

**WEEKLY BULLETIN**

**APRIL 6, 2025**

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**SUNDAY**

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

**APRIL 6**

Orthros  
Divine Liturgy  
George Beshilas, Anastasios Kalliris, Ekaterina Kalliris, Peter Mathews, Christos Natsis, Konstadinos Pavlakos  
Hosted by Beshilas and Natsis families, in loving memory of George Beshilas and Christos Natsis  
Philoptochos Easter Candle Sale & Bake Sale Ordering

**MONDAY**

6:00 p.m.

**APRIL 7**

Great Compline

**TUESDAY**

10:00 a.m.  
1:00 p.m.  
4:30 p.m.  
6:30 p.m.

**APRIL 8**

Clergy Syndesmos meeting at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church  
Caregivers Support Meeting  
Greek School  
GOYA & Jr. GOYA Palm Folding, Dinner, and Confession

**WEDNESDAY**

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

**APRIL 9**

TOTS  
ECM Church Meeting  
9th Hour / Pre-Sanctified Liturgy  
Pre-Sanctified Dinner, hosted by Parish Council  
Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY**

1:00 p.m.  
4:30 p.m.  
5:00 p.m.  
7:30 p.m.

**APRIL 10**

Bible Study  
Greek School  
Greek School PTO/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents Graduation Meeting  
Parish Council Meeting

**FRIDAY**

5:30 p.m.

**APRIL 11**

9<sup>th</sup> Hour/ Pre-Sanctified Liturgy

**SATURDAY**

8:00 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.  
4:00 p.m.  
5:00 p.m.

**APRIL 12 LAZARUS SATURDAY**

Orthros  
Divine Liturgy  
Pascha Prep for GOYA & Jr. GOYA  
Philoptochos Easter Bake Sale Order Pickup  
Open Confession  
Vespers

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**Epistle Reading**—St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:11-14

**Gospel Reading**—Mark 10:32-45

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**Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον.**

**Ἦχος πλ. δ΄.**

Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ Εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφήν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Ex ipsus katilthes o Efsplachnos, tafin katethexo tri-imeron, ina imas eleftherosis ton pathon, I zoi ke I anastasis imon, Kirie thoxa si.

**Resurrectional Apolytikion.**

**Mode pl. 4.**

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and consented to a three-day burial, to free us from the passions. O Lord, our life and resurrection, glory to You!

**The Epistle - Hebrews 9:11-14**

Brethren, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

**The Gospel – Mark 10:32-45**

At that time, Jesus took his twelve disciples, and he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant of James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

**Palm Folding:** All Jr. GOYA and GOYA are invited for our annual Lenten dinner with Palm Folding and Confession this Tuesday, April 8th from 6:30-8:30pm. We will start eating right away so that we can get down to business of folding the Palm Sunday crosses for our entire parish! Our priests will be available for confession throughout the entire night. We hope to see you all there!

**Pascha Prep:** Jr. GOYA & GOYA volunteers are needed again on Saturday, April 12th at 10:30am (after Divine Liturgy) to help fold remaining palms, cut bay leaves, finish luminaria, and help prep the church for Holy Week! Our volunteers will not only receive volunteer hours, but also a surprise lunch! We should be done by 12:30pm.

**Selling Candles:** We need Jr. High, High School, College students and adult volunteers to sell candles during Holy Friday, Holy Saturday and Pascha services starting 2:15pm, April 18th, and each service after that through Pascha morning service. Please sign up for as many shifts as you can via the Weekly email or email Alexa at [YouthDirector@HolyApostlesChurch.com](mailto:YouthDirector@HolyApostlesChurch.com)

**Good Friday Food Donations Needed:** Holy Friday is a special day that requires the entire parish to help make it work. One way you can help is to bring food to help feed our children and our volunteers during the day. If you can help bring food, please scan the QR code below or click on the link in your Weekly Email!



**Pascha Baskets to be Blessed at Midnight Service-**At the conclusion of the midnight Divine Liturgy, we will bless the red eggs and Pascha baskets prepared by the faithful. These baskets are traditionally filled with the food that we have fasted from for the last 40 days, so they will include items such as meats, cheeses, and wine. Please bring your baskets to the Resurrection Service and place them on the table near the solea. We will break the fast together and have time for food and fellowship in the Multipurpose Room following the Liturgy.

**Red Easter Egg Wrapping** – Philoptochos is once again asking parishioners to donate red eggs so that they may be wrapped in tulle for distribution at our Anastasi and Agape Easter services. Please bring boiled, unrefrigerated red eggs to the multi-purpose room no later than Holy Friday morning. (April 18). The eggs will be wrapped in tulle after the Royal Hours service on Holy Friday morning. All parishioners are welcome to assist.

**Now Available - Panoramic Tour of Our Parish, Inside and Out!** Please visit our website to marvel at Holy Apostles' beauty, captured in 2024 with panoramic cameras and drones: Simply click on the "About" tab and then the gold button labeled "Click Here to View a 360 Degree Tour of our Church!" or visit: <https://www.orthodox360.com/tours/holyapostles-westchester-il/>

# HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2025

## Lazurus Saturday, April 12

8:00 AM Orthros | 9:00 AM Divine  
Liturgy  
5:00 PM—Vespers

## Palm Sunday, April 13

8:15 AM Orthros | 9:30 AM Divine  
Liturgy  
7:00 PM—Bridegroom Service

## Holy Monday, April 14

9:00 AM—Pre-Sanctified Liturgy  
7:00 PM—Bridegroom Service

## Holy Tuesday, April 15

9:00 AM—Pre-Sanctified Liturgy  
7:00 PM—Bridegroom Service

## Holy Wednesday, April 16

10:00 AM—Holy Unction      3:30 PM—Holy Unction  
7:00 PM—Holy Unction & Orthros of Holy Thursday

## Holy Thursday, April 17

6:30 AM—Vespereal Divine Liturgy  
7:00 PM—Service of the Twelve Holy Gospels

## Holy Friday, April 18

9:00 AM—Royal Hours  
3:00 PM—Apokathelosis/Taking Down from the Cross  
7:00 PM—Lamentations/Orthros of Holy Saturday

## Holy Saturday, April 19

9:00 AM—First Resurrection Vespereal Divine Liturgy  
11:00 PM—Resurrection Service/Paschal Divine Liturgy

## Great and Holy Pascha, April 20

11:00 AM Agape Vespers



# EASTER LAMBATHES SALE

Purchase your decorated Easter  
Lambathes after Sunday liturgies  
3/23 thru 4/13 and following  
Holy Unction services on Holy  
Wednesday, April 16th

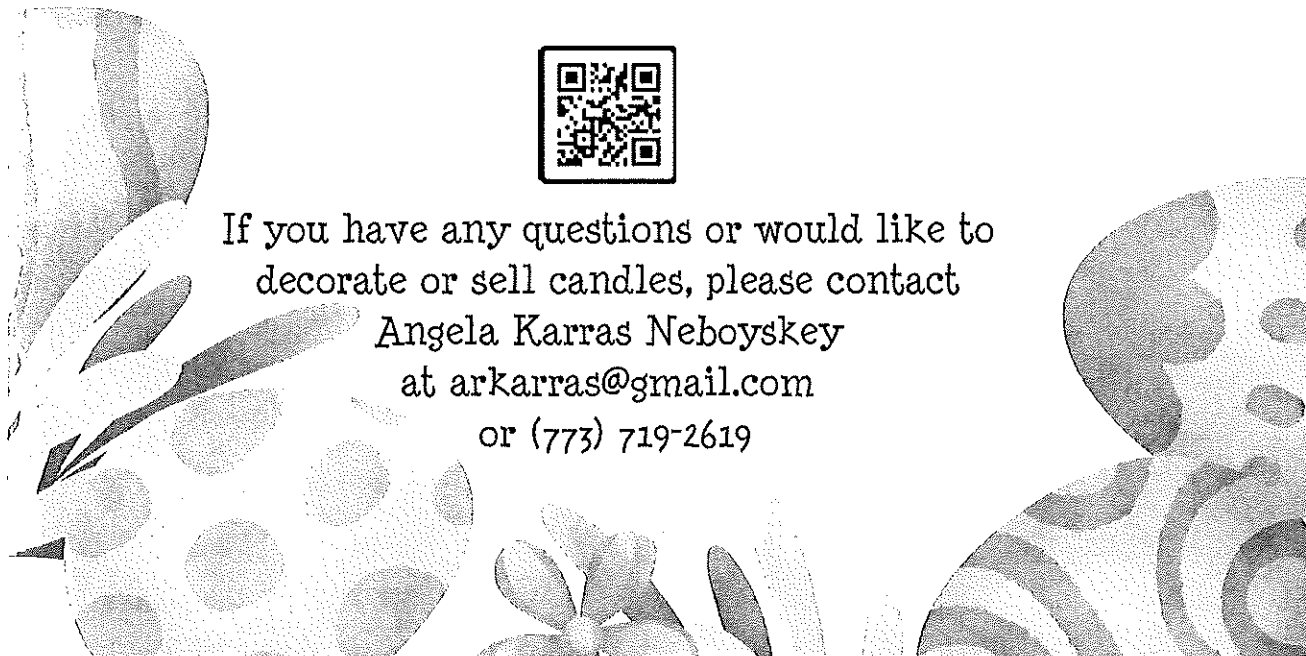
Candles are \$15 each and make  
beautiful gifts for children/  
godchildren

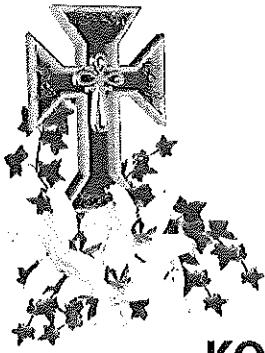
Cash - check -online

[www.tinyurl.com/haphilo2501](http://www.tinyurl.com/haphilo2501)



If you have any questions or would like to  
decorate or sell candles, please contact  
Angela Karras Neboyskey  
at [arkarras@gmail.com](mailto:arkarras@gmail.com)  
or (773) 719-2619

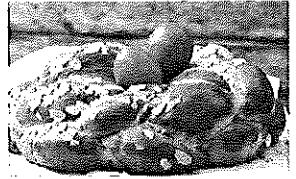
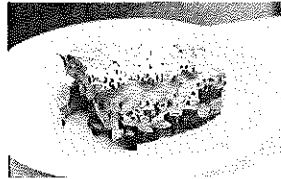
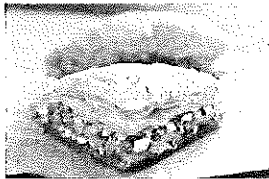




## HOLY APOSTLES PHILOPTOCHOS EASTER

# Drive-by Food Sale

**KOULOURAKIA | KOURAMBIEDES | PASTITSIO |  
SPANAKOPITES | TIROPITES | TSOUREKI | BAKLAVA**



### How to order:

Order during coffee hours March 23, March 30, & April 6.

Orders can also be placed online at [www.tinyurl.com/haphilo2501](http://www.tinyurl.com/haphilo2501) **March 1 - April 6** (no later than 6 pm).

### Form of payments:

Payments accepted are cash, check (payable to Holy Apostles Philoptochos) or credit card online at [www.tinyurl.com/haphilo2501](http://www.tinyurl.com/haphilo2501)

### Pick up order days/times:

Pick up your order at the front of Holy Apostles Church on **Saturday, April 12 (11am - 12:30 pm)**. Enter via the south parking lot.

### For further information:

Contact Laura Pepke ([laurapepke@gmail.com](mailto:laurapepke@gmail.com) or call 630-291-7685) or Debbie Chiganos ([debbchig@att.net](mailto:debbchig@att.net)).

scan to order ►



ITEM	SERVING	PRICE
KOULOURAKIA ( <i>homemade</i> )	1 DOZEN	\$10
KOURAMBIEDES ( <i>homemade</i> )	1 DOZEN	\$10
PASTITSIO ( <i>Greek Islands</i> )	10 X 13 INCH PAN	\$35
SPANAKOPITES	1 DOZEN / TRAY	\$15
TIROPITES	1 DOZEN / TRAY	\$15
TSOUREKI	1.5 LBS.	\$15
BAKLAVA ( <i>homemade</i> )	1/2 DOZEN	\$10

>> Proceeds benefit Operation Classroom Initiative <<



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## CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

A HOLY APOSTLES MINISTRY

*Please join us for Coffee and Discussion*

*Tuesday, April 8th*

*At 1:00 pm In the Philoptochos Room*

Please contact Kathy Steffenson at [gksteff@gmail.com](mailto:gksteff@gmail.com) or Val Dranias at [valdranias@aol.com](mailto:valdranias@aol.com) with any questions.  
We hope that you will join us.



Pan - Orthodox  
**AKATHIST HYMN**

Sponsored by the Orthodox Christian Clergy Association of Greater Chicago



**7:00 pm**

**Tuesday, April 8, 2025**

**2 services will take place; North side and South side:**

**NORTH:**

**St Haralambos  
Greek Orthodox Church  
7373 N. Caldwell Ave  
Niles, Illinois**

**Homilist: Peter Savas**

Chicagoland Region Ministry Support of the OYM  
Orthodox Youth & Young Adult Ministries

Responses by  
The Pan-Orthodox Choir of Greater Chicago

**SOUTH:**

**St. Spyridon  
Greek Orthodox Church  
12307 S. Ridgeland  
Palos Heights, Illinois**

**Homilist: Rev. Fr. Luke Melakrinos**

Pastor, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church,  
Oak Lawn, IL

Responses by  
Choir of St. Spyridon Church

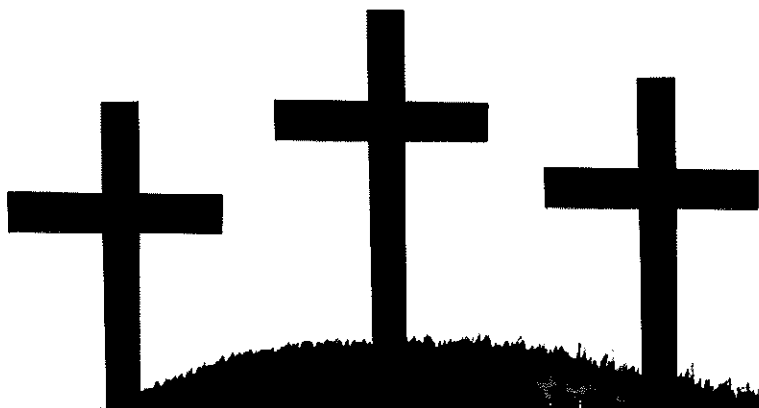
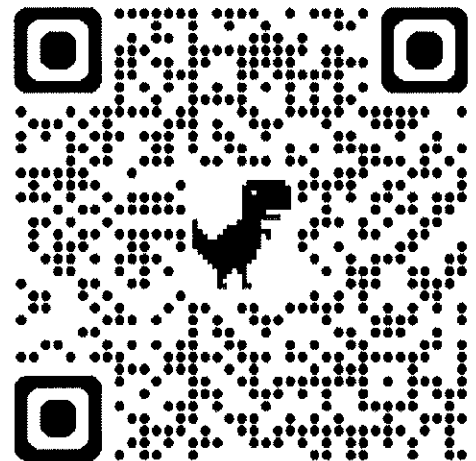
**All are welcome! Coffee Fellowship follows service**

# Good Friday

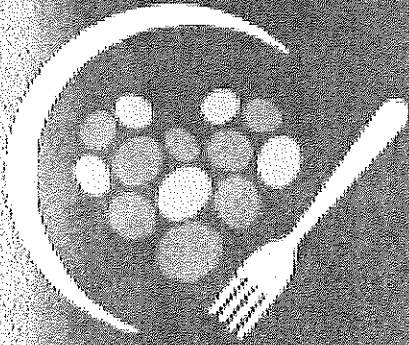
## Retreat

All children in Pre-k through 5th grade are welcome to join us for our Annual Holy Friday Retreat on April 18th. We will begin after Royal Hours, at 10:30 AM and will end at 2:15 PM. All ages of volunteers are welcome! Anyone in 6th through 12th grade are encouraged to sign up to help with flowers, candles, eggs, and more! Any questions or if you need a note excusing you from school, please email Alexa at [youthdirector@holypostleschurch.com](mailto:youthdirector@holypostleschurch.com)

**Please RSVP via QR Code:**



# HOLY APOSTLES VOLUNTEERS AT THE WESTCHESTER FOOD PANTRY



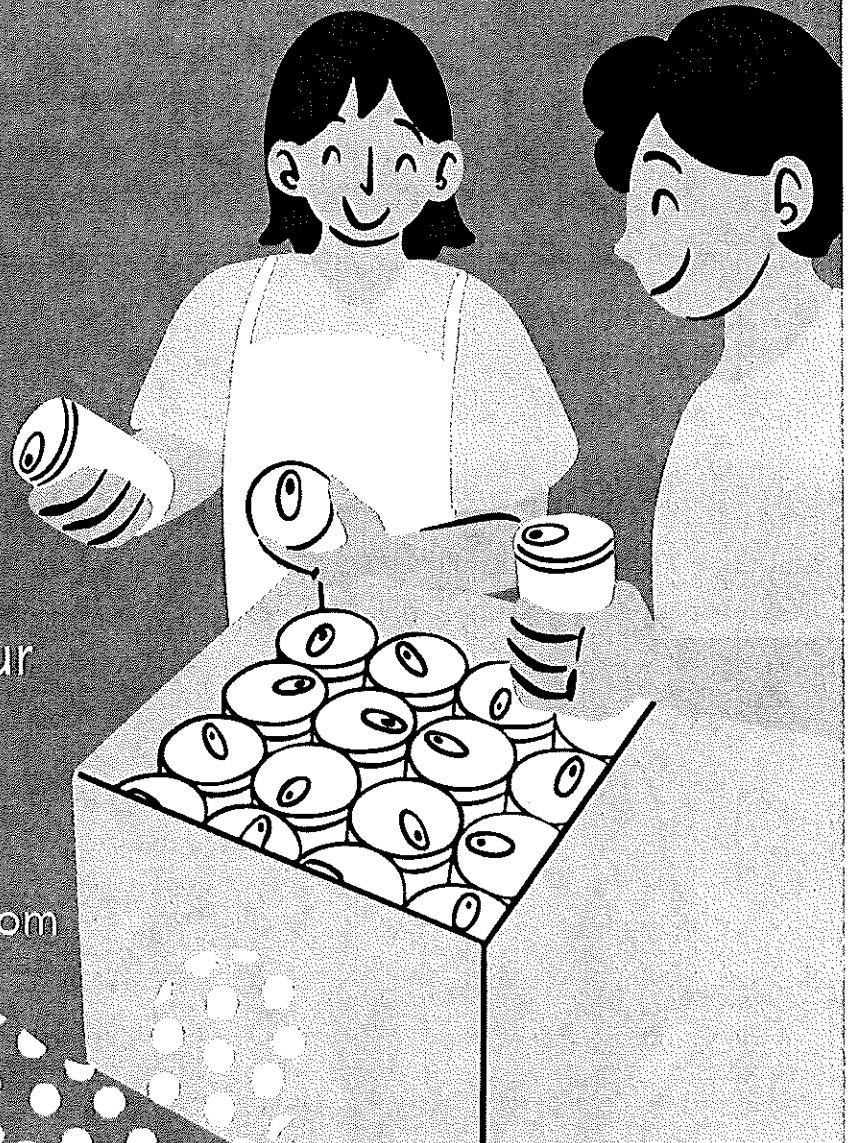
Saturday, May 3rd  
8:30 am - 12:00 pm

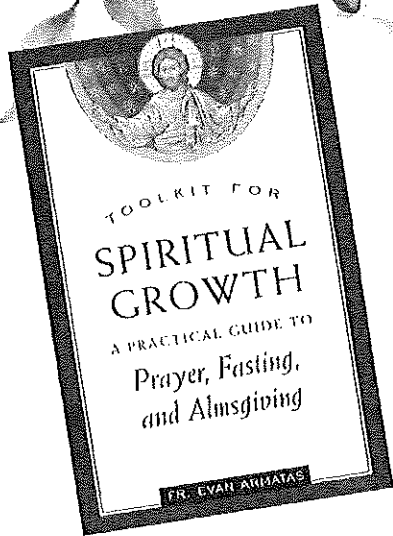
Sign up deadline  
April 28th

Sign up with the link in your  
weekly email.

Questions?

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Women of all ages are invited to join in our next book club read.

This little book of about 100 pages is packed with gems to help us along our Lenten journey.

Hope to see you there!

## *Women's Book Club*

**WHAT: "TOOLKIT FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH" BY FR. EVAN ARMATAS**

**WHEN: THURSDAY, MAY 8TH, 7 P.M.**

**WHERE: HOLY APOSTLES MAIN HALL**

**BYOM (Bring Your Own Mug as hot drinks will be provided!)**



SATURDAY, MAY 10TH, 7:00 PM

Holy Apostles Multi-Purpose Room

BYOB | PRIZES | FELLOWSHIP

BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS AND  
ALCOHOLIC OR NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES


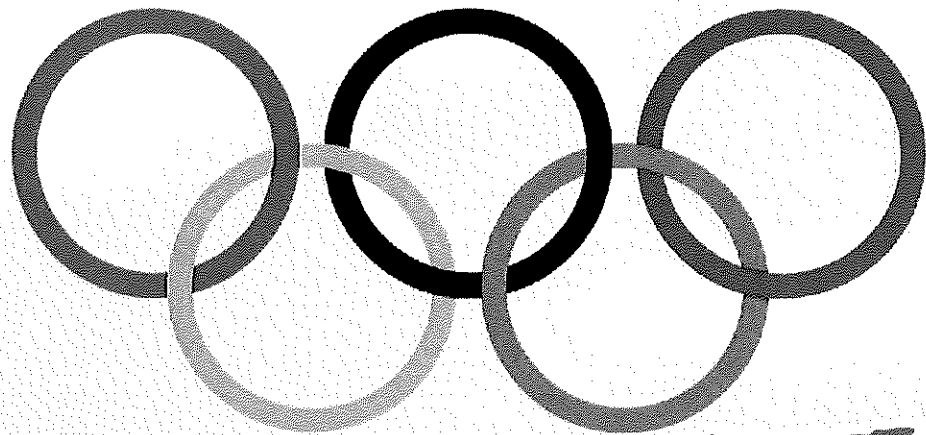
PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE NEW  
PARISH FAMILY MINISTRY

\$10 PER PERSON ENTRY

SIGN UP WITH THE LINK IN YOUR WEEKLY EMAIL

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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**

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

**SUPER SAINTS**  
Heroes of our Faith

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

Anastassion

Voice

*Ho - o - ly A - po - stles In - ter - cede - With the Mer -*

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*

ni - The - o i - na - pte - sma - ton a - fe - sin pa - ra - shi tes psi hes - i - mon.

The image shows two staves of musical notation for a voice part. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a common time signature (C), and a key signature of one flat (Bb). 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 Greek. The Greek text is: '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 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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