

**WEEKLY BULLETIN**

**JULY 27, 2025**

**SUNDAY**

8:15 a.m. Orthros  
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
Memorials: Demetra Chiganos, Barbara and George Pappas, Demetra and George Stathopoulos, Thomas Kachulis, Dino Pavlakos, Stella Sigalos, Mary, Gus, and Jim Stathis  
Fellowship Hour: Hosted by the Gryfakis Family  
1:00 p.m. Wedding: Nikolas Calzante & Jessica Janowiak  
Sponsor: Franco Calzante

**TUESDAY**

10:00 a.m. Fashion Show Mailing  
7:30 p.m. League of Chanters Practice

**FRIDAY**

7:00 p.m. Paraklesis

**SATURDAY**

8:30 a.m. Westchester Food Pantry Volunteer Day  
5:00 p.m. Vespers  
6:00 p.m. Vespers Potluck Dinner

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**Epistle Reading** – Timothy 2:1-10

**Gospel Reading** – Matthew 9:27-35

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**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.

**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.

## **Resurrectional Apolytikion**

### **Mode pl. 2.**

When the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary, who was seeking Your immaculate body. Unassailed by Hades, You divested it of spoils. Then You met the Virgin. You granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory to You!

### **Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον.**

#### **Ἦχος πλ. β΄.**

Ἀγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμα σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν· καὶ ἵστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἀχραντὸν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ’ αὐτοῦ· ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωὴν. Ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Angelike thinamis epi to mninma su, ke i filasontes apenekrothisan ke istato Maria en to tafo, zitusa to ahranton su soma; eskilefsas ton Athin, mi pirasthis ip’aftu ipintisas ti Partheno, dorumenos tin zoin. O anastas ek ton nekron, Kirie thoxa si.

### **The Epistle – Timothy 2:1-10**

Timothy, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

### **The Gospel – Matthew 9:27-35**

At that time, as Jesus went on, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, “Have mercy on us, Son of David.” When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to him, “Yes, Lord.” Then he touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith be it done to you.” And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, “See that no one knows it.” But they went away and spread his fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, “Never was anything like this seen in Israel.” But the Pharisees said, “He casts out demons by the prince of demons.” And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

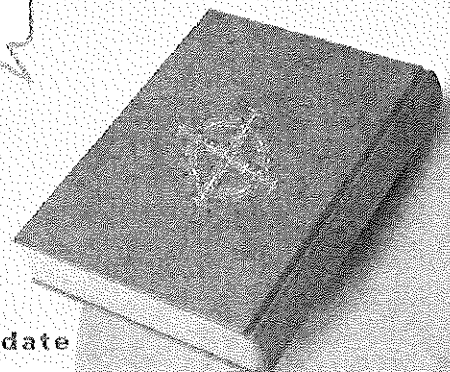
More details linked below.

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



[bit.ly/HAContactUpdate](https://bit.ly/HAContactUpdate)

Volunteers Also Needed



[parishdirectory@holyapostleschurch.com](mailto:parishdirectory@holyapostleschurch.com)

# 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

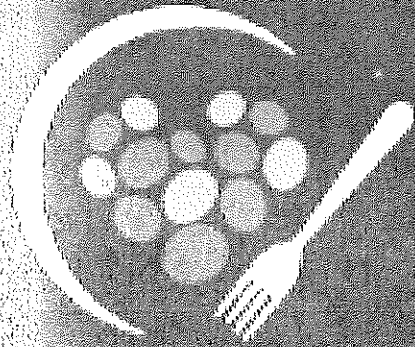
**QUESTIONS?**

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# HOLY APOSTLES VOLUNTEERS AT THE WESTCHESTER FOOD PANTRY



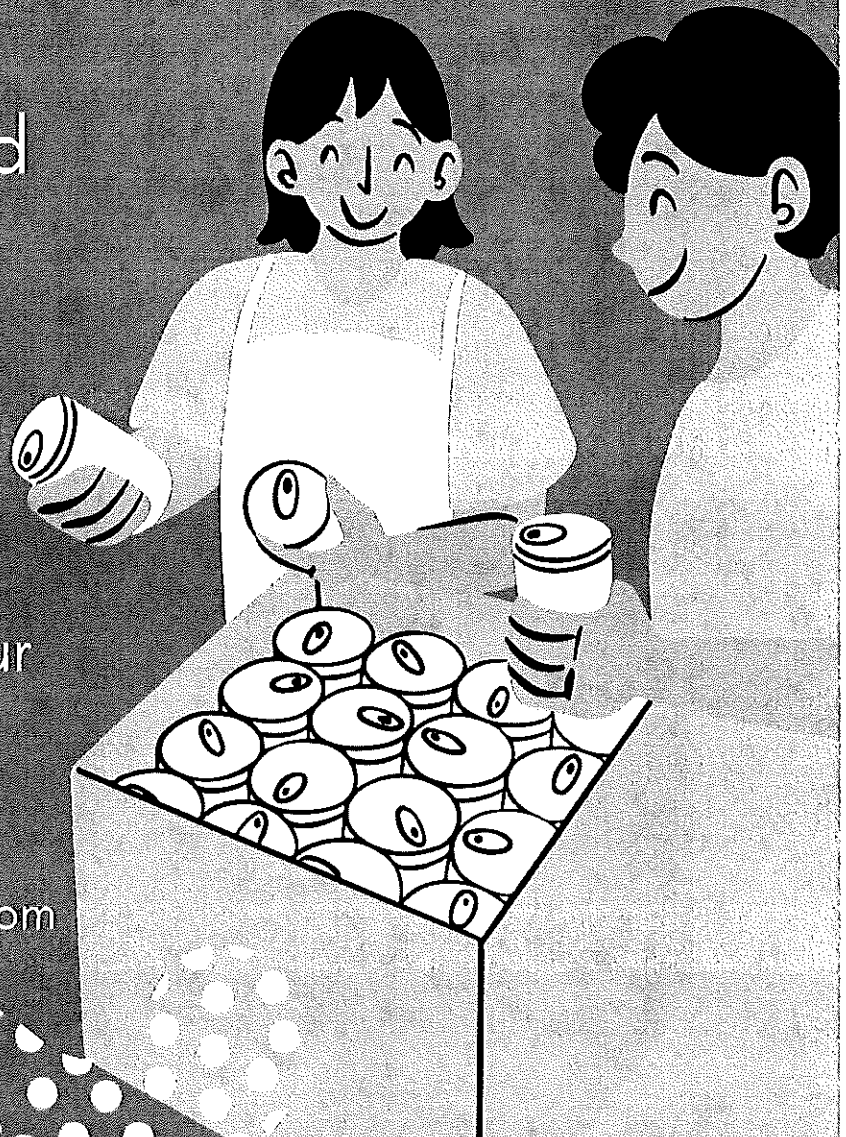
Saturday, August 2nd  
8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Sign up deadline  
July 26th

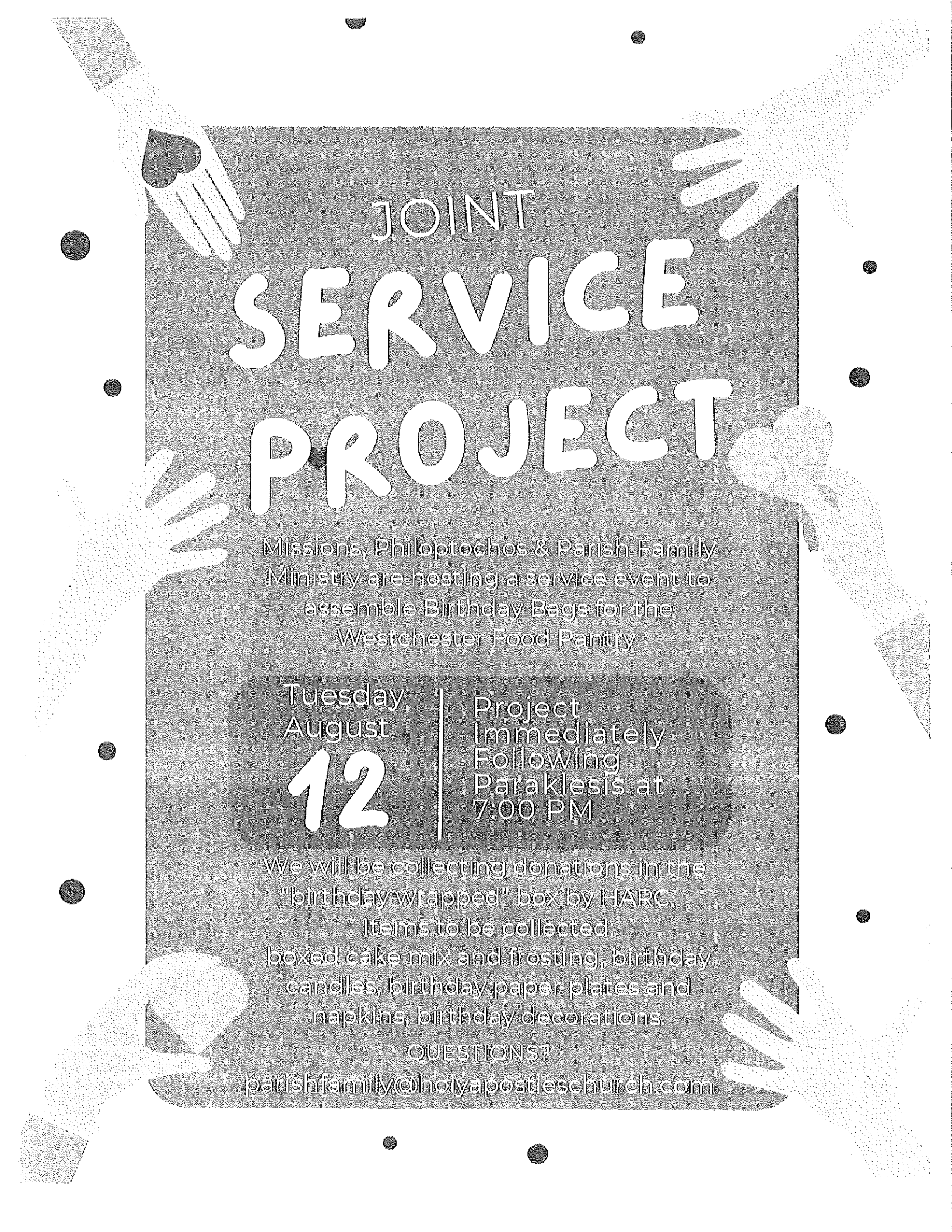
Sign up with the link in your  
weekly email.

Questions?

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# 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:

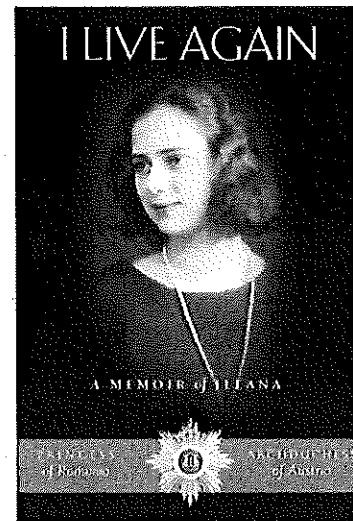
boxed cake mix and frosting, birthday candles, birthday paper plates and napkins, birthday decorations.

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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 - 6<sup>TH</sup> 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



For more information contact:

Holy Apostles (708)562-2744

Zoe Koulourides-School Director

Gsdirectore@holypostleschurch.com

Follow us on Instagram! @HAGREEKSCHOOL



# Parish Festivals

2025 - By Date

NEW FESTIVALS ADDED REGULARLY  
MOST UP-TO-DATE CALENDAR:  
[chicago.goarch.org/parish-festivals-24](http://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](http://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*

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## Sermon Notes

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