

Weekly Bulletin

September 7, 2025

Sunday Before Holy Cross

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SUNDAY

8:15 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
Memorials:
Fellowship Hour:
40 Day Blessing:
3:30 p.m.

Orthros
Divine Liturgy
Sophia Acitelli, Louis G Malevitis, Michael Pihos
Ministry Fair: Hosted by the Parish Family Ministry
Jacqueline Mavros with daughter, Laurel
Wedding: Mary Margaret Kouchis & Craig Martin
Sponsor: Will Dimas and Elesa Poteres

MONDAY

8:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.

Orthros
Divine Liturgy

TUESDAY

1:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

Caregivers Support Meeting
Greek School
GOYA BBQ
Neighborhood Bible Study: La Grange

WEDNESDAY

10:00 a.m.

TOTS

THURSDAY

1:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m.

Bible Study: resuming study of the Gospel of John
Greek School

FRIDAY

3:00 p.m.

40 Day Blessing of Megan Kritsas with son, Luca

SATURDAY

7:00 p.m.

Vespers at Holy Cross in Justice

SEPTEMBER 7

SEPTEMBER 8: NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS

SEPTEMBER 9

SEPTEMBER 10

SEPTEMBER 11

SEPTEMBER 12

SEPTEMBER 13

Epistle Reading – Galatians 6:11 – 18

Gospel Reading – John 3:13 – 17

Join us for today's Fellowship Hour, hosted by the Parish Family Ministry in celebration of our Ministry Fair!

Representatives from the Holy Apostles ministries will be on hand to share information and offer sign-up opportunities. Come explore the many ways you can get involved—there's a place for everyone, and we'd love to help you find yours

Sunday School Begins Today!

Today is the first day of Sunday School! We hope you've registered, but if not, please join us anyway today and complete the online form while the children are in class. Please have children line up for communion first, and then use the exit near the choir loft into the hallway. Children can grab a quick snack and then head to their classrooms until 11:35. Parents, enjoy the end of liturgy and a cup of coffee! Children in 3rd grade and younger should be picked up by an adult promptly at the end of class. We look forward to a great year!

Resurrectional Apolytikion – Mode 4.

When the women disciples of the Lord heard the Angel joyously proclaim the resurrection, they cast aside the ancestral verdict, and boasting in glory they said to the Apostles, “Death has been despoiled! Christ God has risen, granting the great mercy to the world!”

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον. – ᾠδὴ δ΄.

Τὸ παιδρὸν τῆς ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριάι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἡγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

To fedron tis anastaseos kirigma, ek tu Angelu mathuse, e tu Kiriou mathitrie, ke tin progonikin apofasin aporipsase, tis Apostolis kahomene elegon. Eskilefte o Thanatos, igerthi Christos o Theos, thorumenos to kosmo to mega eleos.

The Epistle – Galatians 6:11 – 18

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

The Gospel – John 3:13 – 17

The Lord said, “No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.”

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

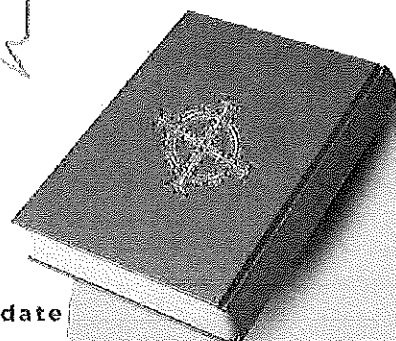
Holy Apostles is updating their contact database and simultaneously making a directory book. We ask all parishioners to fill out the form linked below to update their contact information for our database, then may choose whether or not to be included in the directory. More details linked below.

ALL
PARISHIONERS
FILL OUT THE
FORM LINKED
BELOW



bit.ly/HAContactUpdate

Volunteers Also Needed



Help Wanted: Looking for a way to give back and serve God?

- We need a few volunteers to bring or cook dinner for the JOY ministry (children ages 5-12). We meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesday with about 20-30 children. Please contact Alexa at Youthdirector@holyapostleschurch.com if interested in learning more!
- Youth in the Loft is looking for an assistant to help with the ministry and high school students. If interested, please contact Bette Schieber at Loft@holyapostleschurch.com

Youth of the Loft Dates: For those participating, the dates are 9/28/25, 10/26/25, 11/16/25, 1/25/26, 2/22/26, 3/22/26, 4/26/26. For details and to confirm your child's attendance, email Bette Schieber at loft@holyapostles.com. We can't wait to hear their beautiful voices!

Become a Charter Member of the Holy Apostles Foundation: The Holy Apostles Foundation is up and running! Make a donation in this first year of operation and become a Charter Member of the Foundation. The Foundation's 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status is pending. For more information about the Foundation, why it was established and a list of donation options, visit the Foundation section of the Holy Apostles website.



Welcome Back to Sunday School

PreK 4/5 - Room 206

Mrs Alicia and Mrs Fran

Kindergarten - Room 207

Mrs Andrea and Ms Niki

1st grade - Room 208

Mrs Deanne and Miss Britney

2nd grade - Room 105

Mrs Nicole and Miss Bella

3rd grade - Room 107

Mrs Milak and Mrs Panopoulos

4th & 5th grade - Room 106

Mr and Mrs Pappas, Mr and Mrs Kakis

6th grade - Room 205

Mr D, James, and Mrs Panton

7th & 8th grade - Room 108

Pres. Christa and Mr Alex

9th & 10th grade - GOYA room

Mr Tselepis and Mr Milak

11th & 12th grade - Philopt. room

Peter and Megan Savas

Sunday School classes meet:

from after communion until 11:35

Notes for Parents:

Parents of children PreK through 3rd grade, please pick up
from classrooms at 11:35

Children too young for Sunday School may be brought to the
Tots room with a parent to learn
& play together during Sunday School.

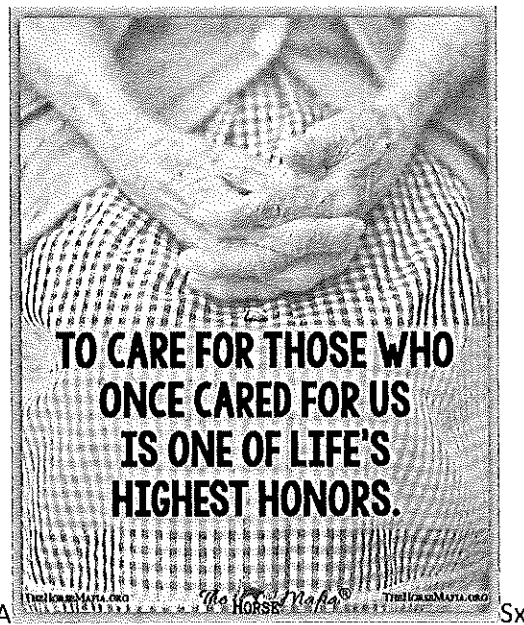
Forgot to register? Go to class today, then please email
SundaySchoolDirector@holypostleschurch.com



*Holy
Apostles!*

**GOYA BBQ
6:30 PM ON
SEPT. 9**

*all high
schoolers*



CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

A HOLY APOSTLES MINISTRY

Please Join Us

on Tuesday, September 9th

At 1:00 pm in the Philoptochos Room

To hear a special presentation on

Caregivers Burnout

By our own Stella Hondros

Stella is a life and leadership coach, energy specialist and mentor. She has held leadership and mentorship roles for over two decades and has acquired expertise in growth mindset development, transition strategy and energy management.

Please contact Kathy Steffenson at gksteff@gmail.com or Val Dranias at valdranias@aol.com with any questions. We hope that you will join us.

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**

Philoctochos 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!



You are invited to the
Holy Apostles Philoptochos Society

Annual Membership Night

Tuesday, September 23, 2025 @ 6:30pm

Modern Plate
119 N. York Street - Elmhurst, IL

Light dinner will be served & cash bar available

Free Parking @ Schiller Parking Deck – Schiller St. & Commerce Ave.
Opposite Modern Plate's back entrance

RSVP by 9/16 to Aleka Ernst
alekaernst@aol.com or (630) 561-1660

Please join our Philoptochos Chapter to continue
our mission – online/QR code/check

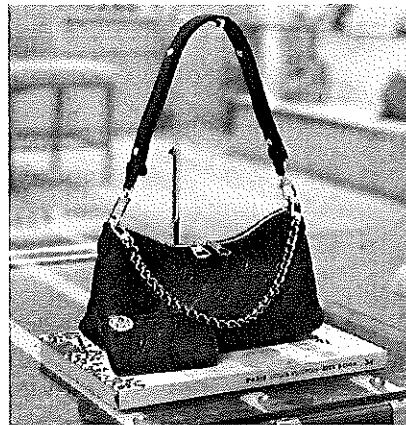
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A portion of the proceeds from this raffle will benefit
The Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation & The FAITH Endowment

Purchase event and raffle tickets here



We would like to thank the Guzaitis Dental Group for their generous sponsorship of these prizes.



Louis Vuitton prizes are not eligible for returns or exchanges. Winner need not be present



Empowered Elegance

A Celebration of Women

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

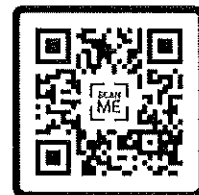
Saturday, October 18, 2025

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**

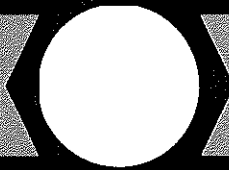
Following Divine Liturgy

**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 BASKETBALL

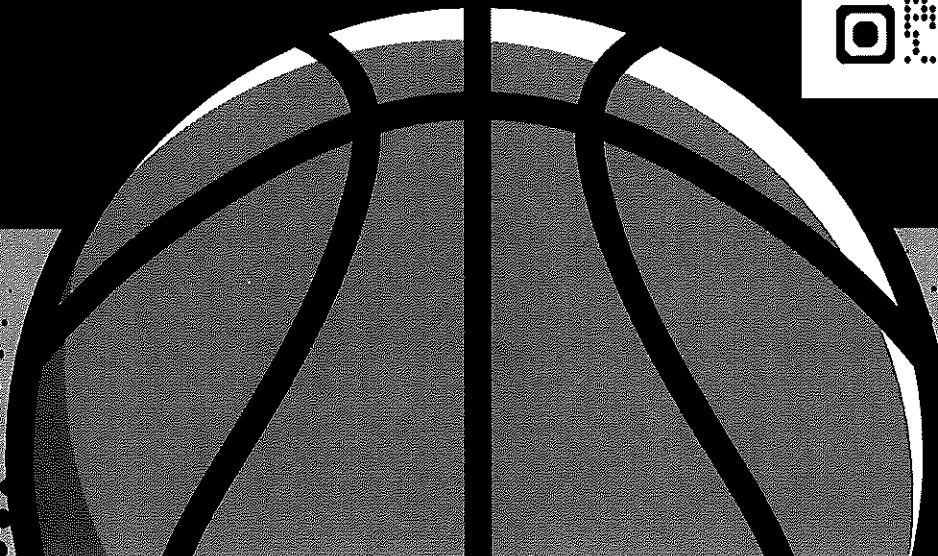
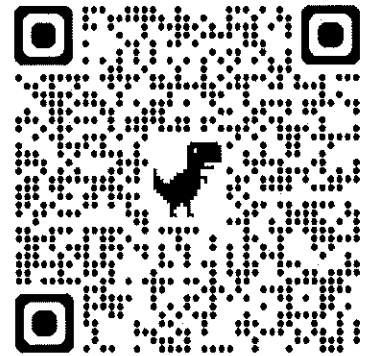
BOYS AND GIRLS



3RD - 12TH GRADE

**Teams play in the
Greek Orthodox Athletic League**

FOR MORE INFO
EMAIL ANDREA SAN LUIS
ATHLETICS@HOLYAPOSTLESCHURCH.COM





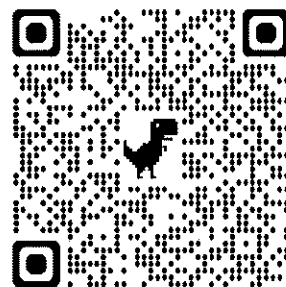
LOCAL 5K RUNS

WITH HOLY APOSTLES

Join the Athletics and Parish Family Ministries as we run in our community's local 5K runs. All are welcome—walkers to experienced runners!

**SIGN UP AS AN INDIVIDUAL
RUNNER HERE!**

**WEAR YOUR HOLY APOSTLES
GEAR SO WE CAN FIND YOU!**



NEXT RACE: IOCC WALK ON 10/4/25

athletics@holyapostleschurch.com

**OCT 26
NOON
FOLLOWING
DIVINE LITURGY**

**WATCH
THE GAME**

**HOLY
APOSTLES
MULTI-
PURPOSE
ROOM**

**POT
LUCK
WATCH
PARTY**

**KIDS &
ADULTS
FLAG
FOOTBALL**

**NORTH
LAWN**



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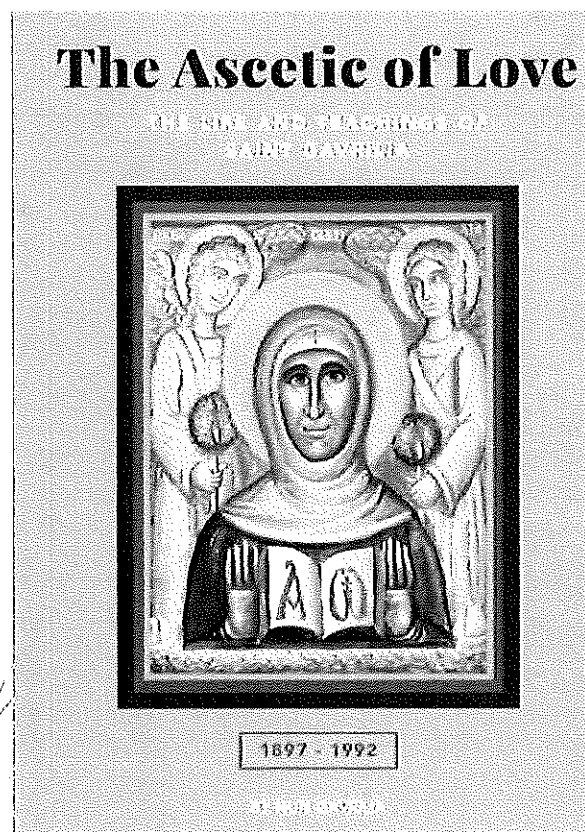


parishfamily@holypostleschurch.com

DISCOVERIES IN ORTHODOXY

ALTERNATING
THURSDAYS
7:15 PM-8:30 PM

- **Sept. 25** - Introducing St. Gavrilia & the book, "The Ascetic of Love"
- **Oct. 9** - St. Gavrilia's Life and Teachings, Part 2
- **Oct. 23** - St. Gavrilia's Life and Teachings, Part 3
- **Nov. 6** - Final Reflections on St. Gavrilia and Her Relevance for Our Lives




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 -
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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