

WEEKLY BULLETIN

MARCH 9, 2025

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

SUNDAY

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

6:30 p.m.

MONDAY

10:00 a.m.
6:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY

10:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

10:00 a.m.
3:30 p.m.
5:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

7:00 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
8:15 p.m.

SATURDAY

4:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m.

MARCH 9 – FEAST DAY OF THE 40 MARTYRS

Orthros
Divine Liturgy
Fellowship Hour
Triumph of Orthodoxy Pan-Orthodox Vespers @ Assumption in Chicago

MARCH 10

OCCA Retreat
Great Compline
Parish Family Service Project

MARCH 11

Clergy Syndesmos Meeting @ Sts. Constantine & Helen in Palos Hills
Caregivers Support Meeting
Greek School
GOYA

MARCH 12

TOTS
ECM Church Meeting
9th Hour / Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
Pre-Sanctified Dinner Hosted by Missions Ministry

MARCH 13

Bible Study
Greek School

MARCH 14

Salutations to the Theotokos
Communing with the Saints
Choir Rehearsal

MARCH 15

Open Confession
Vespers

Epistle Reading—Hebrews 12:1-10

Gospel Reading—John 1:43-51

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 many dates available, the next two being Sunday, March 30 and April 27.** Please scan the QR code below for more information:



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 Μαθήτριάι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

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

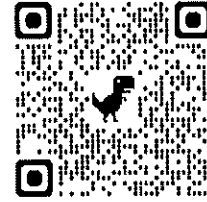
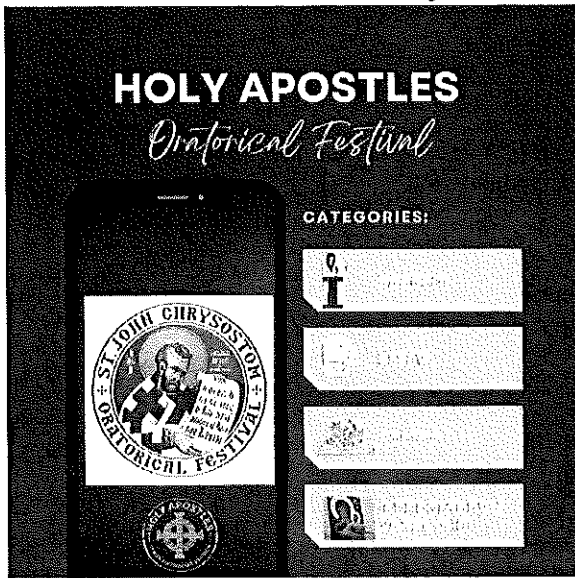
The Epistle – Hebrews 12:1-10

Brethren, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin that easily distracts, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who instead of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation which addresses you as sons? “My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor lose courage when you are punished by him. For the Lord disciplines him whom he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.” It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers to discipline us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time at their pleasure, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness.

The Gospel – John 1:43-51

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and he said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!” Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.” 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.”

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 Villa e! 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. 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).

2025 Project HOPE Senior Visit Initiative - 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. Philoptochos is THRILLED to announce that funds have been donated which will cover the cost for ALL the food needed for 50 HOPE Bags. We also have our team of 10 volunteers. Our visit is scheduled for Friday, April 4th, but **the bags will be packed at our next 5th Saturday Serve Day on March 29** and stored at Holy Apostles until the visit. **All are welcome to assist on March 29th! We look forward to sharing this experience with all of you.**

Holy Apostles Parishioners! – You are invited to join Philoptochos for a Lenten service project on **Saturday, April 5 at Feed My Starving Children in Aurora from 9:00-10:45am.** We will pack specially formulated meals that will be sent to children in need around the world. In addition to packing the meals, there are also seated jobs attaching labels to food bags. Please contact Emily Rehn at platovalentine@hotmail.com or 708-369-9365 to volunteer or ask questions.



Triumph of Orthodoxy Pan-Orthodox Vespers

Sponsored by the Orthodox Christian Clergy Association of Greater Chicago

Sunday March 9, 2025 at 6:30pm

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church

601 South Central Avenue • Chicago, IL 60644-5089

Homilist:

The Right Reverend Alexei

Bishop of Sitka and Alaska

Responses chanted by The Pan Orthodox Choir of Greater Chicago

Gordana Trbuhovich, Director

“Synergy – for a New Century!” – The Orthodox Christian Clergy Association of Chicago (OCCA) is pleased to announce the reestablishment of Chicago Synergy, our support organization focused on advancing Orthodox Christian religious education, philanthropy and building community. This exciting revival coincides with the OCCA’s 45th anniversary, marking a new chapter in our shared mission of faith and service. Chicago Synergy previously served our community for 25 years, offering impactful programs and events before it was disbanded in 2020 due to the challenges of the COVID pandemic. Now, inspired by a renewed vision, prior committee members have met and presented plans to the OCCA to not only bring Synergy back but to expand its role and impact within the Chicago area.

- **What’s New for Synergy? Advisory Leadership:** For the first time, three Clergy members will serve as active advisors, bringing greater focus and direction to our efforts.
- **Broader Initiatives:** Synergy will prioritize spreading Orthodoxy through education and philanthropy, strengthening its role in our community.

We invite you to join us at the Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers to celebrate this important milestone and reconnect with our vibrant Orthodox community.

Communing with the Saints

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

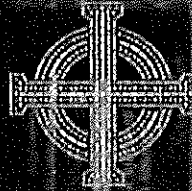
March 7: 40 Holy
Martyrs of Sebaste

March 14: St. Melanie
the Younger

March 21: St. Joseph
the Hesychast

March 28: St. Cloud
of Paris





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, 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!**



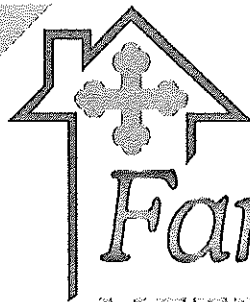
**QUESTIONS? EMAIL ALEXA AT
YOUTHDIRECTOR@HOLYPOSTLESCHURCH.COM**



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





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!

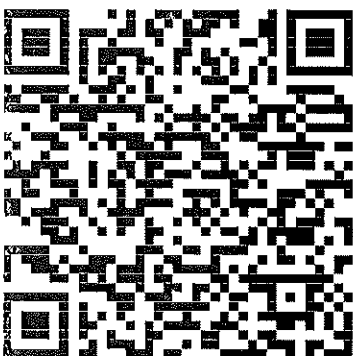
\$75 per family — Must Register by March 23

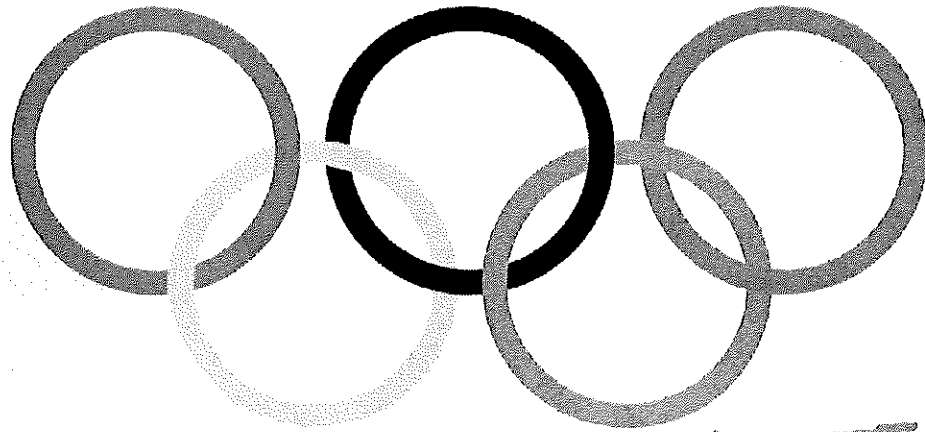
Ages 4+ (Toddler Care Unavailable)

Questions? Email Us at

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Or visit *www.gocfamilysynaxis.org*





REGISTER FOR
JUNIOR OLYMPICS

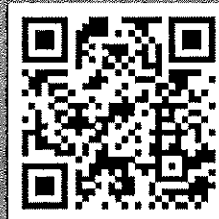
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MAY 24 & 25

SS. CONSTANTINE & HELEN

THERE IS NO FEE TO PARTICIPATE
IN JUNIOR OLYMPICS

AGES 7-18



REGISTER
NOW

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 Xre - 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 - pte - sma - ton a - fe - sin pa - ra - shi tes psi hes - i - mon.

Sermon Notes

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