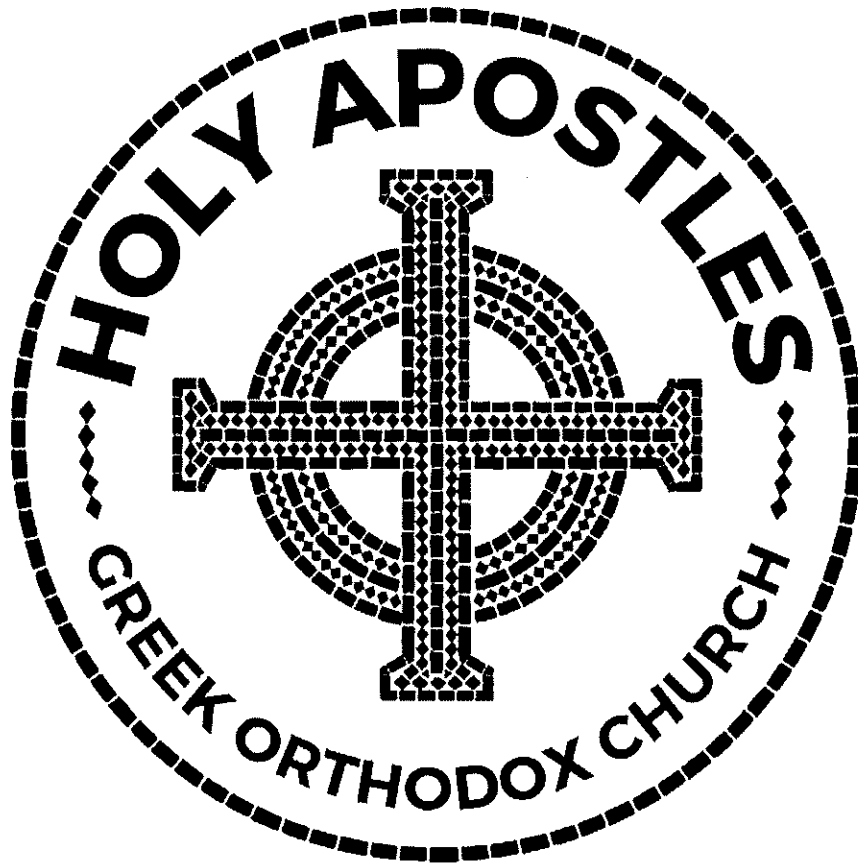




Weekly Bulletin

November 23, 2025

The 9th Sunday of Luke

SUNDAY

8:15 a.m. Orthros
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Sunday School today following Holy Communion)
Memorials: Donald Bugajski, Christina Carioscia, Venus Depietro,
Nicholas Christopher
Fellowship Hour: Greek School Bake Sale
11:20 a.m. Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
12:00 p.m. Baptism: Michael, son of Alexandra Ziogas and Thomas Walsh
Sponsor: Constandina and Ioannis Ress
2:00 p.m. Baptism: Matthew, son of Stephen & Katherin Wong
Sponsor: Dianna Mohrmann and John Mott

MONDAY

8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:00 a.m. 40 Day Blessing: Trinh Kritsas and daughter, Dina

TUESDAY

8:00 a.m. Orthros
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:00 a.m. Baptism: Otto and Kennedy, son and daughter of Logan and Maleigha Futris
Sponsors: Lauren Dellaria and Dana Coon
1:00 p.m. Wedding: Logan and Maleigha Futris
Sponsors: Lauren Dellaria and Dana Coon
6:45 p.m. GOYA Friendsgiving
7:30 p.m. League of Chanters Practice

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. Evening Divine Liturgy: Thanksgiving Eve (No choir rehearsal afterward)

THURSDAY

THANKSGIVING: OFFICE CLOSED

FRIDAY

THANKSGIVING: OFFICE CLOSED

SATURDAY

10:00 a.m. Fifth Saturday Serve

NOVEMBER 23: STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

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NOVEMBER 24

Divine Liturgy
40 Day Blessing: Trinh Kritsas and daughter, Dina

NOVEMBER 25: FEASTDAY OF ST. KATHERINE

Orthros
Divine Liturgy
Baptism: Otto and Kennedy, son and daughter of Logan and Maleigha Futris
Sponsors: Lauren Dellaria and Dana Coon
Wedding: Logan and Maleigha Futris
Sponsors: Lauren Dellaria and Dana Coon
GOYA Friendsgiving
League of Chanters Practice

NOVEMBER 26

Evening Divine Liturgy: Thanksgiving Eve (No choir rehearsal afterward)

NOVEMBER 27

THANKSGIVING: OFFICE CLOSED

NOVEMBER 28

THANKSGIVING: OFFICE CLOSED

NOVEMBER 29

Fifth Saturday Serve

Epistle Reading – Ephesians 2: 14-22 Reader: Madeline Kubush
Gospel Reading – Luke 12:16-21

Sunday School In Session Today: There will be early dismissal at 11:20 for Christmas Pageant Practice. There will be no Sunday School on November 30.

It's time for a new directory! We've engaged with Universal Church Directories to work with us and provide a complete professional portrait studio right here at Holy Apostles. We have four dates from which to choose between now and the end of 2025, which you can sign up for during fellowship hour. For more information, see the 11/12 email, or email parishfamily@holypostleschurch.com.

Resurrectional Apolytikion

You destroyed death by Your Cross, You opened Paradise to the Robber. You turned the Myrrh-bearing Women's lament into joy, and You commanded Your Apostles to preach that You rose, O Christ God, granting the world great mercy.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον· ἠνέφξας τῷ ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον· τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρῆνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας, ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

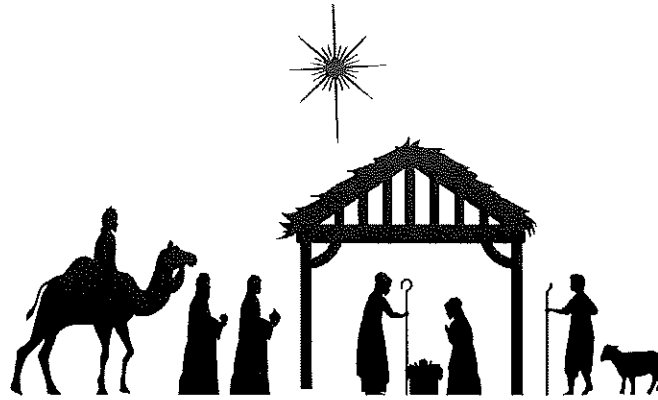
Katélisas to Stavró sou ton thánaton; inéoxas to lísti ton Parádison; ton Myrofóron ton thrínon metévaies, kai tis síis Apostólis kirýttein epétaxas, óti anéstis Christé o Theós, paréchon to kósmō to méga éleos.

The Epistle – Ephesians 2: 14-22

Brethren, Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

The Gospel – Luke 12:16-21

The Lord said this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As he said these things, he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."



Holy Apostles Christmas Pageant
Sunday, December 14th
IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN!!
Rehearsal Sunday, November 23rd

The annual Holy Apostles Christmas Pageant is quickly approaching. **WE NEED MORE PARTICIPANTS ESPECIALLY KINDERGARTNERS, FIRST GRADERS, SECOND GRADERS, AND CHOIR MEMBERS!** Forms will be available at each of the rehearsals to register your child, or you may bring a filled out copy of the form that was previously mailed to you.

Kindergartners through third grade students will play the silent roles of the characters in the Nativity Scene. Fourth through eight graders will sing traditional Christmas Carols for the program and be narrators.

High school instrumentalists who are interested in joining the musical ensemble should contact Mrs. Zoe Tomaras at 630-476-0223 or email her at the email address below.

The Choir (4th – 8th graders) should report to room 208. Rehearsal will start immediately after Sunday School at 11:20 A.M. Assistants will bring Kindergarten through grade 3 participants into the church following Sunday School. Parents will not need to do so.

For more information, please feel free to send an email the pageant director, Sandy Pihos, at christmaspageant@hol yapostleschurch.com or call/text at 630-640-5811



**Please support the
Holy Apostles Hellenic Academy
and join us at our holiday**

BAKE SALE and pita sale

Sunday, November 23rd

IMMEDIATELY AFTER DIVINE LITURGY

**HOMEMADE SWEETS, PIES, SEASONAL LOAVES,
TIROPITES, SPANAKOPITES, FRAPPE, AND
HOT CHOCOLATE AVAILABLE!**





PLEASE DONATE TO THE PHILOPTOCHOS

HOLIDAY COLLECTION FOR TOYS & GIFTS

*to benefit families assisted by the Family Shelter
Service of DuPage*

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.

- ❖ DONATE IN PERSON EVERY SUNDAY IN NOVEMBER AFTER LITURGY
- ❖ 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!

Christmas Breakfast with Santa

Please reserve a spot at the pancake
Christmas Breakfast, following Liturgy and the Pageant,
on Sunday December 14th.

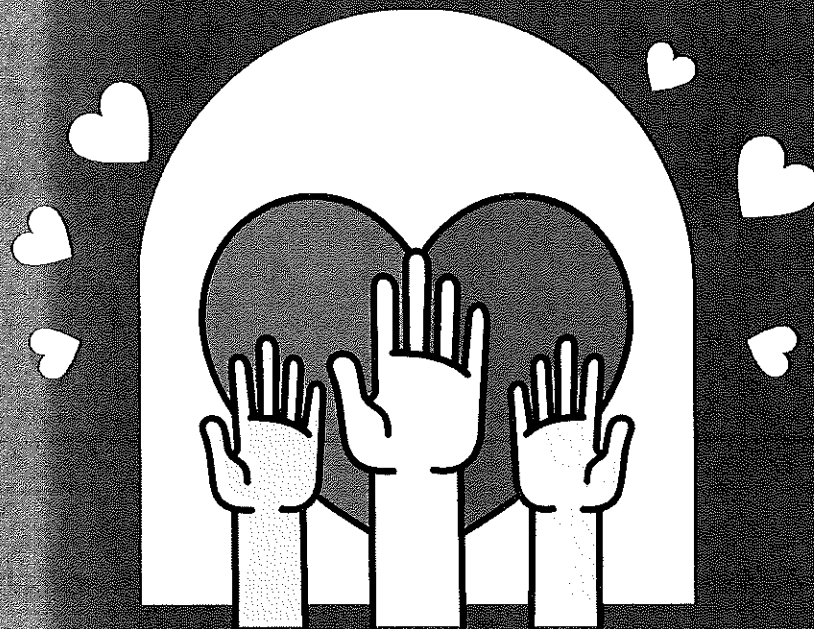
Santa will make a special appearance,
in spite of his busy schedule.

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

Please make your reservations
November 5th thru December 10th
either by clicking on the QR code here



online at www.tinyurl.com/haphilo2501 in person after
liturgy on Sundays, November 30th & December 7th
or contact Nia Dillon at niamdillon@gmail.com



Fifth Saturday Serve Day

Join the Parish Family Ministry in a service project.

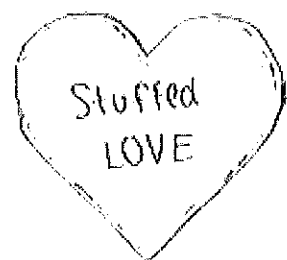
Our next project:

Sat, Nov 29th

10:00 AM

We will be making
heart pillows and
cards with

Stuffed Love



Open for all ages.

No supplies needed, just come ready to work at the

Holy Apostles Multipurpose Room

Questions?

parishfamily@holypostleschurch.com

HOLY APOSTLES BASKETBALL

HOME GAMES LOCATION

WESTCHESTER
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
10900 CANTERBURY ST.
WESTCHESTER, IL. 60154

GAME TIMES:

3RD/4TH B - 2:00PM
3RD-6TH G - 2:45PM
7TH/8TH B - 3:30PM

*ADJUSTED GAME TIMES

3RD/4TH B - 2:00PM
3RD-6TH G - 3:45PM
7TH/8TH B - 4:30PM

~~SAT, NOV 15~~

~~*SAT, NOV 22~~

~~SUN, NOV 23~~

SUN, DEC 7

SAT, DEC 20

SUN, DEC 21

SUN, JAN 4

SAT, JAN 10

~~@ ST. DEMETRIOS ELMHURST~~

~~@ HOLY CROSS~~

~~VS SS CONSTANTINE AND HELEN~~

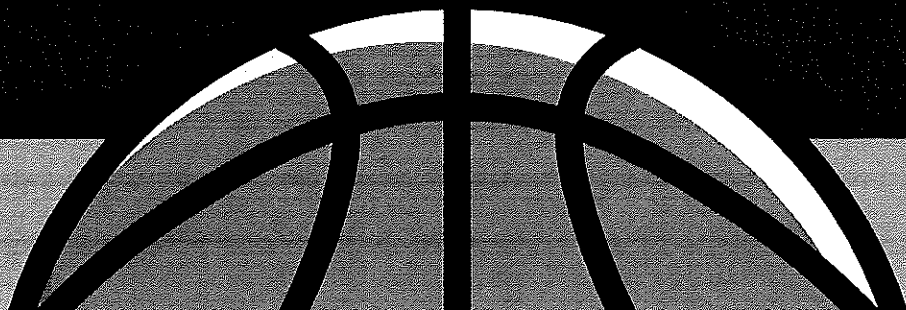
VS ST NECTARIOS

@ ST HARALAMBOS

VS ST DEMETRIOS CHICAGO

VS ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

@ SS PETER AND PAUL





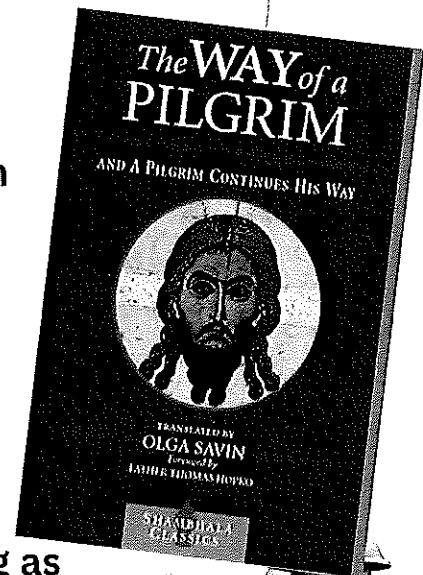
Women's Book Club

Women of all ages are invited to join us on a journey through "The Way of a Pilgrim", as we follow the Pilgrim's path and explore his quest for a life of continual prayer to God.

When: Thursday, December 4, 7:15 pm

Where: Holy Apostles Multi-purpose room

What: "The Way of a Pilgrim and A Pilgrim Continues His Way" (any edition).



BYOM: Bring your own mug as hot drinks will be provided.

Contact Presv. Christa with any questions at

PresChrista@gmail.com



Philoptochos Christmas Party
and
General Meeting

THURSDAY, December 11th
6:30pm
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 12/05 to
Aleka Ernst at (630) 561-1660
or alekaernst@aol.com



**The Metropolis of Chicago
St. John of Damascus
League of Chanters invites
you to celebrate the:**

**FEAST DAY OF OUR PATRON
SAINT, ST. JOHN OF DAMASCUS**

Wednesday, December 3, 2025 - 6:30pm

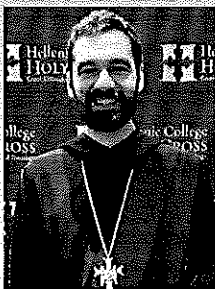
Great Vespers with a reflection

offered by Mr. John Anton

Refreshments to follow

St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church

133 S. Roselle Road, Palatine



John L. Anton is a native of the Chicagoland area, growing up at Holy Taxiarchi & Saint Haralambos Church in Niles. He attended DePaul University for one year before transferring to Hellenic College in Brookline, Massachusetts and completing his undergraduate studies there, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religious Studies. He concurrently earned the Holy Cross Certificate in Byzantine Music with a perfect score.

Returning to the Chicagoland area, John became involved in lay ministry in various capacities, including YAL Ministries, Fanari Camp and both teaching and chanting Byzantine Music at various parishes. Inspired by his experience in the Church, John returned to Boston for seminary and earned his Master of Divinity degree from Holy Cross in December 2022. He began serving as the Pastoral Assistant at the Ascension of Our Lord Church in Lincolnshire in January 2023. John is extensively involved in furthering the work of Ascension's ministries, with special emphasis on the parish's youth and young adult ministries. He also chants and teaches Byzantine Music classes there along with being an active member of our League of Chanters.



St. John of Damascus League of Chanters
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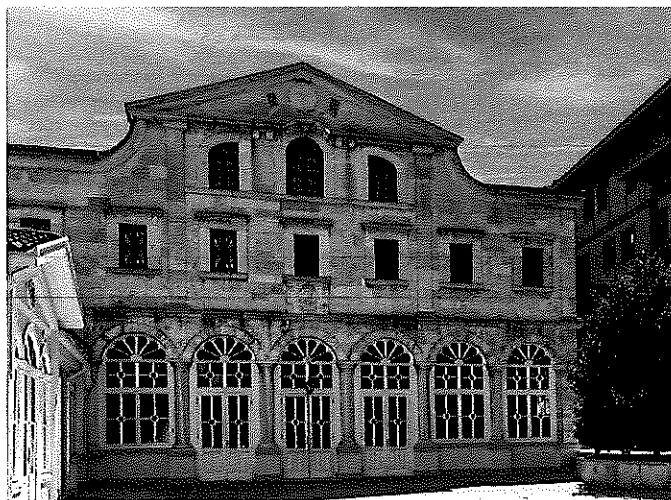


Archons
OF THE **Ecumenical**
Patriarchate®

Protecting the Future of Faith®

The Sacred Center of Our Holy Orthodox Faith Is Under Threat

The Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople (today's Istanbul) is the sacred center of our Holy Orthodox Faith. According to ancient canons of the Ecumenical Councils that, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, articulated the principal elements of our Faith, the Ecumenical Patriarch is the first bishop of the Church, charged with responsibility for the whole Church. Today, the Ecumenical Patriarchate is the see of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, the longest-serving and one of the most consequential Ecumenical Patriarchs in the history of our Church.



However, the Turkish government is presenting the Ecumenical Patriarchate with daily challenges and difficulties that could ultimately destroy its ability to perform its sacred global mission. Amid those challenges and difficulties, the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate are dedicated to protecting and defending our Holy Mother Church of Constantinople.

The Ecumenical Patriarchate is under attack by the Turkish government in five key ways.

1. First and foremost, the Ecumenical Patriarchate has no legal identity or rights in Turkey. In the eyes of the Turkish government, the Ecumenical Patriarchate simply does not exist.
2. The Turkish government interferes with the election of the Ecumenical Patriarch by requiring that he must be a Turkish citizen, and maintains the right to approve who is selected. This is clearly interference with the Apostolic succession of the Church's leadership.



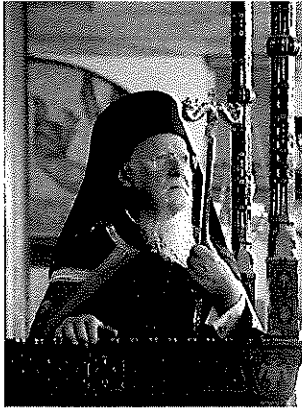
3. We can no longer train our clergy in Turkey because they closed our beloved Halki Seminary in 1971, where we had trained more than 1000 clergymen (including over 300 bishops and even a few Ecumenical Patriarchs) for 127 years. Today, Halki remains closed. As a result, those who want to become clergymen must be sent elsewhere out of the country.

The result is that we are experiencing a gradual asphyxiation of the Holy Mother Church in Turkey. The Greek Orthodox population of Constantinople is now only 2,000 to 2,500 people, down from 300,000 at the beginning of the twentieth century. With all of this said, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew has said that there have been recent positive discussions that could possibly lead to the opening of the seminary. We remain cautiously optimistic.

4. The Ecumenical Patriarchate cannot own, inherit or pass along property. The Ecumenical Patriarchate does not even own our churches in Constantinople and its environs. In 1936, the Church owned 8,000 properties, including monasteries, churches, schools, hospitals, orphanages, homes for the aged, homes, and apartment buildings. Today, most have been confiscated, and we have less than 500 properties remaining.

Occasionally, the Turkish government allows the Ecumenical Patriarchate to regain control of one of these confiscated properties, but only under the most difficult of circumstances. One example is the fact that the Turkish government does not legally recognize the Girls and Boys Orphanage Foundation on the island of Prinkipos (which the Turks refer to as Buyukada), for which the Ecumenical Patriarchate has held a deed since 1902, as belonging to the Ecumenical Patriarchate. In this case, however, the European Court of Human Rights compelled the Turks to hand it over to the Ecumenical Patriarchate, but only in dilapidated condition.

The implications of this are as obvious as they are ominous. Numerous churches have been converted to mosques — most recently Hagia Sophia, which for almost a millennium was the foremost church in the entire Christian world, and the Chora Church in Constantinople. The remaining churches are vulnerable.



5. The Turkish Government does not recognize the “Ecumenical” status of the Patriarch and Patriarchate. Turkish authorities do not allow the use of the term or title “ecumenical” for any religious activity — even though this title has been used since the sixth century and recognized throughout the world. The Turkish government only refers to the Ecumenical Patriarch as the “Fener Patriarch,” referring to his headquarters in Constantinople, the Phanar.

Because of the Ecumenical Patriarchate’s lack of legal identity, its vulnerability to the decisions of the Turkish state is all-pervasive. If the international human rights organizations such as the European Court of Human Rights and the United Nations, among others, do not manage to compel the Turkish government to grant property rights to the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the spiritual center of the world’s 300 million Orthodox Christians remains essentially defenseless, and perilously close to extinction in its historical homeland.

The Ecumenical Patriarchate needs financial support, so that it is less subject to the will of the Turkish government: the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation, which the Archons founded several years ago, is dedicated to providing financial stability for the Ecumenical Patriarchate.



**ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH
BARTHOLOMEW
FOUNDATION**
For the Sacred See of Saint Andrew

Please pray regularly for the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the Christians of Constantinople and prayerfully consider a donation to the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation. The safety and survival of our Ecumenical Patriarchate, the sacred center of our Faith, is a priceless gift that surpasses virtually anything else we could pass on to our children and grandchildren.

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 -

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Sermon Notes

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