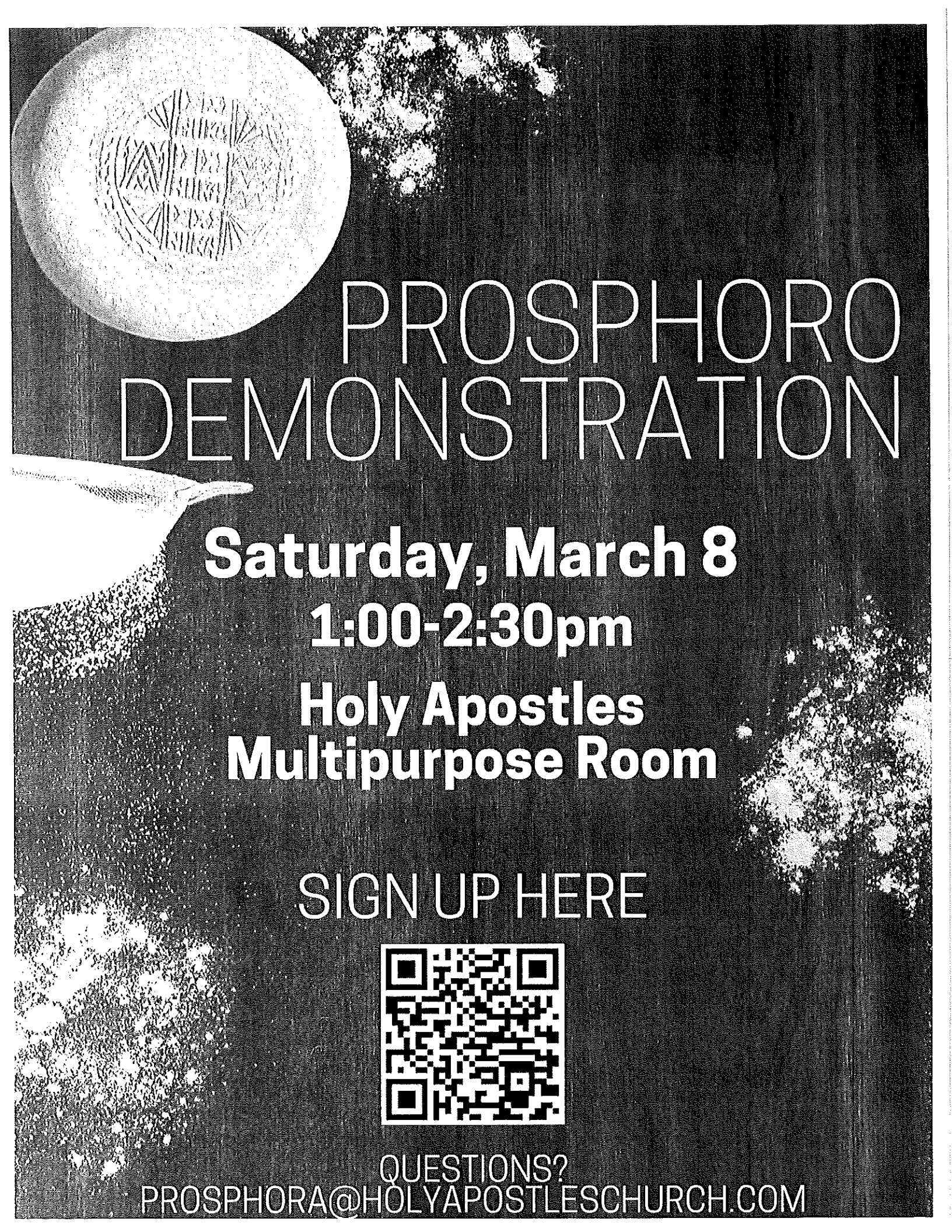
March 7: 40 Holy
Martyrs of Sebaste

March 14: St. Melanie
the Younger

March 21: St. Joseph
the Hesychast

March 28: St. Cloud
of Paris





PROSPHORO DEMONSTRATION

Saturday, March 8

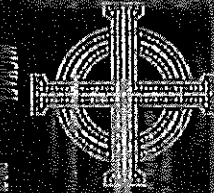
1:00-2:30pm

**Holy Apostles
Multipurpose Room**

SIGN UP HERE



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HOLY APOSTLES
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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, or Mary Maragos, (708) 712-4421, 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@HOLYAPOSTLESCHURCH.COM**



Memorial Luminaria

If you would like to have someone remembered with a luminary on Holy Friday, please place your order by filing in the names of your love ones via the QR code, link below or in the multipurpose room by March 30th



2025 Project HOPE Senior Visit Initiative - UPDATE



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 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 4th**. Here is a general idea of how the day will go:

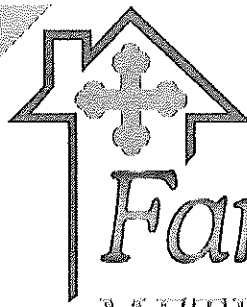
- A bus will pick our volunteer team up at 10:15am for arrival at 11:15am at the Pilsen Satellite Center 2021 S. Morgan St Chicago, IL 60608
- Carts will be available to load the 50 HOPE bags for transport into the center
- Opening statement from either a Pilsen Satellite Center or a HOPE representative
- 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 5th Saturday Serve Day on March 29th and stored at Holy Apostles until the visit on April 4th. 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 4th 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!

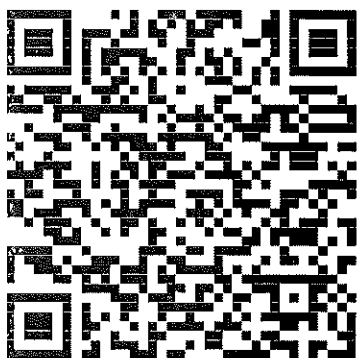
\$75 per family — Must Register by March 23

Ages 4+ (Toddler Care Unavailable)

Questions? Email Us at

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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

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

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Sermon Notes

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