

Weekly Bulletin
September 21, 2025
The Sunday After the Holy Cross

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SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21 8:15 a.m. **Orthros** 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Sunday School begins after Holy Communion) Memorials:

Ioanna Burtzos, Dena Kentes, Kathleen (Katerini) Carrigan, Kay (Kalliopi)

Darlas, Peter (Panayioti) Darlas, Haralambos (Bob) Vakos.

Costantinos Frangos

Fellowship Hour: Hosted by Pashos and Parafink Families, in loving memory of Dena Kentes

on the day of her 40 day memorial

Baptism: Trent, son of Franklin & Stephanie Peterson 12:30 p.m.

Sponsor: Ryan & Kristina Peterson

SEPTEMBER 23 TUESDAY

4:30 p.m. Greek School

6:30 p.m. Philoptochos General Meeting at Modern Plate in Elmhurst

7:00 p.m. **GOYA** Meeting WEDNESDAY **SEPTEMBER 24**

10:00 a.m. **TOTS**

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Parish Family Ministry Meeting

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 25

6:45 a.m. Brotherhood of St Peter the Apostle

1:00 p.m. Bible Study: resuming study of the Gospel of John

4:30 p.m. Greek School

6:15 p.m. Greek School Staff Meeting 7:15 p.m. Discoveries in Orthodoxy

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 26: ST. JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN

8:00 a.m. Orthros

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

SEPTEMBER 27 SATURDAY

9:00 a.m. Jr GOYA/GOYA Car Wash

3:00 p.m. Baptism: Constantine Jack, Son of Jacqueline & Matt Wonais

Sponsor: John & Christina Wonais

5:00 p.m. Vespers

Epistle Reading – Galatians 2:16-20 **Gospel Reading** – Mark 8:34 – 38: 9:1

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. This week we welcome the 3rd graders to the front row! Thank you for supporting this effort to help the children learn about the Divine Liturgy and grow to love it.

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!

Απολυτίκιον Αναστάσιμον - ή Ηχος πλ. β΄

Άγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνῆμα σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν καὶ ἵστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ ὑπήντησας τῆ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωήν. Ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Angeliké dinamis epi to mnima sou, ke i filassondes apenekróthisan; ke istato Maria en to tafo, zitousa to ahrandon sou soma. Eskilefsas ton adin, mi pirasthís yp' aftou; ypéntisas ti Parthéno, doroumenos tin zoi. O anastas ek ton necron, Kirie, doxa si.

The Epistle – Galatians 2:16-20

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

The Gospel – Mark 8:34 - 38; 9:1

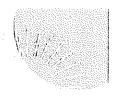
The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

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.

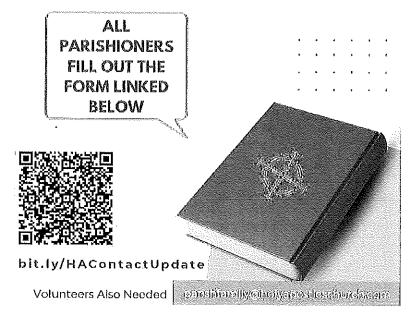
We are also working to publish a new Holy Apostles Directory, one which includes a family photo as well as your contact information. Your adult children can choose to be included in the family photograph or to have their own. You may choose if your contact information is to be published in the directory. 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

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.



support one another. Thank you for your participation!

Holy Apostles Foundation: Will donations be used right away?

The Holy Apostles Foundation is up and running! The structure of the Foundation requires a minimum of two million dollars to be collected before disbursing any funds. The investment proceeds can then be used while the initial capital will remain invested for the future. The Foundation's 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status is pending. For more information about the Foundation, why itwas established and a list of donation options, visit the Foundation section of the Holy Apostles website.

Youth of the Loft: The first Liturgy is next week, September 28! The other dates for 2025 are October 26 and November 16. Email questions to Bette Schieber at <u>loft@holyapostles.com</u>. 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.

Holy Apostles Project HOPE: Thank our GOYANS for packing 50 HOPE bags with food on Tuesday, September 9th. This food will be taken by a team of parishioners, led by Father George, to a low-income senior facility in Pilsen on Friday, September 19th. We are so grateful for their support!

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@holyapostleschurch.com** to learn 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 <u>Loft@holyapostleschurch.com</u>
- 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.

Chicago Orthodox Round Table for Young Adults: Fr. Nikolaj Kostur will be giving a talk called *The Theotokos and How We Relate to Her* at St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church in Niles, IL on September 24, 2025 at

7 p.m. Please contact Peter Savas with any questions at psavas@theoym.org.

GOYA Car Wash: Stop by Holy Apostles this Saturday and support our youth as they raise money for the St. Iakovos Retreat Center. It was the choice of the GOYAns to support the retreat center with the money raised from their efforts because of how much it means to them and how important their experiences have been there. Support a great mission in our diocese and leave with a clean car!

Jr. GOYA/GOYAns: Please arrive by 8:30 am and be ready to work!

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!

Holy Apostles Men's Minsitry

Brotherhood of St. Peter the Apostle

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"As Iron Sharpens Iron, So One Man Sharpens Another"

Meetings Held Second and Fourth Thursday of Every Month from 6:45AM - 8:00AM

Coffee and Light Breakfast Will Be Served
Meetings will now be held on Thursdays

Upcoming Meeting Dates: September 25, 2025 October 9, 2025 October 23, 2025

MORE INFO CALL DEMETRI MALAMIS
(630) 776-9387

HOLY APOSTLES BASKETBALL

BOYS AND GIRLS



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





Empowered Elegance A Celebration of Women

Holy Apostles Philoptochos Society Annual Luncheon and Fashion Show

Saturday, October 18, 2025

Tury Lane
100 Drury Lane
Oakbrook Terrace, IL

Luncheon Reservations





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-persor
with a purchase of at least 8 tickets

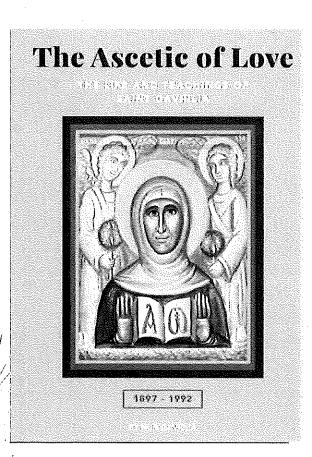
Proceeds to Benefit
The Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation
The Faith Endowment
and other Philoptochos endeavors





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







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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



Sermon Notes

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