

WEEKLY BULLETIN GREAT & HOLY PASCHA APRIL 20, 2025

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SUNDAY APRIL 20 – GREAT & HOLY PASCHA

12:00 a.m. Paschal Divine Liturgy

11:00 a.m. Agape Service

MONDAY APRIL 21 – BRIGHT MONDAY (OFFICE CLOSED)

TUESDAY APRIL 22

6:45 a.m. Brotherhood of St Peter the Apostle

4:30 p.m. Greek School

7:00 p.m. GOYA Bright Week Dinner

WEDNESDAY APRIL 23 – FEAST DAY OF ST GEORGE

8:00 a.m. Orthros

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

1:00 p.m. Bereavement Group

THURSDAY APRIL 24

1:00 p.m. Bible Study 4:30 p.m. Greek School

6:15 p.m. Greek School Staff Meeting

FRIDAY APRIL 25 – FEAST DAY OF THEOTOKOS OF LIFE-GIVING SPRING

8:00 a.m. Orthros

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

SATURDAY APRIL 26

11:00 a.m. Baptism: Theodore, son of Paul & Melissa Jacklin

Sponsor: William Jacklin

3:00 p.m. Wedding: Harrison Kiang & Ashley Fu

Sponsor: Thomas Tsiftilis

5:00 p.m. Vespers

Epistle Reading during Paschal Divine Liturgy—Acts 1:1-8
Gospel Reading during Paschal Divine Liturgy—John 1:1-17

Gospel Reading during Sunday's Agape Vespers—John 20:19-25

In addition to English and Greek, Sunday's Gospel will be shared in these 10 languages:

- 1. Modern Greek Alex Magdalinos
- 2. Latin Eli Sparks
- 3. Russian Sophia Forero
- 4. Spanish Chloe Forero
- 5. French Demetra Theotikos
- 6. Hungarian Sophia Forero
- 7. German Lena Theotikos
- 8. Italian Alex Magdalinos
- 9. Japanese Marianna Georgiou
- 10.ASL (American Sign Language) Kathy Karagiannis

Απολυτίκιον. - Ήχος πλ. α΄.

Χριστὸς ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι, ζωὴν χαρισάμενος.

Hristos anesti ek nekron, thanato thanaton patisas, ke tis en tis mnimasi, zo-in harisamenos.

Apolytikion. - Mode pl. 1.

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

The Epistle (Pachal Divine Liturgy) – Acts 1:1-8

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

The Gospel (Paschal Divine Liturgy) – John 1:1-17

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. That was the true light that enlightens every man coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.") And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

The Gospel (Sunday's Agape Vespers) – John 20:19-25

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe."

Holy Week Collections – We are extremely fortunate to have parishioners who are so charitable in their support and contributions to Holy Apostles. On Holy Saturday, at the Resurrection Service, both basket collections will be for Holy Apostles. We sincerely thank you and feel so blessed by your generosity.



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.

GOYA Bright Week Dinner on Tuesday, April 22 – Don't forget our annual dinner will be held this Tuesday at LaBriola in Oakbrook at 7:00pm. Please bring money to pay for your entrée and beverage. The appetizers and desserts will be covered by GOYA.

Bereavement Ministry to Meet Again – After a brief pause during Lent, the group's next two meetings will be held on Wednesdays, April 23 and May 21, both at 1:00pm. We hope and pray that this group will be a safe place for participants to hear and to be heard, to find solace and rest, a place where peace and love settle in your soul. Please email Cleo Pappas at cleop76@gmail.com to indicate your interest.

Ministries Artoklasia on Sunday, April 27 – Holy Apostles will thank its ministries for their service with an Artoklasia next Sunday. Service projects performed by ministries during January, February, and March 2025 will also be highlighted. Please join us as we celebrate the ministries and recognize their work to benefit others.

Children in the Loft – The final Children in the Loft opportunity is on Sunday, May 4. This invitation is open to all students, Grades 3-8. To confirm your child's participation and for any questions contact Bette Schieber: <u>loft@holyapostleschurch.com</u>. There will be a group review on Sunday, April 27 at 9:15am in the multi-purpose room (MPR). Since this date is also Youth Proclaim Christ Sunday, we hope to have the choir loft filled with your children's beautiful voices.

Cemetery Plots For Sale – Holy Apostles is pleased to offer plots for sale at Chapel Hill Gardens West, located at 17W201 Roosevelt Rd in Oakbrook Terrace. Situated within the serene, park-like Garden of Ascension, these plots provide a peaceful and dignified final resting place. With fewer than 50 plots remaining from the original purchase of 270, this opportunity allows our members to secure a plot at a significantly discounted price—well below the cost of purchasing directly from Chapel Hill. For more information, please call Lou at 708.562.2744.



Seniors, please join us at Koukla's Kafenio!

Date: Thursday, May 1st

Time: 12:00pm – 3:00pm

Place: Holy Apostles multi-purpose room

For: Lunch and Entertainment







Grecian Formula, Chicago's Premier Greek Band will perform all your favorites!

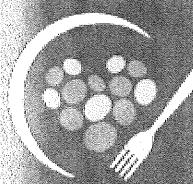
RSVP by April 23rd to Cathy Magas (630)941-8448

We will be collecting items for the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans.

If you'd like to donate, the following items are needed:

Toiletries, hand soap, bars of soap, body wash, deodorant, toothpaste, etc.

HOLY APOSTLES VOLUNTEERS AT THE



WESTCHESTER FOOD PANTRY

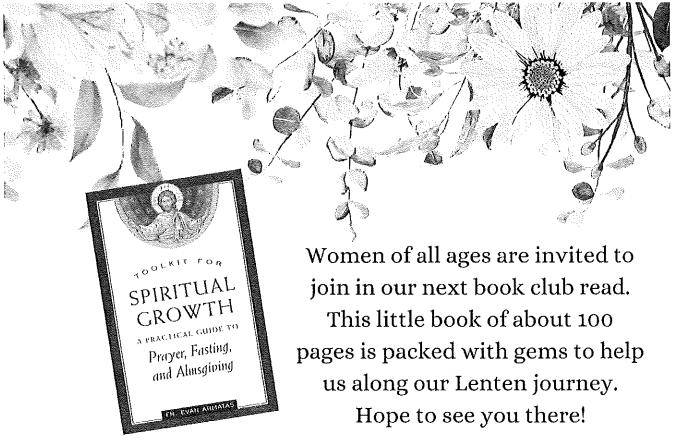
Saturday, May 3rd 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Sign up deadline April 28th

Sign up with the link in your weekly email.

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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!)



Join Us For The 33rd Annual IOCC Chicago Grand Banquet

THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2025

Cocktails 6:00 pm | Dinner 7:00 pm

EMPRESS BANQUETS

200 E. Lake St., Addison, IL

\$125.00 per person

Registration Deadline: April 23

Holy Apostles has purchased a table for this philanthropic event. Make your check for \$125.00 payable to "Holy Apostles."
Turn in your check to Lou, Parish Director, in the church office by the deadline of April 23, 2025

CELEBRATION

Please join us to honor

Rev. Fr. Theodore Poteres

Protopresbyter

Sunday, May 18, 2025 5:00 p.m. Cocktails 6:00 p.m. Dinner

Hellenic Banquet Center 8000 Madison Street Merrillville, Indiana

\$75.00 per person

Holy Apostles has purchased a table for this wonderful event that honors Father Ted who grew up in our parish. He was ordained at Holy Apostles on June 10, 1984. Please join us by making a check for \$15.00 per person payable to "Holy Apostles" and putting "Father Ted" along with your selection of beef or veg meals on the memo line.

Lou, our parish director, must revaeive your check in the office on later than April 23rd.



SATURDAY, MAY 10TH, 7:00 PM

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Myostles Multi-Purpose Room

SYOB | PRIZES | FELLOWSHIP

BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS AND

ALCOHOLIC OR NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE NEW PARISH FAMILY MINISTRY

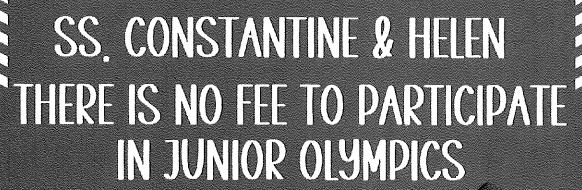
\$10 PER PERSON ENTRY

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Questions? parishfamily@holyapostleschurch.com

REGISTER FOR JUNIOR OLYMPICS

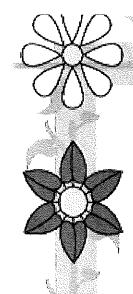
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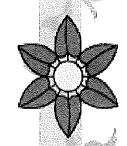
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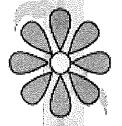




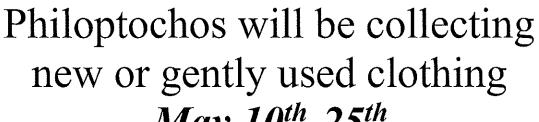


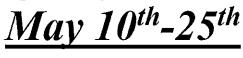
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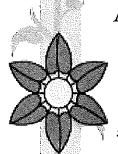






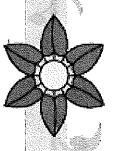


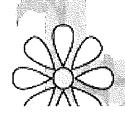
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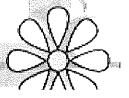


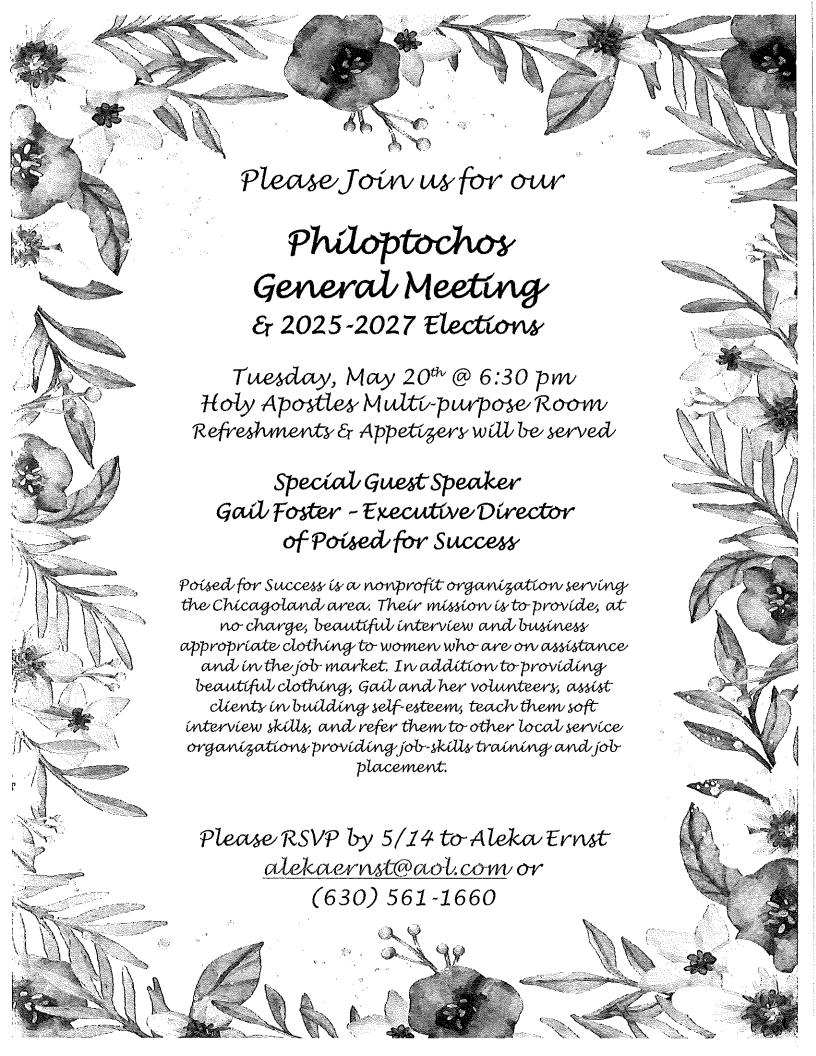
Accepting dresses, blazers, pants, blouses, jewelry, handbags, shoes, and winter items (coats, scarves, gloves).

All items must be clean, in new condition and on hangers.











VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



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Merces 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

HOLY APOSTLES

GROUP OUTING TO



TUESDAY JUNE 17TH, 6:40PM

CHICAGO VS ST. LOUIS WHITE SOX VS CARDINALS

AT GUARANTEED RATE FIELD

\$24 PER SEAT IN SECTION 109

\$20 PARKING SPOT IN RED LOT



EACH TICKET COMES WITH A GREEK NIGHT HAT!

GROUP TICKET PURCHASE DEADLINE ON MAY 9th

SIGN UP USING THE LINK IN YOUR WEEKLY EMAIL

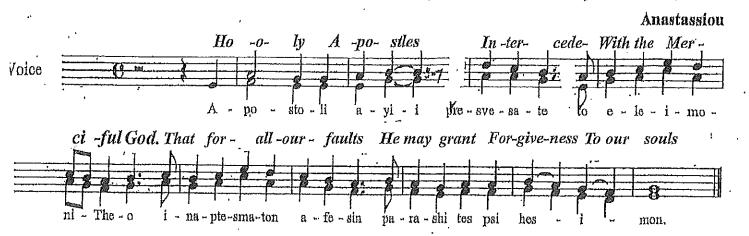
QUESTIONS?
PARISHFAMILY@HOLYAPOSTLESCHURCH.COM

ALL TICKETS WILL BE DELIVERED DIGITALLY AND TICKET HOLDERS WILL USE APPLE WALLET OR GOOGLE PAY TO REDEEM TICKETS AT THE STADIUM

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



Sermon Notes

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