

WEEKLY BULLETIN APRIL 27, 2025

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SUNDAY APRIL 27 – SUNDAY OF ST THOMAS

8:15 a.m. Orthros

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Artoklasia: Q1 Ministry Service Recognition

Fellowship Hour: Anonymous

12:30 p.m. Baptism: Peter, son of George & Kristen Vlagos

Sponsor: Susanna Brown

TUESDAY 4:30 p.m. APRIL 29
Greek School

WEDNESDAY APRIL 30

10:00 a.m. Koukla's Kafenio Setup

7:00 p.m. Parish Family Ministry Meeting

THURSDAY MAY 1

12:00 p.m. Koukla's Kafenio 4:30 p.m. Greek School

5:30 p.m. Greek School PTO Meeting & Elections

FRIDAY MAY 2

7:00 p.m. Small Paraklesis

SATURDAY MAY 3

8:30 a.m. Westchester Food Pantry Volunteer Day

11:00 a.m. Baptism: Isabella, daughter of Priscilla Papadatos & Christian Vasquez

Sponsor: Danny Papadatos

1:00 p.m. Baptism: Adelphia, daughter of Anthos Baenen & Kayla Coggins

Sponsor: Nikola Kasanin

5:00 p.m. Vespers

6:00 p.m. Vespers Potluck Dinner

Epistle Reading – Acts 5:12-20 Gospel Reading – John 20:19-31

Apolytikion. - Grave Mode.

The tomb being sealed, You rose from the sepulcher, O Christ God, the Life. And the doors being shut, You came to the disciples, O resurrection of all. Through them You renew a right spirit within us, according to Your great mercy.

Απολυτίκιον. - Ήχος βαρύς.

Έσφραγισμένου τοῦ μνήματος, ἡ ζωὴ ἐκ τάφου ἀνέτειλας Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός καὶ τῶν θυρῶν κεκλεισμένων, τοῖς Μαθηταῖς ἐπέστης, ἡ πάντων ἀνάστασις Πνεῦμα εὐθὲς δι' αὐτῶν ἐγκαινίζων ἡμῖν, κατὰ τὸ μέγα σου ἔλεος.

Esfragismenou tou mnimatos, I zoi ek tafou anetilas Hriste o Theos, ke ton thiron keklismenon, tis Mathites epestis i panton Anastasis, Pnevma efthes di afton engenizon imin, kata to mega sou eleos.

The Epistle – Acts 5:12-20

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 – John 20:19-31

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." Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

Ministries Artoklasia – Today's Artoklasia is to celebrate and pray for all Holy Apostles' ministries and to specifically recognize their outreach service projects from January through March 2025:

- Jr. GOYA and JOY: Made cards that were included with the Phil's Friends care packages donated by Philoptochos
- Parish Family Ministry: Hosted Trivia Night with all admission fees donated to the Westchester Food Pantry
- Parish Family Ministry/Philoptochos: Hosted a Lenten Service project to decorate cards for Mom's Day Out gift baskets that will be donated to Thumbuddy Special, for mothers of children with special needs.
- 5th Saturday Serve Day/Philoptochos/Parish Family Ministry: Purchased 50 bags worth of food and then bagged them at the 5th Saturday Serve Day in preparation for an upcoming Project HOPE initiative.
- Missions: Packed 154,078 meals during the Feed6 challenge that were then distributed by Project HOPE.
- Missions/Philoptochos: Donated ongoing Project HOPE food collections to the Hillside Food Pantry.
- Philoptochos: Pillars and Rocks Valentine's Day senior visits; Blankets of Love Day to make 30 blankets that were donated to Phil's Friends, which provides Christ centered support to cancer patients, in addition care packages filled with socks, puzzles, playing cards, and toothbrushes were donated to them. Financial donations were made to St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral for their fire relief center fund; to Thumbuddy Special to be put toward "The Great Bike Giveaway" initiative; and to the Hillside Food Pantry to purchase pantry staples due to a loss of funding.

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. Since this date is also Youth Proclaim Christ Sunday, we hope to have the choir loft filled with your children's beautiful voices. If you have not done so, kindly confirm your child's participation so we can plan accordingly by contacting Bette Schieber: loft@holyapostleschurch.com. Zoe Ann Tomaras will coordinate the group on May 4. There is also a practice this morning at 9:15am in the multi-purpose room (MPR). Bette will be at church to lead today's practice.

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!

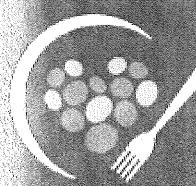
RSVP by April 23rd to Cathy Magas (630)941-8448

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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Saturday Vespers Potluck

First Saturday of Each Month

2024

2025

- August 3*

January 4

*September 7

February 1

October 5

March 1*

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April 5*

December 7 *

∘May 3

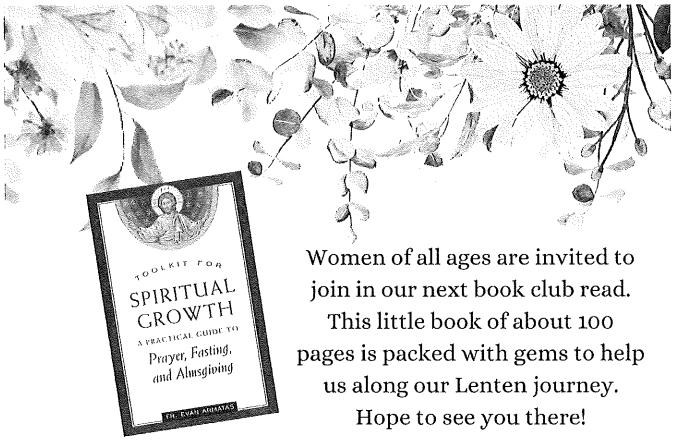
*On these days, please bring fasting-friendly meals On March 1st, dairy & eggs are allowed

Vespers Service Begins at 5:00 PM
Potluck Immediately Following
at 6:00 PM

Sign up each month using the link in the weekly email

QUESTIONS?

Email stewardship@holyapostleschurch.com



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

Haby Apostles Multi-Purpose Room

BYOB | PRIZES | FELLOWSHIP

BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS AND

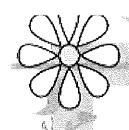
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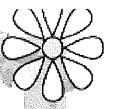
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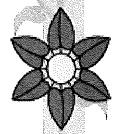
\$10 PER PERSON ENTRY

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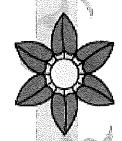
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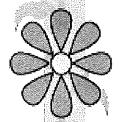




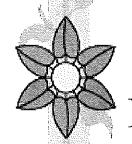


POISED FOR SUCCESS CLOTHING DRIVE







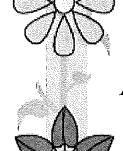


Philoptochos will be collecting new or gently used clothing

May 10th_25th

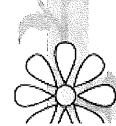


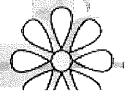
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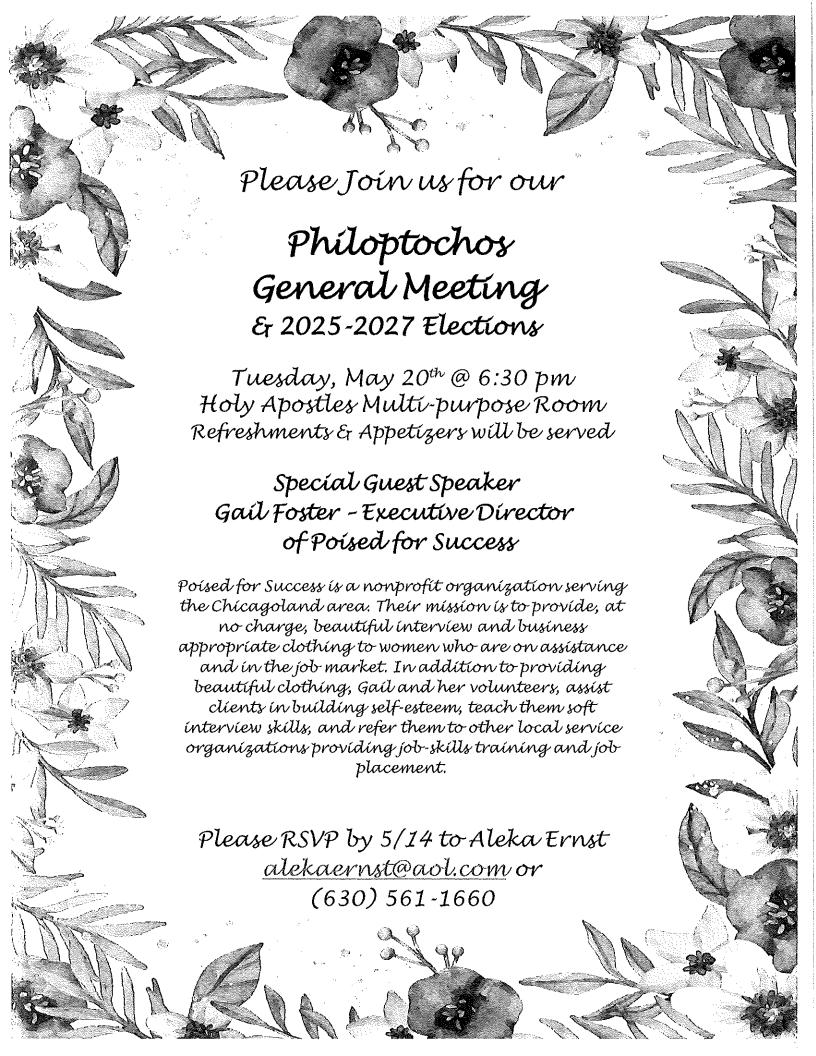


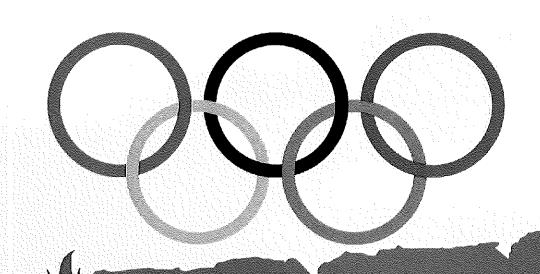
Accepting dresses, blazers, pants, blouses, jewelry, handbags, shoes, and winter items (coats, scarves, gloves).

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



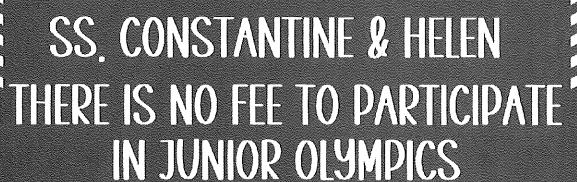






REGISTER FOR SUMMER OF CLYMPICS

MAY 24 & 25



AGES 7-18







VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



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



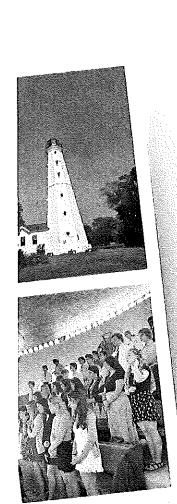
EACH TICKET COMES WITH A GREEK NIGHT HAT!

GROUP TICKET PURCHASE DEADLINE ON MAY 9th

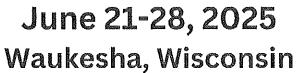
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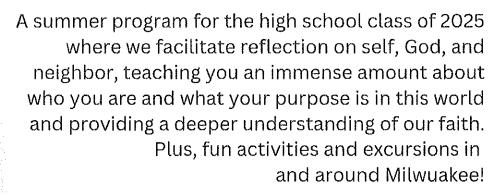
QUESTIONS?
PARISHFAMILY@HOLYAPOSTLESCHURCH.COM

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

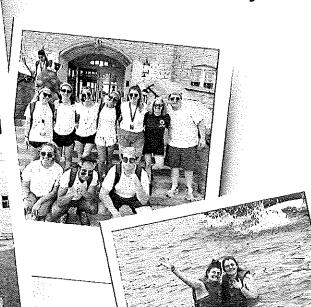








This might be exactly what you need after graduation!



Registration opens March 10

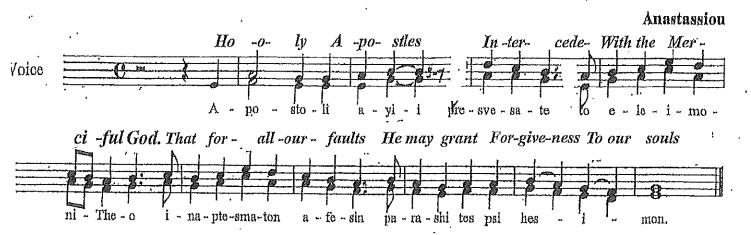


Scan here for more info & to register

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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