



from Fr. Nicholas

The Garden of the Holy Spirit

This month, we remember and celebrate a beloved contemporary saint - St. Iakovos of Evia.

He lived during our own lifetimes and remains a shining example of holiness in our modern world. Icons often show him alongside two other modern-day saints, St. Porphyrios and St. Paisios, and his icon can be found in the narthex of our church.

Reflecting on his life gives us great hope. It shows that sanctity is possible even today - for ordinary people, in ordinary circumstances.

Yet this sanctification is not something we can create on our own. It flows only from our relationship with Christ.

Some of us misunderstand who God is. We may imagine Him as a strict referee, tallying up our good deeds and punishing our mistakes.

Others treat God like a vending machine - expecting Him to grant whatever we ask for, especially our material wants and desires.

But our gracious Lord is neither a referee nor a vending machine. He is a loving Father, drawing us to Himself. We grow in holiness by being united with Him.

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SAINT NEKTARIOS OF AEGINA - November 9

Did you know that forgiveness works miracles?

In 1890, envious clerics in the Patriarchate of Alexandria, driven by jealousy, made slanderous accusations against Saint Nektarios, the Metropolitan of Pentapolis.

These false allegations led to his suspension from his ecclesial and administrative duties, forcing him into a life of exile from the Church of Alexandria.

The accusations followed him to Greece, where he served as Dean of the Rizarios Ecclesiastical School and later founded a female monastery in Aegina, where he is buried.

He forgave everyone and everything, much like Christ on the Cross.

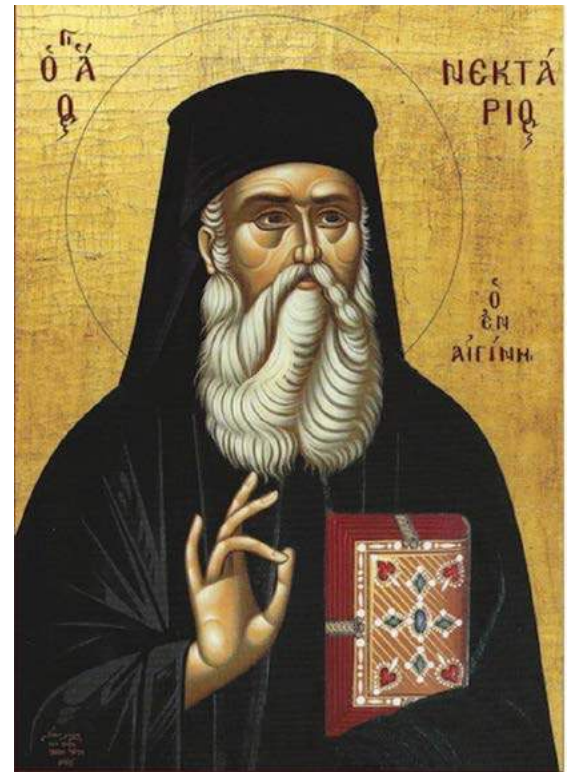
As he wrote in one of his letters to Patriarch Sophronios of Alexandria, *"Since it is required that we first forgive the sins of others, I have already forgiven all, and pray for those who sinned against me."*

After being hospitalized with cancer, he fell asleep in the Lord and then the hospital was filled with a beautiful fragrance, and miracles began.

To this day, according to people's faith and God's will, people often hear knocking and other sounds when they place their ear on the Saint's tomb.

Even unbelievers have come to the true faith after experiencing such noises. Saint Nektarios is active beyond the grave.

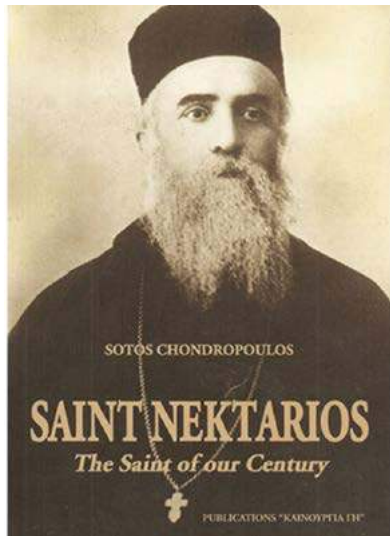
In 1988, more than a century after he was exiled, the Holy Synod of Alexandria and All Africa issued a decision to *"restore the ecclesiastical order of the Saint of our Century, Saint Nektarios"* and ask the Saint for forgiveness from *"both us, unworthy as we are, and our predecessors, our brothers of the Throne of Alexandria, for opposition to the Saint and for all which [he] suffered."*



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Saint Nektarios understood the power of forgiveness. He can help us forgive from the heart so that the greatest miracle can occur—our union with Christ.



Early life:

He was born in Selymbria, Greece, and later studied theology at the University of Athens.

Ministry in Egypt:

After being ordained a priest, he served in Cairo, Egypt, where he was consecrated as the Metropolitan of Pentapolis.

Exile and return to Greece:

He was unjustly removed from his position and exiled to Greece, where he initially struggled to find work.

Rizarios Seminary:

Eventually, he was appointed director of the Rizarios Seminary in Athens, where he served for many years, educating students and writing books.

Founding the convent:

In 1910, he retired to the Convent of the Holy Trinity, which he founded on the island of Aegina.

Death:

He died on November 9, 1920, from prostate cancer.

Veneration as a saint:

Many people considered him a saint during his lifetime due to his holy life and miracles. In 1961, the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople officially glorified him as a saint.

Miracles:

Thousands of miracles are attributed to him, particularly concerning healing from serious illnesses like cancer.

Patron saint:

He is often considered the patron saint for people dealing with illnesses such as cancer, heart trouble, arthritis, and epilepsy.



NATIVITY FAST NOVEMBER 15 - DECEMBER 24

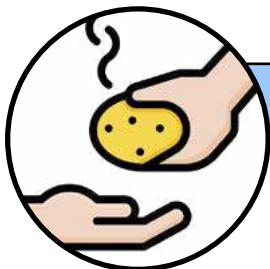
During the Nativity Fast or Advent, which is the 40 days from November 15 until Christmas, the Church encourages us to intensify our spiritual lives in order to ready our souls and bodies for the Feast of Christ's First Coming.

We do this through fasting, prayer, almsgiving, Holy Confession, and increased attention given to "preparing for His coming", to make sure we've done what we can to make a "fit dwelling place for Him" in our hearts and lives.

During this sacred period of preparation, the Divine Liturgy is offered every day.

Please take advantage of the increased amount of services to sanctify your souls and to also make sure to go to Holy Confession.

Your priests are always available to hear confessions, which is not an optional Sacrament, but necessary, for through Confession we receive God's mercy and forgiving grace.



FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

NEXT VOLUNTEER DAY:

SAT. 11/15

2 - 3:45 AM

Holy Apostles parishioners are invited to join Philoptochos for a Lenten service project on Saturday, November 15, at Feed My Starving Children in Aurora from 2-3:45 pm.

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 or 708-369-9365 to volunteer or ask questions.

The Garden of the Holy Spirit *(continued)*

True theosis, our becoming more like God, comes not from our own efforts but through His grace and living in communion with the Lord. *"All we bring to God is our intention; He does the rest,"* St. Maximos wrote.

When we truly desire to grow closer to Him, the Lord makes it possible. As St. John of Damascus explained, *"The saints became freely united with God, and having Him dwell in them by participation, they became by grace what God is by nature."*

Iakovos' deepest longing was to commune with God. This communion is lived out most fully in the sacramental life of the Church, especially the Divine Liturgy.

He explained, *"In the church you will always find health, comfort, hope and salvation of your soul."* There we receive the very Body and Blood of Christ, and Iakovos loved this mystery with all his heart.

As a child, his devotion was extraordinary. By age seven, Iakovos had memorized the entire Divine Liturgy! Though his family's poverty forced him to leave school to help his father, the saint's love for the Church only grew stronger.

Recognizing his deep faith, **the Church ordained Iakovos a reader at the age of thirteen!** From an early age, he felt called to the monastic life, but in obedience to his parents, Iakovos remained home to care for his sister until she married.

Finally, at age 32, the saint entered St. David's Monastery, where he devoted himself completely to the ascetic life - obedience, prayer, meekness, humility, and fasting. He was known for constantly saying, *"Forgive me,"* even to children.

When Iakovos later became abbot of the monastery, he humbly told the people, *"I am not the abbot - St. David is the abbot here."*

He viewed himself as the servant of both his spiritual father, St. David, and of all who came seeking counsel. Thousands of faithful came to Iakovos for confession, healing, and comfort.

The Lord granted him many spiritual gifts, including discernment, clairvoyance, and the grace of healing. The saint often

foresaw events and guided people with gentleness and wisdom. Despite these miracles, Iakovos attributed everything to God, never to himself.

His ascetic struggles weakened his body, but not his soul. Despite severe illness, Iakovos celebrated the Divine Liturgy daily, saying, *"Lord, as a man I cannot, but help me to celebrate."*

On November 21, 1991, after serving the Liturgy and receiving Holy Communion, Iakovos peacefully fell asleep in the Lord. The Church commemorates him each year on November 22nd.

From Iakovos' life, we learn above all humility. When insulted or slandered, he thanked his accusers and asked for forgiveness.

His ascetic life became a garden where God's grace could dwell. Iakovos also lived the virtue of philoxenia or holy hospitality - welcoming everyone as if he were welcoming Christ Himself, comforting and encouraging all with gentleness and discernment.

He was known as the "sweet saint," because his actions spoke louder than words. St. Porphyrios said, *"St. Iakovos was one of the most far-sighted people of our time, but he hid it to avoid being praised."*

The saint's life was centered entirely on the Divine Liturgy. Even when suffering from illness, he prayed fervently to be able to serve. Iakovos often asked for the intercessions of the saints and gave generously to those in need. **People said his "golden bag" never ran out - he gave everything away,** keeping nothing for himself.

St. Iakovos of Evia is a saint of our generation who lived in our modern world yet radiated the grace of God. **His life shows us that holiness is not beyond our reach- it begins in humility, love, and daily communion with God.** If you wish to learn more about this remarkable saint, read *The Garden of the Holy Spirit*, a moving account of his journey and miracles.

"The prototype of discernment and modesty, the Wonderworking leader of the Monastery of David the Venerable, who plowed and sowed in the hardened heart of the God-bearing people, O Father Iakovos. Do not neglect to intercede with Christ on behalf of those who call upon you in faith" (Apolytikion).

+ Fr. Nicholas



STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY - NOV. 23

"EACH OF YOU SHOULD GIVE WHAT YOU HAVE DECIDED IN YOUR HEART TO GIVE, NOT RELUCTANTLY OR UNDER COMPULSION, FOR GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER."

— CORINTHIANS 9:7

Holy Apostles Christmas Pageant

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

We are pleased to announce that the children of Holy Apostles will be presenting the annual Christmas Pageant on December 14.

Kindergartners through third graders will play the silent roles of the characters in the Nativity scene.

Fourth through eighth grade students will sing traditional Christmas Carols for the program, some serving as narrators.

High school students are encouraged to sign up to be assistants.

High school vocalists and instrumentalists who are interested in joining the musical ensemble please call or text Zoe Tomaras (630.476.0223) or email christmaspageant@holypostleschurch.com.

Non-registered youth are welcome to perform. Forms will be available at church and mailed.

Participating children will be dismissed from Sunday School at 11:20. **A dress rehearsal will be held on Saturday, December 13, at 9:00 am. Please attend as many rehearsals as possible.**

Please feel free to contact Sandy Pihos, Pageant Director, for more information at: christmaspageant@holypostleschurch.com or call/text 630-640-5811.



Christmas Pageant Rehearsals for K-3, Choir, and Narrators

Sunday, November 2 11:35am	Parents will be responsible for bringing their child directly to the church after Sunday School
Sunday, November 16 11:20 am	At 11:20, children will be escorted from Sunday School by an assistant
Sunday, November 23 11:20 am	At 11:20, children will be escorted from Sunday School by an assistant
Sunday, December 7 11:20 am	At 11:20, children will be escorted from Sunday School by an assistant

Dress Rehearsal

Saturday, December 13, from 9:00 am until 10:15 am in the church proper for characters and narrators.

Pageant Day

K-3 only: Sunday, December 14, from 9:00 am until 9:30 am in the multi-purpose room

Narrators Only: Sunday, December 14 at 9:30 am in the multi-purpose room

IMMEDIATELY after communion on Pageant Day, all participants are to report to the multi-purpose room for costuming and lineup.



*Philoptochos Christmas Party
and
General Meeting*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11
6:30 pm
Holy Apostles Multi-Purpose Room

Lenten Buffet and Sweets

ENTERTAINMENT:
Hinsdale Central High School Orchestra

*We will collect children's socks, hats, gloves and scarves
for donation to The People's Resource Center*

Please RSVP no later than 12/5 to Aleka Ernst at
630.561.1660 or alekaernst@aol.com



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CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

A Holy Apostles Ministry

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR
DISCUSSION & COFFEE!**

**Tuesday, November 11
1 PM - Philoptochos Room**

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.



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SEPTEMBER 18 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

PC SECRETARY: PATTY PAPPAS EDITED BY: VAL DRANIAS

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President James Maragos at 7:34 PM.

Opening Prayer: Prayer offered by Father George Dokos.

Recitation of Mission Statement: Read aloud by Michael Thiakos.

"The mission of the Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church is to proclaim and live our Orthodox faith as One Church and One Body of Christ through worship, ministries, education, and youth guidance. For we walk by faith, not by sight (II Corinthians 5:7)."

Approval of Previous Minutes: A motion to approve the August 21, 2025 Parish Council Meeting Minutes was made by Patty Pappas and seconded by Sandra Pihos. The motion was approved unanimously.

Correspondence: Report by Patty Pappas

- Postcard announcement for the 19th Annual Walk the Walk for IOCC. Location: St. Andrews Greek Orthodox Church, Chicago, IL. Date: Saturday, October 4th. Register or sponsor online at ioccc.org/chicago.
- Thank you letter from the 2024-2025 YAL Chicago Conference Board for our donation in support of the 2025 Young Adult League Chicago Conference.
- Donation request letter from the National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians. Motion by Peter Bell to donate \$250 to the National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians; seconded by Ted Dres. Motion passed by majority.
- Donation request letter from Hellenic College Holy Cross. Motion by Peter Bell to donate \$1000 to Hellenic College Holy Cross; seconded by Ted Dres. Motion passed by majority.
- Donation request letter from Assumption Greek Orthodox Church for their 100th Anniversary Centennial Celebration. Motion by Peter Bell to donate \$1000 to Assumption Greek Orthodox Church for their 100th Anniversary Centennial Celebration; seconded by Ted Dres. Motion passed by majority.

Ecclesiastical Report: Father Dokos and Father Georgiou. Father Dokos presented a Patristix video regarding the Feast of the Holy Cross, followed by a group discussion reflecting on its significance. Father Georgiou provided an update regarding our catechumens. There are 7 catechumens at Holy Apostles currently studying to become Orthodox Christians. Discussion of a proposal to host an open house in 2026 for our neighbors in the community of Westchester.

Ministry Reports

Financial – Report by Lou Kafkes

- Cash position as of 8/31/25 is \$1.46 million. This is a slight decrease from last month primarily due to: front door project completion; cash depletion caused by slowed stewardship giving and therefore lower revenues.
- Operating account income for the month of August is \$78,000.
- The year to date total is \$907,000, which is approximately 12% ahead of budget.
- Total expenditures for the month of August were \$98,000, resulting in a \$20,000 monthly deficit.
- However, the year to date net income stands at \$122,000, which is ahead of budget expectations.
- There are no extraordinary or unexpected expenses to report.
- The financial report includes a breakdown by category.

Stewardship – Sandra Pihos provided a report on stewardship pledges:

- August stewardship total pledged has increased by 3% compared to last year.
- There are fewer stewards (635 v. 646) but the total amount collected is up by 1%.
- The average pledge is \$1,277 per family - up \$64 from last year.

Metric	Aug 2025 TYD	Aug 2024 YTD	% Change
Number of Pledges	635	646	-2%
Total Pledged	\$810,812	\$783,435	3%
Amount Collected	\$713,341	\$704,597	1%
Median Pledge	\$600	\$600	0%
Average Pledge	\$1,277	\$1,213	5%

Building & Grounds – No Report

Technology - Report by Steven Milak. Livestream issues have been taken care of.

Ushering - Report by Ted Dres

- Usher in Charge is responsible for taking collection baskets behind the altar. This is a change from the prior assignment of responsibility to the Officer in Charge.
- Guidelines for basket collections: 1-30 people, no basket; 30-60 people, usher is to hold a basket at the back or place the basket on a podium; 60 people and greater, baskets to be brought behind the altar by the usher in charge. There should be at least two ushers and two baskets distributed.
- Ushers are to notify the clergy of the intended basket collection method.
- There are to be no collection baskets for solemn services (e.g., Forgiveness Vespers, Holy Thursday, PreSanctified Liturgies).
- Candles: be respectful and use discretion when extinguishing candles, especially when ropes are in place. Extinguish candles as needed to maintain safety and to avoid a fire hazard.

Old Business

Golf Outing - Report by James Maragos. The final net proceeds from the Golf Outing are \$24,000.

Metropolis of Chicago Clergy/Laity Assembly in Rolling Meadows, IL (November 5-6) - Report by James Maragos. The Parish is to elect two delegates for the Clergy/Laity at the Holy Apostles Fall Parish Assembly. An announcement regarding the elections will be placed in church communications to Holy Apostles stewards.

Greek School - Report by Nicole Ostendorf

- Motion by Nicole Ostendorf regarding the hiring of a teacher aide is withdrawn, due to the fact that the proposed aide accepted a teaching position elsewhere.
- Director Zoe Koulourides has requested a Zoom license and access to the Canva and Microsoft accounts. Lou Kafkes will assist with the setup for access to these accounts.
- The Ellinomatheia program is anticipated to begin in the month of October, with the aim of offering a one hour class each Wednesday.
- To date, 90 students have registered for the Holy Apostles Hellenic Academy program.

Front Office Associate - Report by Sandra PihoS. Welcome to Andrea Zurales San Luis, our new Front Office Associate, who began her role on August 25th. Andrea brings strong technical skills and has already proven to be an excellent fit for the parish office. Her responsibilities include client service, project management, and bookkeeping. Andrea will be featured in an upcoming church bulletin along with her photo to formally introduce her to the parish community.

Chapel Hill Cemetery Plots – Report by Patty Pappas. Since last month's Parish Council meeting, three additional cemetery plots are in the closing process. Once those sales close, 28 plots remain available. Lou Kafkes and Patty Pappas intend to meet with Chapel Hill representatives again in order to streamline and organize the sales process. We continue to advertise the sale of plots in the church website and emails. 2025 Year to Date: 9 plots sold or in process. 2026 Budget: At least five plot sales anticipated, totaling \$22,500 in revenue.

Youth Worker Protection Training – Report by Patty Pappas. Our new front office associate, Andrea Zurales San Luis, will be assisting with the management of the youth worker protection program at Holy Apostles. She has developed a compliance spreadsheet to organize our workers by youth ministry through a color-coded system: Green is fully compliant, Yellow indicates an upcoming expiration, and Red indicates the individual is out of compliance. At least once per month, Andrea will update the spreadsheet and share it with the ministry leaders, so they can track the compliance status of their volunteers. Volunteers that are out of compliance have been flagged and notified. Noncompliant individuals may not serve until fully compliant.

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Christmas Breakfast with Santa



Reserve your spot at the pancake Christmas
Breakfast following Liturgy and the
Christmas Pageant on

Sunday, December 14

Santa will make a special appearance in spite of his
busy schedule!

Cost will be \$10 for adults and children 5 and older.
Children 4 and under are free.

Please make reservations
NOVEMBER 5 - DECEMBER 10

ONLINE: www.tinyurl.com/haphilo2501, (or scan QR code below)

IN PERSON: After Liturgy on Sundays: (November 30 and December 7)

Contact: Nia Dillon at niamdillon@gmail.com



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Philoptochos volunteers shop and deliver items directly to the shelter where victims of domestic abuse have an opportunity to select a special Christmas gift for members of their families.

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- ❖ SEND YOUR CHECK TO THE CHURCH OFFICE MADE OUT TO "HOLY APOSTLES PHILOPTOCHOS" and note "TOY DRIVE" in the memo
- ❖ ONLINE AT www.tinyurl.com/haphilo2501
- ❖ SCAN THE QR CODE



Please consider helping us to make the holiday season brighter and happier for these families - Thank you!

New Business

Bylaws Review - Report by Sandra Pihos. Modifications to the Bylaws are underway to align pronoun usage with the designations outlined in the Uniform Parish Regulations. Updates are also being made to clarify the meeting date requirements for Parish Assemblies. The Bylaws Committee will continue to meet and conduct a thorough review, making additional amendments as needed. Once finalized, the proposed modifications will be presented to the Parish Council with the intent of bringing them forward for approval at the Spring Parish Assembly.

2026 Budget Approval - Report by Lou Kafkes

Key Assumptions: The Metropolis assessment has been reduced from \$129,000 to \$114,000 annually. The Golf Outing remains the only annual fundraiser for Holy Apostles. All other fundraising activities are passthrough. A 4% increase will be applied to operating expenses due to projected inflation.

Budget Summary: The proposed 2026 budget is \$1.374 million, up from \$1.307 million in 2025. The new budget will be presented to the Parish Assembly in October for approval.

Motion: Steven Milak moved to accept the 2026 Budget as presented, in accordance with the assumptions outlined on the first page of the budget document reviewed during the meeting. Seconded by Nicole Ostendorf. Motion approved by majority vote.

Parish Directory - Report by Sandra Pihos.

The Family Ministry has initiated the process of collecting data for the upcoming parish directory. Two printing quotes have been received so far, with an estimated cost of \$8 per directory. There was discussion regarding the funding model, including the possibility of subsidizing the production costs. Family Ministry will gather additional information to determine the most effective and financially sustainable approach for both the photography process and directory production.

Fundraising Committee Formation- Report by James Maragos

- A discussion was held regarding new fundraising ideas and the potential overlap of interests among various initiatives, including stewardship, the capital campaign, the St. Iakovos Retreat Center (SIRC), and the Foundation.
- A proposal was made to hire a professional fundraiser or consultant to help coordinate and maximize fundraising effectiveness.
- It was suggested to form a Strategic Fundraising Planning Committee consisting of representatives from the Executive Council, Capital Team, Stewardship Team, Finance Committee, and Foundation Committee, in order to ensure alignment and collaboration across all fundraising efforts.

New Funeral Procedure Proposal - Peter Bell. A suggestion was made to extend the funeral wake time at the church from 30 minutes to 1 hour, allowing for greater procedural ease and flexibility. The proposal will be taken under consideration for potential implementation.

Facility Request - Lou Kafkes. A request was made to host a private reception in the Multi-Purpose Room (MPR) following a scheduled Sunday coffee hour. It was reiterated that church policy does not permit private events to be held in the MPR, in order to maintain its intended communal and parish-wide use.

Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, October 16, 2025 at 7:30 PM

Key Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, September 30: Metropolis Town Hall Meeting (6:30-8:30 PM via TEAMS), regarding the St. Iakovos Retreat Center

Saturday, October 18: Philoptochos Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon

Sunday, October 19: Fall Parish Assembly after Divine Liturgy. All Parish Council members must attend.

Sunday, October 26: Chicago Bears Watch Party & Youth Flag Football

Wednesday-Thursday, November 5-6 – Metropolis of Chicago Clergy-Laity Conference (Rolling Meadows, IL)

Closing Prayer: Offered by Father Georgiou.

Adjournment: President James Maragos officially adjourned the meeting at 10:34 PM. Absent: George Antonopoulos, Terry Chiganos, Norman Pomrening

Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:15 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy (Sunday School following Communion) 11:30 am Fellowship Hour 11:35 am Pageant Practice - Grades K-3 (Rooms 205/206/207) 1:00 pm Wedding 5:00 pm St. Peter Men's Social	3	4 11:15 am – 12:15 pm Feed The Hungry 4:30 pm Greek School 6:15 pm JOY 7:00 pm Philoptochos Board Meeting	5 Metropolis Clergy Laity 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Jr GOYA Meeting	6 Metropolis Clergy Laity 4:30 pm Greek School 5:30 pm Greek School PTO Meeting 6:15 pm Neolea Dance Troupe 7:15 pm Discoveries in Orthodoxy	7 7:00 pm Small Parakless	8 Feast Day of Synaxis of the Archangels 8:00 am Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:15 am Veterans Day Service Project (after Divine Liturgy) 5:00 pm Vespers 7:00 pm Paint & Sip
9 Feast Day St. Nectarios of Aegina 8:15 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy (Sunday School following Communion) 11:15 am Artoklasia - Vets/National Philoptochos Day 11:30 am Fellowship Hour 11:45 am Sunday Scht Staff Mtg	10 7:00 pm Melpo Murdakes, GOA Planned Giving	11 1:00 pm Caregivers Support 4:30 pm Greek School 6:30 pm GOYA Christmas Shopping 7:30 pm League of Chanters Practice	12 10:00 am TOTS 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	13 Feast Day of St. John Chrysostom 6:45 am Brotherhood of St Peter the Apostle 8:00 am Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 12:00 pm Koukla's Kafenio Lnch 4:30 pm Greek School	14	15 Christmas Fast Begins 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Philoptochos Blanket Making Day 2:00 pm Feed My Starving Children 3:00 pm Wedding 5:00 pm Vespers
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Metropolitan Family Services Holiday Shoppe Collection						
30 Feast Day of St Andrew 8:15 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:30 am Fellowship Hour						

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Sofia Kokkokios
Popi Kouropoulou
Anastasia Papadakis
Nicholas Papadakis
Zoe Peplos
James Peplos
Ioannis Tolios
Stamata Tolios

NOVEMBER

Michael Burtzos
Christina Carioscia
Christ Dangles
Mary Dangles
Venus Depietro
Panagiotis Fosses
Demetra Mannos
George Mannos
Peter Skoubis
Sophia Skoubis
Jennie (Polexeni) Snoply
Francis Scott Willsey

FUNERALS

Pat Montemurno

WEDDINGS

Alexandra Zakos & Justin Yahnig
Sponsor: Arielle Zakos Hailman

Elise Rantis & Kevin May
Sponsor: Yianni Laros

Nikoleta Giannakopoulos & Michael Glowinski
Sponsor: Panagiota Giannakopoulos

Logan & Maleigha Futris
Sponsors: Lauren Dellaria & Dana Coon

BAPTISMS

Chloe, daughter of Thomas Skalkos & Sarah Pinter
Sponsor: Alexis Miller

Alexander, son of Brian & Stephanie Rosasco
Sponsors: Maria & John Stephanian

Michael, son of Alexandra Ziogas and Thomas Walsh.
Sponsors: Constandina and Ioannis Ress

Matthew, son of Stephen & Katherin Wong
Sponsors: Dianna Mohrmann & John Mott

Kennedy, daughter of Logan & Maleigha Futris
Sponsor: Dana Coon

Otto, son of Logan & Maleigha Futris
Sponsor: Lauren Dellaria