

WEEKLY BULLETIN

JUNE 15, 2025

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SUNDAY

8:15 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

Memorials:

Fellowship Hour: Hosted by Lily Mathews, in loving memory of John Mathews

TUESDAY

6:40 p.m.

THURSDAY

6:15 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

7:00 p.m.

JUNE 15

Orthros

Divine Liturgy

Kay Bobis, Athanasios Georgalis, John Mathews

Hosted by Lily Mathews, in loving memory of John Mathews

JUNE 17

Greek Heritage Night @ Rate Field – White Sox vs St Louis Cardinals

JUNE 19

Neolea Dance Troupe

Parish Council Meeting

JUNE 20

Small Paraklesis

Epistle Reading – Acts 2:1-11

Gospel Reading – Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30

Please welcome Fr. John Kokenis, who grew up at Holy Apostles and was recently ordained. We thank him for his prayers and assistance today.

Words from the Saints on Father's Day

“What saves and makes for good children is the life of the parents in the home. The parents need to devote themselves to the love of God. They need to become saints in their relations to their children through their mildness, patience, and love. They need to make a new start every day, with a fresh outlook, renewed enthusiasm and love for their children. And the joy that will come to them, the holiness that will visit them, will shower grace on their children. Generally, the parents are to blame for the bad behavior of the children. And their behavior is not improved by reprimands, disciplining, or strictness. If the parents do not pursue a life of holiness and if they don't engage in spiritual struggle, they make great mistakes and transmit the faults they have within them. If the parents do not live a holy life and do not display love towards each other, the devil torments the parents with the reactions of the children. Love, harmony and understanding between parents are what are required for the children. This provides a great sense of security and certainty.” – *St. Porphyrios*

“The example of a good father is more effective than a thousand words. The upright life of a father is the foundation of the spiritual growth of his children.” – *St. Basil*

“A true Christian father is one who brings peace into the home, who teaches by humility and prayer, and whose presence reminds the family of God.” – *St. Seraphim*

“Just as God the Father loves His children, so must an earthly father love with patience, forgive with joy, and teach by his life.” – *St Silouan*

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!

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον. - ᾠχος πλ. δ΄.

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

Ex ipsous katilthes o Efsplahnos, tafin katethexo tri-imeron, ina imas eleftherosis ton pathon, i zoi ke i anastasis imon, Kirie thoxa si.

The Epistle – Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2

Brethren, all the saints, through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated — of whom the world was not worthy — wandering over deserts and mountains and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, 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 faith.

The Gospel – Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30

The Lord said to his disciples, “Every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny him before my Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.” Peter said in reply, “Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name’s sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first.”

Welcome to Holy Apostles Church – If you are new to our church today, after receiving the blessed bread at the conclusion of the service, look for a member of the Welcome Ministry standing at the back of the church. Consider staying for our Fellowship Hour. A Welcome Ministry member will be happy to escort you there and answer any questions you may have.



Potluck Coffee Hour Next Sunday, June 22 –

Please consider bringing a baked good of your choice for the Potluck Coffee Hour next Sunday. About four dozen pieces or something that could be cut into four dozen pieces is requested.

Suggestions are: fruit, cheese and crackers, donuts, two-bite size of any pastries, muffins, bagels and cream cheese, donut holes, cookies, coffee cakes, brownies, loaf cake, mini cream puffs, scones, croissants and any other item of

your choice. Please sign up on the Jot Form in the Wednesday Weekly Newsletter or email Sandy Pihos at greeks1@gmail.com or call/text (630)640-5811. Just leave your pastries in the kitchen by 9:30am on Sunday and we will plate them. If you deliver in advance, mark them for Sunday, June 22nd Coffee Hour. Thank you for your participation.

Feast Days of the Holy Apostles on June 29-30 – We will commemorate the Feast Day of the Holy Apostles beginning with a Great Vesper Service on Sunday, June 29th at 7:00 PM. We are looking forward to hearing an inspirational homily. This year, Fr. Nick Greanias of Annunciation Church in Kankakee will be our guest preacher that evening, followed by a reception in the Multipurpose Room. On Monday morning, June 30th, Orthos will begin at 8:00 AM at 9:00 AM we will gather and celebrate the Divine Liturgy and honor those Apostles, who like us, were given gifts by the Lord and who worked together, to live their faith and share their blessings. This service will be followed by a Fellowship Coffee Hour. Artoklasias will honor our Holy Apostles at both services. The blessing of the five loaves is reminiscent of the five loaves that Jesus blessed in the desert and by which five thousand were fed. We look forward to gathering as a Holy Apostles Family to revere this special occasion. To assist with the Feast Day receptions, please contact Sandy Pihos via email at greeks1@gmail.com or call/text her at (630) 640-5811. We welcome your participation.

Philoptochos is here for you, our Holy Apostles sisters, brothers, families, and parish.

We want you to know that Philoptochos is available to help you with some of life's challenges that may arise. Please reach out to Fr. Nicholas if you need financial help with food, utility bills, or other essential household expenses. All requests for assistance are held in strict confidence. The love and support of Holy Apostles and our Philoptochos Chapter are here to assist you.



FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

Great Vespers

Sunday, June 29 7:00pm

Reception to Follow

Divine Liturgy

Monday, June 30 9:00am

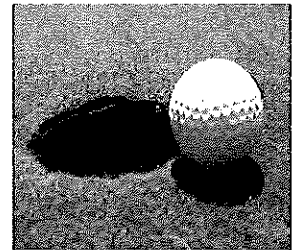
Reception to Follow

PLEASE JOIN US!



65th Annual Golf Outing – Monday, July 7
Willow Crest Golf Club,
Hilton Chicago Oak Brook Hills Resort
3500 Midwest Rd, Oak Brook, IL

Bag Drop and Lunch will begin at 11:00am
Shot Gun Start at 12:30pm – Scramble Format for Team Play



Adult Golf, Lunch and Dinner

\$175

Youth Golf, Lunch and Dinner (must be under 21)

\$100

Dinner Only (all ages)

\$80

Golf and dinner fees include lunch, 18 holes of golf (scramble format), complimentary Outing Gifts, including a sleeve of balls, buffet dinner, raffle prizes and more!

Name of Golfer 1: _____

Name of Golfer 2: _____

Name of Golfer 3: _____

Name of Golfer 4: _____

Payment by Credit Card (Scan the QR Code below):



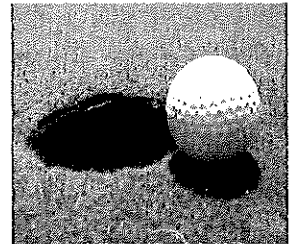
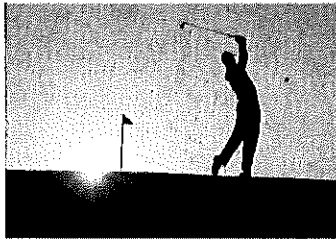
Payment by Check: Make check payable to Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church.

Please contact Dennis Poulos at dnphoop@aol.com / 630.802.7600 or John Anos at johnanos@comcast.net / 847.702.1111 with questions.



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SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Proceeds from this event will help fund the many needs of our church's ministries.

We appreciate your support in helping make this annual event a success.

Platinum Sponsor \$2,500

Includes a full golf package for four, plus a large banner displayed at the reception area during lunch and at the bar before and during dinner.

Gold Sponsor \$1,100

Includes full golf package for four, plus an Exclusive Hole Sponsorship (a \$1,250 value).

Exclusive Hole Sponsor \$550

Hole-in-one Sponsor \$250

Hole Sponsor \$170

Payment Options

Payment by Credit Card (Scan the QR Code below):



Payment by Check: Checks will be accepted at the golf course or the church office. All checks should be made payable to Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church.

Please contact Dennis Poulos at dnphoop@aol.com / 630.802.7600 or Peter Poteres at ppoteres@hotmail.com / 630.334.4040 with sponsorship information and questions.

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YOUTH SUMMER EVENTS!

- **Tuesday, June 24th, 4-7PM:**
Pizza/s'mores/music and outdoor games
at church for future 6th-12th graders
- **Thursday, June 26th, 10-11:30AM:**
Outdoor games at church for ages 0-5.
- **Thursday, June 26th, 1-3PM: Picnic &**
Games at Mayfair Park for future K-5th
grade

Thursday, July 10th, 1-4PM: Paradise Bay
Water Park, Lombard, for ALL ages.

PLEASE RSVP for all events

to Alexa at

YouthDirector@holypostleschurch.com

HOLY APOSTLES GREEK SCHOOL

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 4:30PM-6:15PM

PRE-SCHOOL - 6TH GRADE

OUR PROGRAM INCLUDES:

Small Group pull-out instruction

Special/Seasonal Celebrations

Targeted interventions

Religious Celebrations

Classroom Technology

Culture and History

Ellinomatheia

Greek Dance

Music



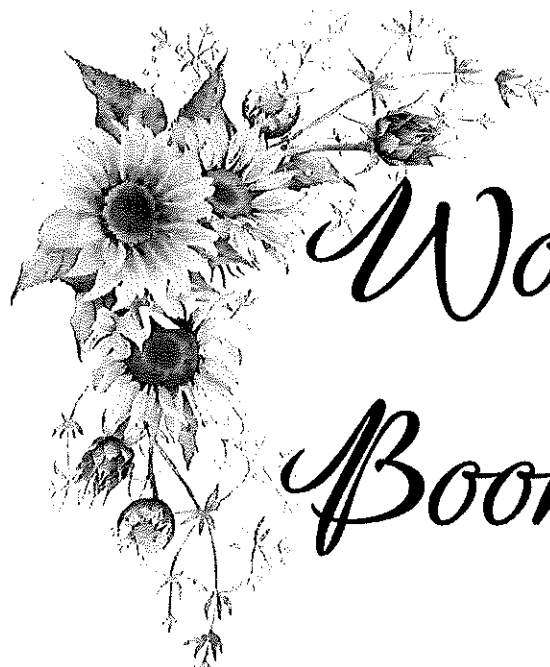
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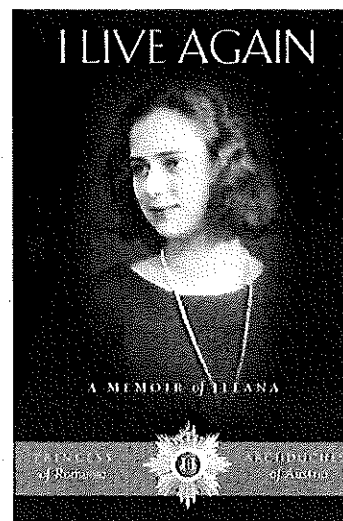
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Women's Book Club



Women of all ages are invited to join in our next book club. This book promises to be a good summer read. It includes history, spirituality and the story of a model, Orthodox Christian woman. Read it at the beach, the garden, or your local coffee shop... but don't forget to join us for a night of fellowship and fun.

WHEN: THURSDAY, AUGUST 28,
7 P.M.

WHERE: HOLY APOSTLES
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM (OR ON THE
PATIO, WEATHER PERMITTING!)

WHAT: AUTOBIOGRAPHY "I LIVE
AGAIN: A MEMOIR OF ILEANA
PRINCESS OF ROMANIA,
ARCHDUCHESS OF AUSTRIA"

BYOM (Bring Your Own Mug)





Save the Date

You're invited to an unforgettable
day of fashion, fun and fellowship.

EMPOWERED ELEGANCE

A Celebration of Women

Holy Apostles
Philoptochos Society

Annual Fashion Show & Luncheon

Saturday, October 18, 2025
11am

Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace

Chairwoman: Katherine Karvelas

Proceeds to Benefit:
Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation,
FAITH Endowment, and
other Philoptochos endeavors

*Let's celebrate the women
who inspire us all.
Can't wait to see you!*

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

Sermon Notes

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