

Weekly Bulletin

September 14, 2025

The Elevation of the Cross

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SUNDAY

8:15 a.m. Orthros
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Sunday School begins after Holy Communion)
Fellowship Hour: Hosted by John & Demetra Minginas and Family, in loving memory of Vasilios Minginas and Christos & Lela Kapetaneas
12:00 p.m. Healthcare Ministry Presentation

TUESDAY

6:45 a.m. Brotherhood of St. Peter the Apostle
4:30 p.m. Greek School
6:15 p.m. JOY

WEDNESDAY

1:00 p.m. Bereavement Group Meeting
6:00 p.m. Evening Divine Liturgy
7:00 p.m. Jr. GOYA

THURSDAY

1:00 p.m. Bible Study: resuming study of the Gospel of John
4:30 p.m. Greek School
5:30 p.m. Neolea Dance Troupe
7:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

FRIDAY

10:00 a.m. Project HOPE Pilsen visit
7:00 p.m. Paraklesis

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. Orthros
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:00 a.m. Baptism: Parker, son of Joseph and Alexandra Domenico
Sponsor: Antonia Lampros
3:00 p.m. Wedding: Noah Ernst & Hailey Rubisch
Sponsor: Luke Ernst
5:00 p.m. Vespers

Epistle Reading – 1 Corinthians 1:18 – 24

Gospel Reading – John 19:6–11, 13–20, 25–28, 30

Sunday School In Session Today! Children line up for communion first, and then exit near the choir loft. Parents, enjoy the end of liturgy and a coffee! Pre-K-3rd get picked up at 11:35am.

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

- We need volunteers to bring or cook dinner for the JOY ministry (20-30 children ages 5-12). Contact Alexa at Youthdirector@holypostleschurch.com to 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@holypostleschurch.com
- We are looking for drivers who can pick up parishioners who are unable to drive themselves to church services. Please contact the church office if you're interested in volunteering.

Apolytikion For the Cross – Mode 1.

Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting victory to the faithful over the enemy, and by Your Cross protecting Your commonwealth.

Ἀπολυτίκιον. Τοῦ Σταυροῦ.

Σῶσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαόν σου, καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος, καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων, διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

Soson Kirie ton laon su, ke evloghison tin klironomian su, nikas tis vasilefsi kata varvaron dorumenos, ke to son filatton, dia tu Stavru su polithevmata.

The Epistle – 1 Corinthians 1:18 – 24

Brethren, the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the cleverness of the clever I will thwart." Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

The Gospel – John 19:6–11, 13–20, 25–28, 30

At that time, the chief priests and the elders held counsel against Jesus, how to destroy him. And they went to Pilate, saying, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no crime in him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and by that law he ought to die, because he has made himself the Son of God." When Pilate heard these words, he was the more afraid; he entered the praetorium again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore he who delivered me to you has the greater sin." When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called the Pavement, and in Hebrew, Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote a title and put it on the cross; it read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. But standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. Then when Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, "It is finished"; and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

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

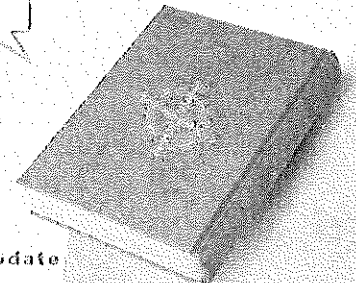
Holy Apostles is updating their contact database and simultaneously making a directory book. We ask all parishioners to fill out the form linked below to update their contact information for our database, then may choose whether or not to be included in the directory.
More details linked below.

ALL
PARISHIONERS
FILL OUT THE
FORM LINKED
BELOW



bit.ly/HAContactUpdate

Volunteers Also Needed



Why does Holy Apostles need a Foundation? The Holy Apostles Foundation is up and running! By establishing a Foundation, Holy Apostles will be able to accept donations, gifts and bequests and invest those funds for future use. Foundation donations will be invested and the investment proceeds will be used for future programs and projects as identified by the Parish Council. 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.

Youth of the Loft: 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@holycopostles.com. We can't wait to hear their beautiful voices!

Feed the Hungry: On Monday, October 6th at 10:00 am we will be preparing sack lunches at church in the multipurpose room. We will distribute the lunches the following day on Tuesday, October 7th at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church (11:15 am) in Chicago. If you are interested in helping out either day, please contact Anne Theophilos at 630-460-0712.

2025 Clergy-Laity Assembly and Philoptochos Conference will take place at the Meridian Banquet & Conference Center in Rolling Meadows, IL on November 5-6, 2025. Holy Apostles will need to nominate two members of our parish to join Fr. George and Jim Maragos there during our Parish Assembly on Sunday, October 19. If you're interested in attending this year's Clergy-Laity Assembly, please contact the office.

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

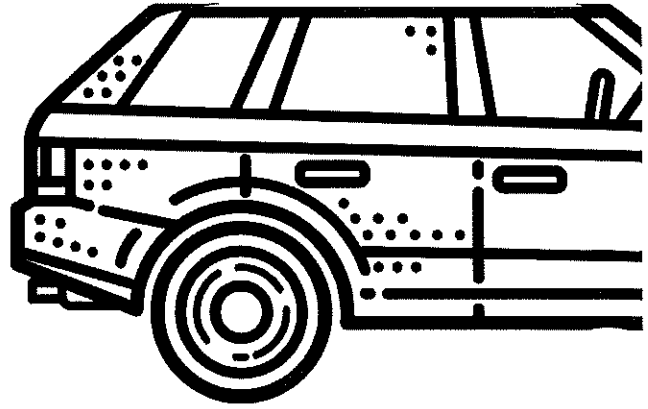
Food for the bags will be purchased and then our GOYANS will pack the bags on September 9th. We have decided to fill the bags with the following items:

- **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!



JR. GOYA & GOYA CARWASH!

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

\$5 suggested donation

**Come support our youth as we raise
money for our Fall Retreat!**

**Car wash will be in the back parking
lot at Holy Apostles!**



**Jr.GOYA/GOYAns please
come at 8:30AM!**

6th, 7th & 8th grade JR. GOYA

2025-2026

1st & 3rd Wednesdays 7:00-8:15pm

- 9/17
- 9/27 - Carwash 9-11am
- 10/1
- 10/15
- 10/17-18 - Fall Retreat at SIRC
- 11/5
- 11/19
- 12/3
- 12/17
- 1/7
- 1/21
- 2/4
- 2/25
- 3/18
- 3/31 - Palmfolding 6:30-8:30pm
- 4/4 - Pascha Prep, 10:30-11:30am
- 4/10 - Good Friday Retreat 11:30-2:15pm
- 4/15 - Bright Tuesday Dinner celebration
- 5/5 - Greek Night BBQ Party



JOY

1ST & 3RD TUESDAYS,

6:15PM-7:15PM

Kindergarten-5th Grade

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| 9/16 | 1/6 | |
| 10/7 | 1/20 | 3/17 |
| 10/21 | 2/3 | 4/10, GOOD FRIDAY RETREAT |
| 11/4 | 2/17 | 4/21 |
| 12/2 | | |
| 12/16 | | |



TOTS

AGES 18 MONTHS - 5

2ND & 4TH WEDNESDAYS

10:00AM-11:00AM

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| 9/10 | 1/14 | 1/28 |
| 9/24 | 2/11 | 2/25 |
| 10/10 | 3/11 | 3/25 |
| 10/29 | 4/10, GOOD FRIDAY | |
| 11/12 | RETREAT | |
| 12/10 | 4/22 | |
| | 5/13 | |

GOYA High Schoolers

2025-2026 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:00-8:15pm

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| • 9/9 - BBQ, 6:30-8:30pm | • 1/13 | 1/27 |
| • 9/23 | • 2/10 | 2/24 |
| • 9/27 - Car Wash, 9-11 AM | • 3/10 | |
| • 10/14 | • 3/31 - Confession/Palm folding, 6:30-8:30 | |
| • 10/17-18, Fall Retreat | • 4/4 - Pascha Prep, 10:30-11:30 | |
| • 10/28 | • 4/10 - Good Friday Retreat | |
| • 11/11 - Christmas Shopping, 6:30-8:00pm | • 4/14 | |
| • 11/25 - Friendsgiving, 6:45-8:15pm | • 5/5 | |
| • 12/9 | | |

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





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

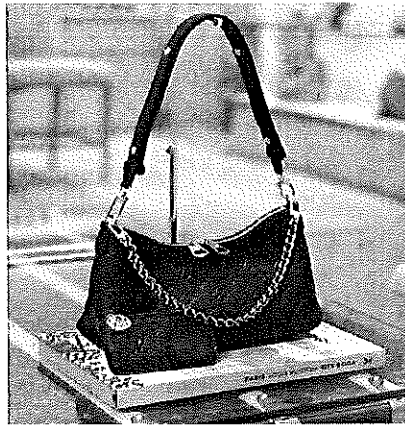
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We would like to thank the Guzaitis Dental Group for their generous sponsorship of these prizes.



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Empowered Elegance

A Celebration of Women

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

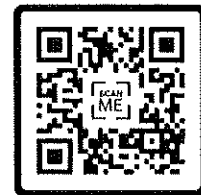
Saturday, October 18, 2025

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**



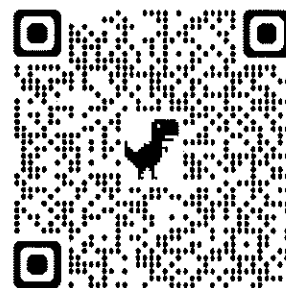
LOCAL 5K RUNS

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**

**POT
LUCK
WATCH
PARTY**

**WATCH
THE GAME**

**HOLY
APOSTLES
MULTI-
PURPOSE
ROOM**

**KIDS &
ADULTS
FLAG
FOOTBALL**

**NORTH
LAWN**



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You're Invited

SATURDAY, NOV. 15

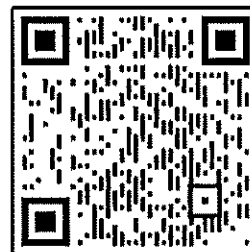
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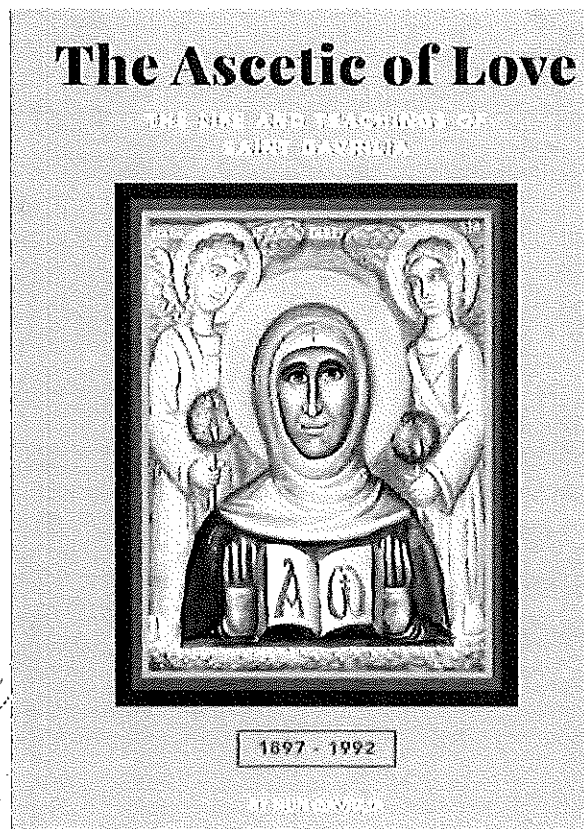


CONTACT PETER SAVAS AT PSAVAS@THEOYM.ORG OR 708-203-0383

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 -
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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