

Weekly Bulletin
December 7, 2025
The 10th Sunday of Luke

#### WEEKLY BULLETIN www.holvapostleschurch.com

SUNDAY DECEMBER 7

8:15 a.m. Orthros

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Sunday School Following Communion)

Memorials: Constantine & Mary Chrisos, Fotini Karapas

Fellowship Hour: Hosted by the families of Kathy Papadimas and Joyce & Dimitri Karvelas:

In loving memory of Constantine & Mary Chrisos

11:20 a.m. Christmas Pageant Practice

1:00 p.m. Baptism: Evangeline, daughter of Jacob & Tatiana Armstrong

Sponsor: George and Alexa Kakis

MONDAY DECEMBER 8

8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

TUESDAY DECEMBER 9

8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 4:30 p.m. Greek School

7:00 p.m. GOYA

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 10

8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

10:00 a.m. TOTS

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY DECEMBER 11

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

8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 4:30 p.m. Greek School

6:30 p.m. Philoptochos Christmas Party and General Meeting

FRIDAY DECEMBER 12: FEAST DAY OF ST. SPYRIDON

8:00 a.m. Orthros

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

10:00 a.m. 40 Day Blessing: Anastasia Swierk and son Levi

SATURDAY DECEMBER 13

8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

9:00 a.m. Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

5:00 p.m. Vespers

6:30 p.m. GOYA Christmas Party

Epistle Reading - The Epistle - Ephesians. 5:8 - 19 Reader: Ellie Markos

Gospel Reading - Luke 13:10 - 17

Sunday School In Session Today: Students in the Christmas Pageant will be brought to rehearsal at 11:20 by a teacher. All other students will stay in class until 11:35.

Resurrectional Apolytikion: Mode 1.

The stone having been sealed by the Pharisees and chief priests, \* and Your all-immaculate body being guarded by soldiers, \* You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. \* Then the powers of the heavens cried out to You, O Giver of Life, and shouted, \* "Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! \* Glory to Your eternal rule! \* Glory to Your plan for saving us, only benevolent God!"

Απολυτίκιον Αναστάσιμον: Ήχος α΄

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωήν. Διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι Ζωοδότα Δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

Tou líthou sfraghisthéntos ipó ton Ioudáion; ke stratiotón filassónton to áchrandon sou sóma; anéstis triímeros Sotír, doróumenos to kósmo tin zoín. Diá toúto e Dinámis ton ouranón evóon si Zoödóta; Dóxa ti anastási sou Christe; dóxa ti vasiliía sou; dóxa ti oikonomía sou; móne Filánthrope.

The Epistle – Ephesians. 5:8-19

Brethren, walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

The Gospel – Luke 13:10 – 17

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

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@holyapostleschurch.com.

Holy Apostles Basketball Teams Need Timekeepers and Scorekeepers! We have a few home games that we need help with. The dates are 12/21, and 1/4 at Westchester Intermediate School. Games are at 2:00, 2:45, and 3:30. This can count as service hours. If you can help, please reach out to Andrea San Luis at athletics@holyapostleschurch.com.

## 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.



Fellowship Hour Ministry: The purpose of this ministry is to help facilitate the coffee hours where congregants meet after the Divine Liturgy and visit with their fellow parishioners. This is a commitment to provide worthwhile service to the church and promotes the unity of Holy Apostles and visitors as a family. It is a low-key commitment where you are asked, probably no more than twice a year, providing enough people join, to make coffee for the coffee hour. You will be trained to use the equipment and learn how to clean it up. We have found that what intimidates people the most about hosting a Coffee Hour is making the coffee.

OR

You can volunteer to help set up for our Potluck Coffee Hours and clean up. If a family is hosting and needs additional help, you might be asked to assist. Again, training and instructions will be given, and it is not anticipated that you will be asked to do this often. Both groups will be emailed, and people can choose the dates that fit into their schedules...no one will be assigned. You will not be expected to provide any items to participate unless you volunteer to do so. Please sign up if you are interested. We need your assistance.

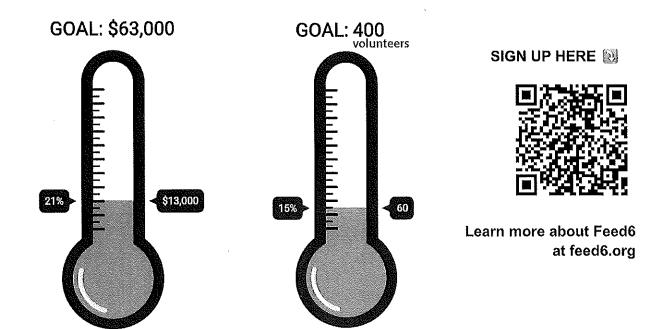
If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please email Sandy Pihos at fellowshiphour@holyapostleschurch.com, call/text her at 630-640-5811, or scan this QR code.





### Feed6 Update - We Need Your Help!

Thank you to everyone who has already stepped forward to support this year's Feed6 meal-packing event. We are excited to continue this beautiful ministry of serving our neighbors in need. All ages welcome **Volunteer your time and treasure today!** 





# Holy Apostles Christmas Pageant Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> LAST CHANCE TO JOIN!!

### Rehearsal Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> Dress Rehearsal Saturday, December 13th

The annual Holy Apostles Christmas Pageant is quickly approaching. **WE NEED MORE PARTICIPANTSESPECIALLY KINDERGARTNERS, FIRST GRADERS, SECOND GRADERS, AND CHOIR MEMBERS!** Forms will be available at the rehearsal to register your child, or email Sandy in advance.

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.

The Dress Rehearsal will take place 9:00 – 10:15 A.M. on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to attend. Accessories will only be needed at the Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.

The Choir (4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders) should report to room 208 on December 7th. 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.

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





# Join us for a Mislmas PARTY

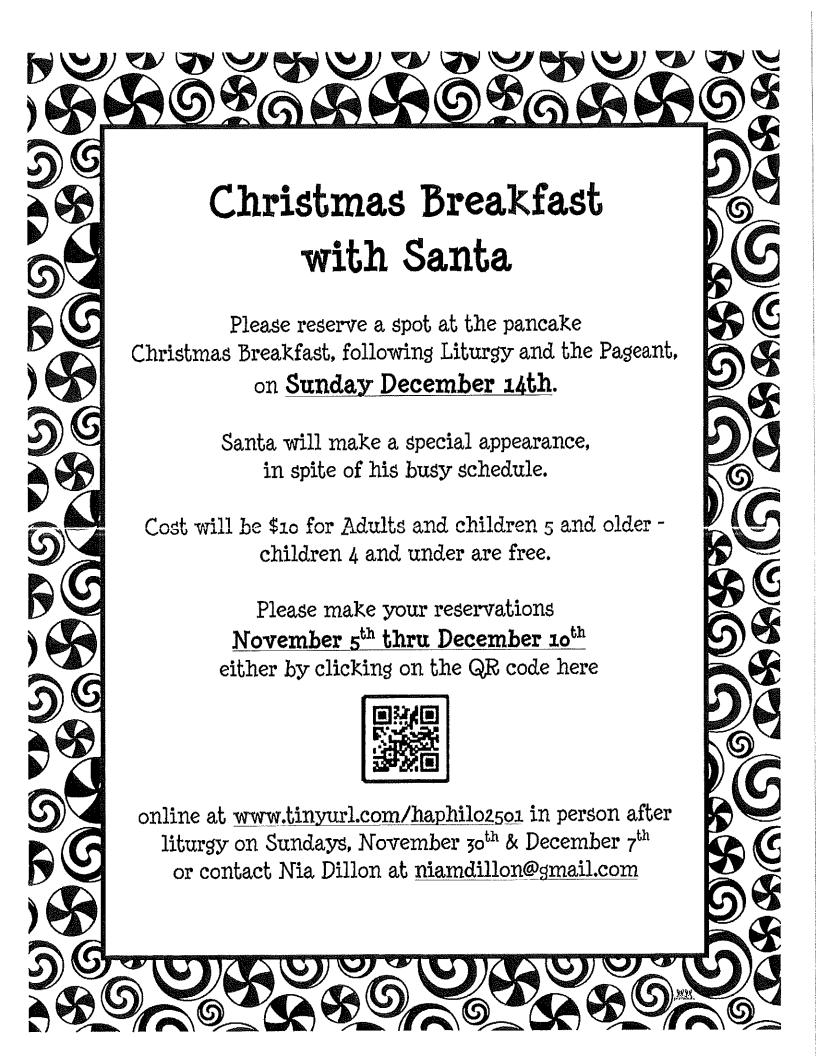
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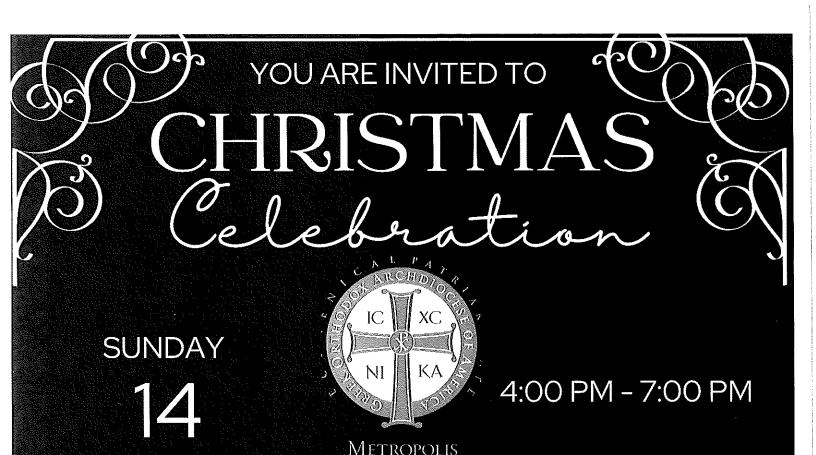
HYATT LODGE OAK BROOK CHICAGO

2815 JORIE BLVD, OAK BROOK, IL 60523

Please RSVP by December 17<sup>th:</sup> Scan the QR code or use this link! https://forms.gle/JTU5zAcbMsuMW3nu8







of Chicago

**DECEMBER** 

The Carlisle 435 E. Butterfield Road, Lombard, IL 60145

This year, we are supporting Guardian Angel and Wings of Hope by collecting hygiene items for those in need. Please consider bringing travel-size toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, body wash, soap), washcloths, toothbrushes & toothpaste, and deodorant.

All donations will be packaged and delivered to these organizations.

Thank you for helping us spread Christmas joy!

"Love each other with a warm love that comes from the heart" 1 Peter 1:22



# NEWYEAF

DECEMBER 29TH, 2025

**RSVP** 

7:30 -11:00PM

DJ, GREEK DANCING, FOOD



All GOYA / 6th-12th graders are welcome.

The night is sure to be filled with fun, fellowship, and food.
\$20 ENTRY- SEMI-FORMAL

AT THE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF ST. DEMETRIOS 893 N CHURCH RD. ELMHURST, IL



# GREKHENTAGE NIGHT WINDY GITY BULLS

Sit with Holy Apostles in Section 116 & Hold the Court Sized Flag During the National Anthem



\$35 per ticket Free Parking

Every ticket receives a hat! Purchase tickets by January 20



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### FEB 20, 2026 6:30 PM NOMAREMA, HOFFMAN ESTATES

parishfamily@holyapostleschurch.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

CAT NOV 22

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SUN, DEC 7

SAT, DEC 20

SUN, DEC 21

SUN, JAN 4

SAT, JAN 10

@ ST DEMETRIOS EL MHURST

@ HOLY CROSS

VS SC CONSTANTING AND HELEN

**VS ST NECTARIOS** 

@ ST HARALAMBOS

**VS ST DEMETRIOS CHICAGO** 

**VS ST JOHN THE BAPTIST** 

@ SS PETER AND PAUL



November 2025

### MESSAGES from the METROPOLIS

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SCAN FOR MORE NEWS

#### ILATTESTI NIEWS

Metropolis Strengthens Commitment to Clergy Formation

City of Chicago to Be the New Spiritual Home for the Metropolis

His Eminence Announces Chancellor and Vicar General Appointments

2025 Clergy-Laity Assembly Adjourns, Marking a Season of Growth

Archons in Chicago Raise Awareness about
Pilgrimage of Discovery and Religious
Freedom Initiatives

SCAN FOR MORE EVENTS The Falling Asleep of His Grace Bishop Timothy of Hexamilion

#### TUTP COMMUNICATE VIEW IT'S

12//版 TEAM Belong: A Christmas Gathering

Metropolis of Chicago Christmas Celebration

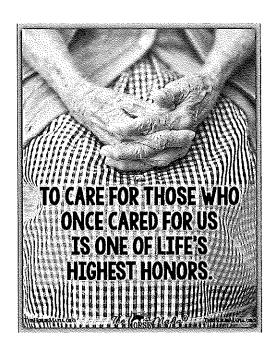
Metropolis of Chicago Co-Ed Volleyball
Tournament

1)//8 Metropolis of Chicago Vasilopita Celebration

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#### CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

A Holy Apostles Ministry

There will be no December meeting.

**Merry Christmas!** 

Please Join Us

Tuesday, January 13th at 1:00 pm

In the Philoptochos Room

For a Presentation by Allison Green,

**Certified Senior Advisor** 

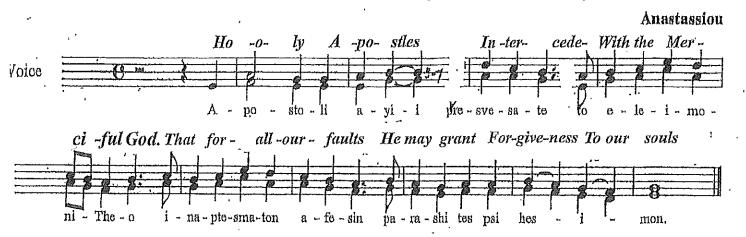
On the Big Decision: at Home Care, Assisted Living, Memory Care or Long Term Nursing Care

Please contact Kathy Steffenson at <a href="mailto:gksteff@gmail.com">gksteff@gmail.com</a> or Val Dranias at valdranias@aol.com with any questions. We hope that you will join us.

### 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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