

WEEKLY BULLETIN

JULY 20, 2025

SUNDAY

JULY 20 – FEAST DAY OF PROPHET ELIAS

8:15 a.m. Orthros
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Memorials: John Brales
Artoklasia: Q2 Ministry Service Projects
Fellowship Hour: Hosted by Lara Pappas, in honor of her godson, Louis Nicholas, on his Name Day

SATURDAY

JULY 26 – FEAST DAY OF ST. PARASKEVI

8:00 a.m. Orthros
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
3:30 p.m. Wedding: Evangeline Makris & Thomas Olson
Sponsor: Nicolette Makris

Epistle Reading – James 5:10-20

Gospel Reading – Matthew 9:1-8

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

- Joy/Jr. GOYA/GOYA: Made get well cards and assembled 100 goodie bags to be dropped off at children's hospitals during the Good Friday retreat
- Parish Family Ministry: Volunteered at the Westchester Food Pantry helping clients shop for food supplies
- Parish Family Ministry/Philoptochos: Donated folders to the York Community Resource Center
- Parish Family Ministry/Fifth Saturday Serve Day: Assembled activity kits for children and teens going to Lurie's Outpatient and Rehab Center in Westchester
- Missions: Organized the annual 5K run with all proceeds donated to the Philoxenia House in Rochester, MN
- Missions/Philoptochos: Donated Project HOPE food collection to the Hillside Food Pantry.
- Philoptochos:
 - Completed Pillars and Rocks Easter senior visits.
 - Visited the Casa Maravilla senior housing facility in Pilsen and distributed food and care packages while interacting with residents.
 - Volunteered at Feed My Starving Children.
 - Made and distributed sack lunches as part of the Feed the Hungry commitment at Annunciation Cathedral.
 - Collected women's clothing that was donated to Poised for Success, collected toiletries at Koukla's Kafenio that were then donated to the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans.
 - Set up a "comfort closet" at Hillside School to help underserved students as part of the Operation Classroom initiative.
 - Donations were made to Hillside Food Pantry, Anthony Rizzo Family Foundation's "Walk for a Cure", Poised for Success, Feed My Starving Children, Honor Flight Chicago and to Wellness House for the Walk for Wellness.

Resurrectional Apolytikion

Mode pl. 1.

As the Father and Spirit are unoriginate, so the Word, who was born from the Virgin for us. Let us praise Him, O believers, and let us worship Him. For our salvation He was pleased to be crucified in the flesh, and to undergo death, and to resurrect the dead, by His glorious resurrection.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον.

Ἦχος πλ. α΄.

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν· ὅτι ἠυδόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγείραι τοὺς τεθνεώτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

Ton sinanarhon Logon Patri ke Pnevmati, ton ek Parthenou tehthenta is sotirian imon, animnisomen pisti ke proskinisomen, oti ivthokise sarki, anelthin en to Stavro, ke thanaton ipomine, ke egire tous tethneotas, en ti enthoxo anastasi aftou.

The Epistle – James 5:10-20

Brethren, take as an example of suffering and patience the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Behold, we call those happy who were steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath, but let your yes be yes and your no be no, that you may not fall into hypocrisy. Is any one among you suffering? Let him pray. Is any cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects. Elijah was a man of like nature with ourselves and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth its fruit. My brethren, if any one among you wanders from the truth and some one brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

The Gospel – Matthew 9:1-8

At that time, getting into a boat Jesus crossed over and came to his own city. And behold, they brought to him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, seeing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say 'Rise and walk?' But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins," he then said to the paralytic — "Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

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.

Feed My Starving Children on Saturday, August 9 – Holy Apostles parishioners are invited to join Philoptochos for a Lenten service project 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.

FIELD TRIP: Great Vespers for Dormition of the Theotokos on Thursday, August 14 – Please join us in attending this beautiful service at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church on Central Avenue in Chicago. We have chartered a bus to transport approximately 50 people to this magnificent venue. All you need to do is drive to Holy Apostles and leave your car in our parking lot. A bus, equipped with a bathroom, will be ready to leave by 6:00pm. Vespers begin at 7:00pm, so we will return no later than 10:00pm. To reserve your seat(s), please send an email to office@holyapostleschurch.com or call Lou at 708.562.2744. First come, first served!

Parish Database & Directory Project

We are in the process of updating the Holy Apostles Parish database and need your help to ensure it is complete and accurate. We ask stewards to provide all the requested information for our office records. If your children are over the age of 18, please have them fill out a separate form.

Please take a few moments to provide your household's contact information.

We are also working to publish a new Holy Apostles Directory, one which includes a family photo as well as your contact information. Your adult children can choose to be included in the family photograph or to have their own. You may choose if your contact information is to be published in the directory. The directory will be published only as a hard copy, a printed book that will be distributed one per household to all interested Holy Apostles stewards. This directory is a valuable way for our parish family to stay connected and support one another. Thank you for your participation!

HOLY APOSTLES DIRECTORY & CONTACT UPDATE

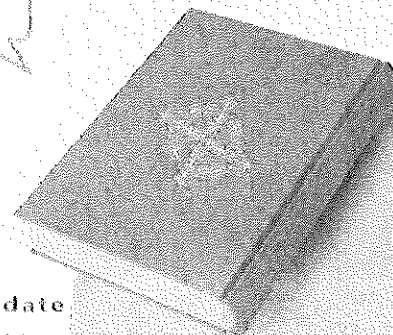
Holy Apostles is updating their contact database and simultaneously making a directory book. We ask all parishioners to fill out the form linked below to update their contact information for our database, then may choose whether or not to be included in the directory.
More details linked below.

**ALL
PARISHIONERS
FILL OUT THE
FORM LINKED
BELOW**



bit.ly/HAContactUpdate

Volunteers Also Needed



Saturday Vespers Potluck

First Saturday of Each Month

2025

- August 2*
- September 6
- October 4
- November 1
- December 6 *

2026

- January 3
- February 7
- March 7*
- April 4*
- May 2

**On these days, please bring fasting-friendly dishes*

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

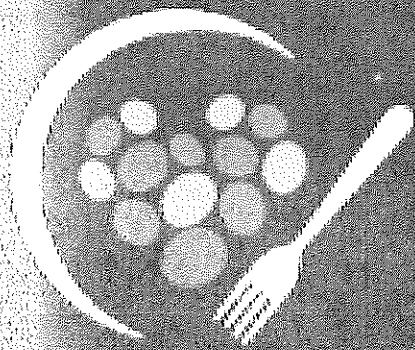
Sign up each month using
the link in the weekly email

QUESTIONS?

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HOLY APOSTLES VOLUNTEERS AT THE WESTCHESTER FOOD PANTRY



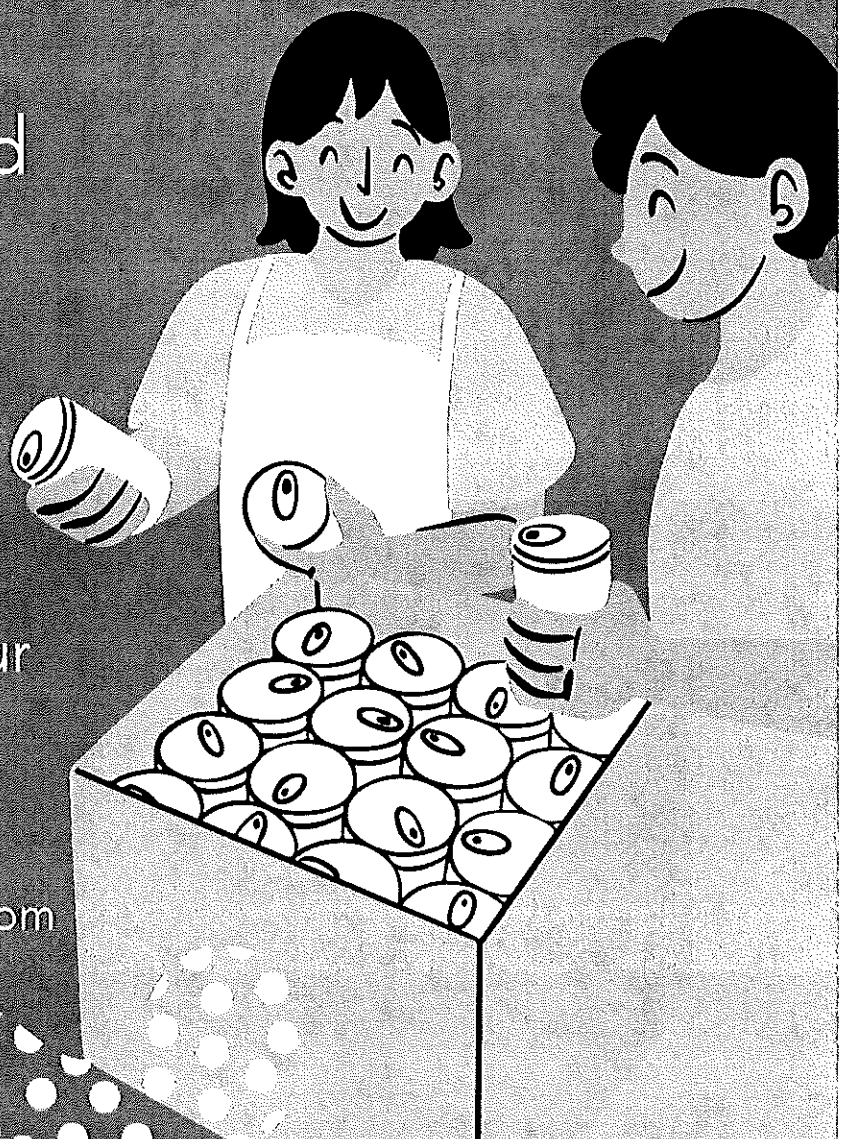
Saturday, August 2nd
8:30 am - 12:00 pm

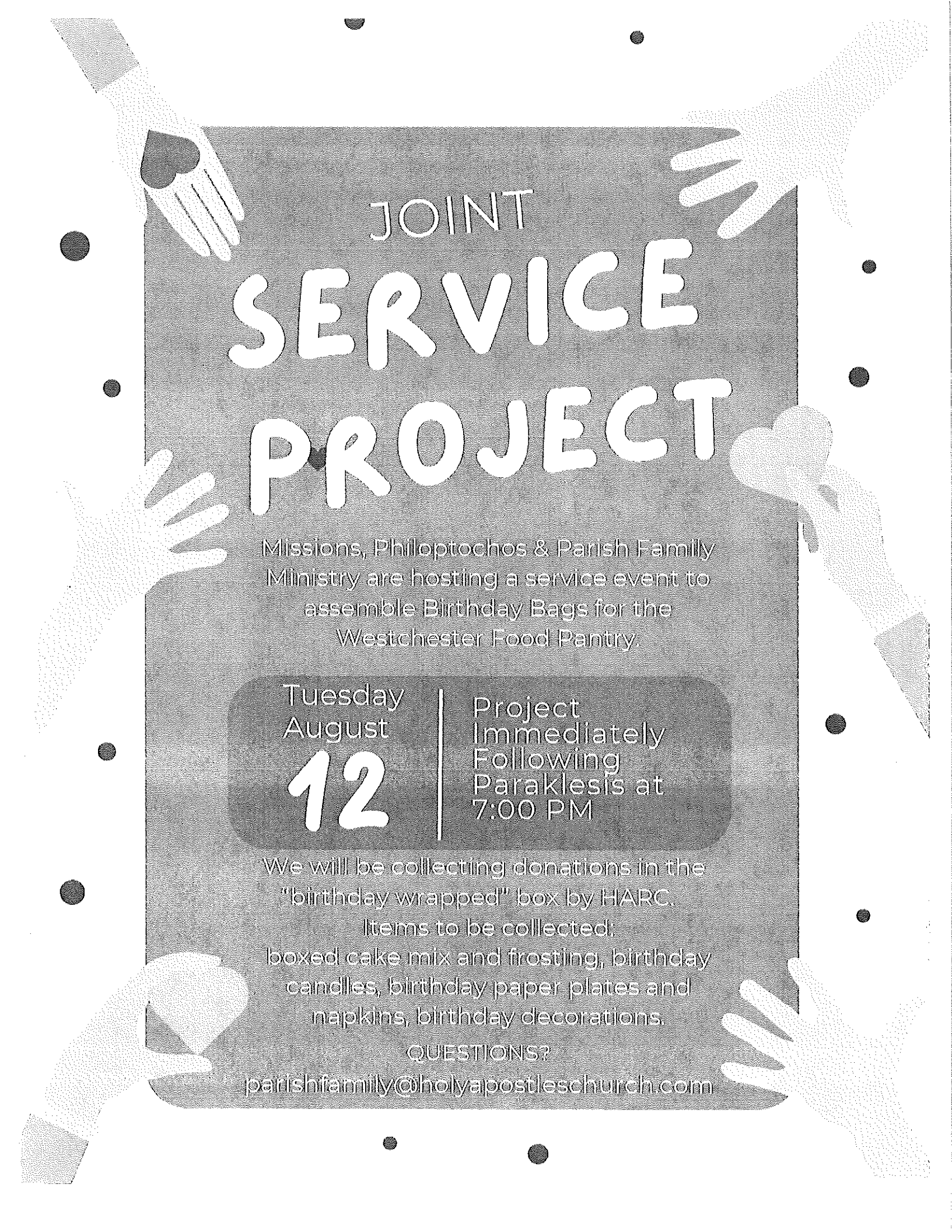
Sign up deadline
July 26th

Sign up with the link in your
weekly email.

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The poster is decorated with several stylized hands and hearts. In the top left, a hand holds a heart. In the top right, a hand is open. In the middle left, a hand is open. In the middle right, a hand holds a heart. In the bottom left, a hand holds a heart. In the bottom right, a hand is open. There are also several small black dots scattered around the poster.

JOINT SERVICE PROJECT

Missions, Philoptochos & Parish Family Ministry are hosting a service event to assemble Birthday Bags for the Westchester Food Pantry.

Tuesday
August
12

Project
Immediately
Following
Paraklesis at
7:00 PM


We will be collecting donations in the "birthday wrapped" box by HARC.

Items to be collected:

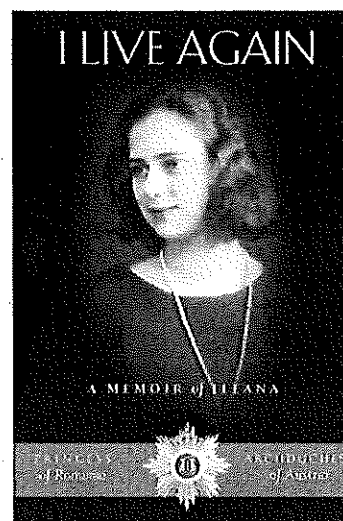
boxed cake mix and frosting, birthday candles, birthday paper plates and napkins, birthday decorations.

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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!*

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

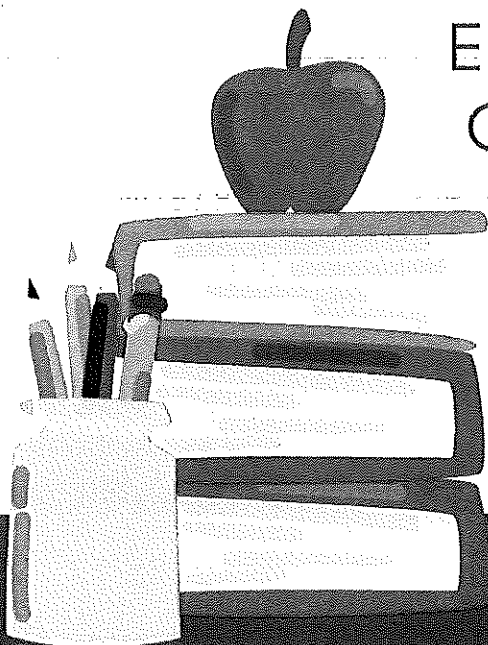
Classroom Technology

Culture and History

Ellinomatheia

Greek Dance

Music



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Parish Festivals

2025 - By Date

NEW FESTIVALS ADDED REGULARLY
MOST UP-TO-DATE CALENDAR
chicago.goarch.org/parish-festivals-24

MAY

Saint Athanasios, Aurora IL

May 16-18

Holy Transfiguration, Mason City IA

May 31

JUNE

Saint Demetrios, Chicago IL

June 6-8

Saint George, Chicago, IL

June 6-8

Saint Sophia, Elgin IL

June 6-8

All Saints, Joliet IL

June 12-13

Saint Demetrios, Elmhurst IL

June 13-15

Annunciation, Milwaukee WI

June 13-15

Annunciation, Kankakee IL

June 13-15

Saint Nicholas, Oak Lawn IL

June 14-15

Holy Cross, Justice IL

June 20-22

Saint Nectarios, Palatine IL

June 20-22

Annunciation Cathedral, Chicago IL

June 20

Koimisis Tis Theotokou, Racine WI

June 27-29

Holy Trinity, Sioux City IA

June 27-29

Saint Spyridon, Sheboygan WI

June 27-29

JULY

Saint Demetrios, Libertyville IL

July 11-13

Holy Trinity, Schiller Park IL

July 12-13

Saint Andrew, Chicago IL

July 12-13

Saint Spyridon,

Palos Heights IL

July 12-13

Saint George, Schererville IN

July 15-18

Holy Taxiarchai-Saint Haralambos,

Niles IL

July 18-20

Saint Nicholas, St. Louis MO

July 19-20

Twelve Holy Apostles, Duluth MN

July 19-20

Saint George, St. Paul MN

July 25-26

Saints Peter & Paul, Glenview IL

July 26-27

AUGUST

Saints Constantine & Helen,

Palos Hills IL

August 16-17

Saints Constantine & Helen,

Merrillville IN

August 22-24

Holy Anargyroi, Rochester MN

August 22-24

Assumption, Homer Glen IL

August 31- September 1

SEPTEMBER

Assumption, Madison WI

September 6-7

Saint Mary's Minneapolis MN

September 5-7



Is your Parish not listed? Remind parish leadership to submit info at: chicago.goarch.org/add-event

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

Sermon Notes

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