

WEEKLY BULLETIN

AUGUST 17, 2025

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SUNDAY

8:15 a.m. Orthros
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Memorials: Mary G Aravosis, Helen Busch, Panagoula Kotsiantos
Fellowship Hour: Hosted by Bill & Elaine Chakonas, in celebration of their 50th anniversary
Presentation: Missionary work of Elaine & Ted Karamatskos
12:30 p.m. Baptism: Caroline, Daughter of Justin & Kelsey Halikias
Sponsor: Dean Wonais

AUGUST 17

MONDAY

7:00 p.m. Ministry Leaders Meeting

AUGUST 18

WEDNESDAY

1:00 p.m. Bereavement Group Meeting

AUGUST 20

THURSDAY

7:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

AUGUST 21

SATURDAY

5:00 p.m. Vespers

AUGUST 23

Epistle Reading – 1 Corinthians 4:9-16

Gospel Reading – Matthew 17:14-23

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.

Today's Fellowship Hour is hosted by Bill & Elaine Chakonas, who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. May they both be blessed with health and happiness to reach 100 years!

Mission Presentation During Fellowship Hour – Elaine and Ted Karamaskos will speak briefly about their recent mission trips to Guatemala, Columbia, among other places they have ministered. They will be showing a short movie detailing their trips, projects they have worked on and missionary work they intend to do in the future.

Please mark these upcoming events on your calendar:

- **Sunday, August 24** - Back-to-School Blessing
- **Sunday, September 7** - First Day of Sunday School

Resurrectional Apolytikion – Mode 1.

The stone having been sealed by the Pharisees and chief priests, and Your all-immaculate body being guarded by soldiers, You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. Then the powers of the heavens cried out to You, O Giver of Life, and shouted, “Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your eternal rule! Glory to Your plan for saving us, only benevolent God!”

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον. – Ἦχος α΄.

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν. Διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

Tu lithu sfragisthentos ipo ton Iutheon, ke stratioton filasonton to ahranton su Soma, anestis triimeros Sotir, thorumenos to kosmo tin zoin; thia tuto e Thinamis ton uranon, evoon si Zoothota. Thoxa ti Anastasi su Christe, thoxa ti vasilia su, thoxa ti ikonomia su, mone filathrope.

The Epistle – 1 Corinthians 4:9-16

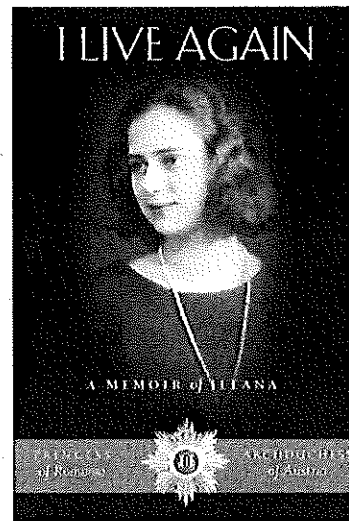
Brethren, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

The Gospel – Matthew 17:14-23

At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before him said, “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him.” And Jesus answered, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me.” And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?” He said to them, “Because of your little faith. For truly I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move hence to yonder place,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. But this kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting.” As they abode in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day.”



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.

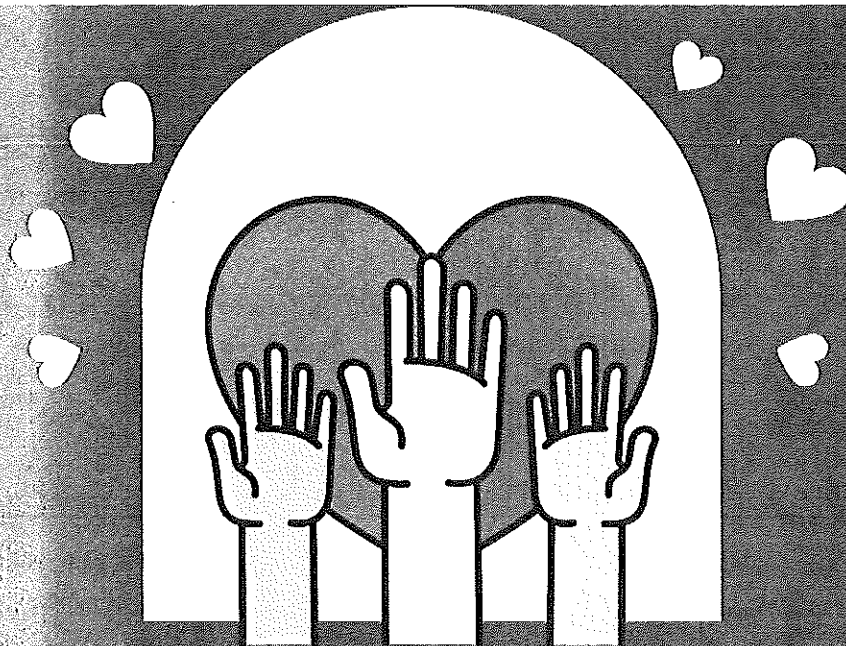
**WHEN: THURSDAY, AUGUST 28,
7 P.M.**

**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)





Fifth Saturday Serve Day

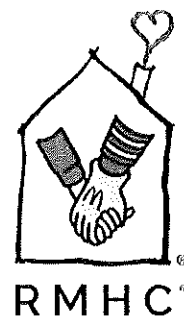
Join the Parish Family Ministry in a service project.

Our next project:

Sat, Aug 30th

10:00 AM

We will be creating
snack & meal kits for
patients at the
**Ronald McDonald
House**

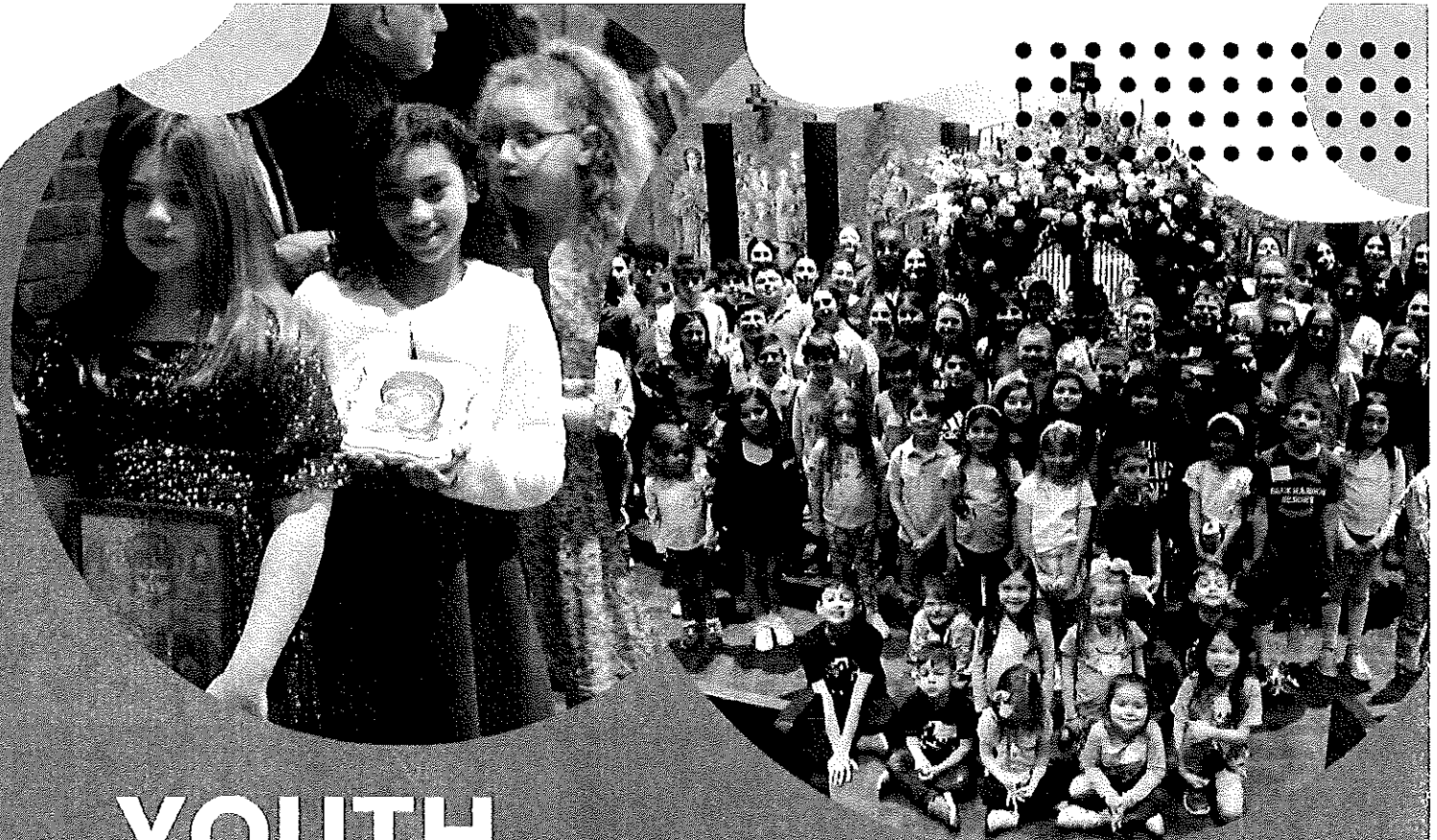


Open for all ages.

No supplies needed, just come ready to work at the
Holy Apostles Multipurpose Room

Questions?

parishfamily@holyapostleschurch.com



YOUTH REGISTRATION

Sign up all of your children for this year's youth ministries using this one simple form! Please sign up by August 31st to secure your children's spots.



**Don't Delay!
Register Today!**



Empowered Elegance

A Celebration of Women

**Holy Apostles Philoptochos Society
Annual Luncheon and Fashion Show**

Saturday, October 18, 2025

Drury Lane

**100 Drury Lane
Oakbrook Terrace, IL**

Luncheon Reservations

Online



tinyurl.com/hafs2025

In-Person

**Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church
Saturday, September 6th from 9:00 am to 10:00 am
or Sundays, September 7th through October 5th**

Following Divine Liturgy

**Floor plan for table selection is available only in-person
with a purchase of at least 8 tickets**

**Proceeds to Benefit
The Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation
The Faith Endowment
and other Philoptochos endeavors**

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.

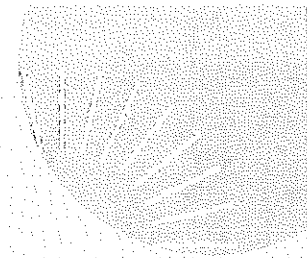
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Volunteers Also Needed

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2025 Project HOPE Senior Visit Initiative



Humanitarian Outreach & Philanthropic Engagement

The Metropolis Project HOPE Team has been encouraging parishes to visit and engage with low-income senior citizens. **The request was for each parish to fill 50 HOPE bags and to also provide a team of 10 individuals to pass out the food bags and interact with the seniors.** We conducted our first visit last April. It was a truly rewarding experience and the seniors were extremely grateful for their bags of food. **We have decided to schedule another visit for Friday, September 19th.**

Here is a general idea of how the day will go:

- A bus will pick our volunteer team up at 10:15am for arrival at 11:15am at the Pilsen Satellite Center 2021 S. Morgan St Chicago, IL 60608
- Carts will be available to load the 50 HOPE bags for transport into the center
- Opening statement from either a Pilsen Satellite Center or a HOPE representative
- Senior activity (bingo, craft) from 11:30-12:30
- Bag distribution by the volunteer team
- Bus return to Holy Apostles – arrival around 2pm

Food for the bags will be purchased and then our GOYANS will pack the bags on September 9th. We have decided to fill the bags with the following items:

- **Pasta/Rice/Lentils/Cereal**
- **Canned Tuna/Canned Beans/Canned Corn/Soup (low sodium)**
- **Fruit Jams/Peanut Butter/Pasta Sauce/Granola Bars/Pudding Snacks**

Philoptochos is THRILLED to announce that funds have been donated, which will cover the cost for ALL of the food needed for 50 HOPE Bags.

Father George has once again graciously agreed to lead the volunteer team on this visit. We are looking for parishioners to complete our volunteer team of 10. **Please consider being a part of this team.**

Thank you for your support!

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



For more information contact:

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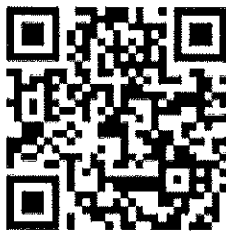
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MESSAGES *from* the METROPOLIS

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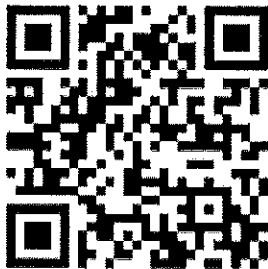
LATEST NEWS

7/15

Groundbreaking new book, *Called to Serve: Journeys to Ordained Ministry*, explores the personal faith journeys of Metropolis of Chicago clergy

6/18

Sowing seeds, bearing fruit: Metropolis of Chicago highlights first year of progress toward a more vibrant Church in 2024 Annual Impact Report



SCAN
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MORE
EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

9/7

Fall of Constantinople Event

9/29

Save the Date: Annual Metropolis Cup Golf Outing

11/5-7

2025 Clergy-Laity Assembly

sign up to receive email updates:
www.chicago.goarch.org/sign-up

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

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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 pai hes - i - mon.

Sermon Notes

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