

Weekly Bulletin
December 14, 2025
The 11th Sunday of Luke

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SUNDAY

8:15 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

Memorials:

11:30 a.m.

4:00 p.m.

MONDAY

8:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

TUESDAY

8:00 a.m.

4:30 p.m.

6:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m.

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7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

8:00 a.m.

1:00 p.m.

4:30 p.m.

6:15 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

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FRIDAY

8:00 a.m.

9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY

5:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 14

Orthros

Divine Liturgy

James Peter Chicouris, Anastasia Georgiou

Christmas Pageant Following Liturgy

Christmas Breakfast with Santa

Metropolis Christmas Celebration

DECEMBER 15: FEAST DAY OF ST ELEUTHERIOS

Orthros

Divine Liturgy

DECEMBER 16

Divine Liturgy

Greek School

JOY

DECEMBER 17: FEAST DAY OF ST DIONYSIOS OF ZAKYNTHOS

Orthros

Divine Liturgy

Bereavement Group Meeting

Choir Rehearsal

Jr. GOYA Meeting

DECEMBER 18

Divine Liturgy

Bible Study

Greek School/Movie Night/Parent-Teacher conferences

Neolea Dance Troupe

Parish Council Meeting

YAL Christmas Outing

DECEMBER 19

Divine Liturgy

Vigil for St. Ignatius

DECEMBER 20

Vespers

Epistle Reading – The Epistle – Colossians 3:4 – 11 Reader: Zoe Panton

Gospel Reading – Luke 14:16 – 24 14:16 – 24

Welcome to Metropolitan Nathanael! We are thrilled that you could join us for our Christmas Pageant and Celebration!

No Sunday School Today: Pre-k families are asked to sit in the reserved front rows. After communion, just the pre-k students will go to their classroom. They will then sit together up front to watch the pageant.

Resurreccional Apolytikion: Mode 2.

When You descended unto Death, O Lord, You who are immortal Life put Hades to death, by the lightning of Your divinity. And when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the hosts of heaven sang aloud to You, “O Christ God, Giver of life, glory to You!”

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον: Ἡχος β'

“Οτε κατῆλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ ζωὴ ἡ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν ἥδην ἐνέκρωσας, τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς θεότητος· ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ, ὁ Θεός ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

Óte katílthes pros ton thánaton; i zoí i athánatos; tóte ton athin enékrosas; ti astrapí tis Theótitos. Óte de ke tus tethneótas; ek ton katahthoníon anéstisas; páse e dinámis ton epouraníon ekrávgazon: Zoödóta Christe; o Theós imón dóxa si.

The Epistle – Colossians 3:4 – 11

Brethren, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away; anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

The Gospel – Luke 14:16 – 24

The Lord said this parable: “A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time of the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come; for all is now ready.’ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I must go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.’ And the servant said, ‘Sir, what you commanded has been done, and there is still room.’ And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet. For many are called, but few are chosen.’”

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.

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.

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



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Volunteers Also Needed

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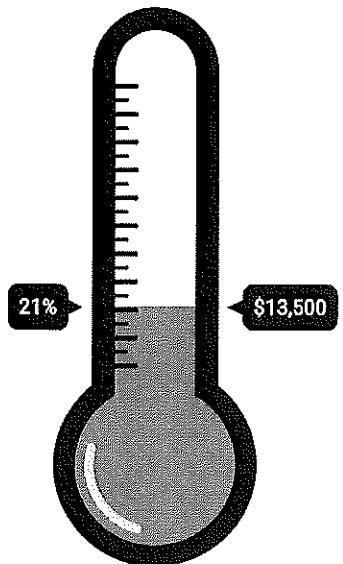


Feed6 Update • We Need Your Help!

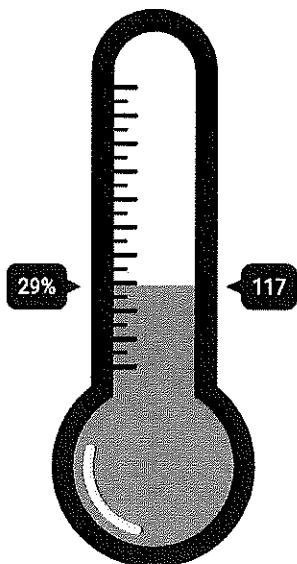
Thank you to everyone who has already stepped forward to support this year's Feed6 meal-packing event. We are excited to continue this beautiful ministry of serving our neighbors in need. Friends and neighbors of all ages are welcome, too!

Volunteer your time and treasure today!

GOAL: \$63,000



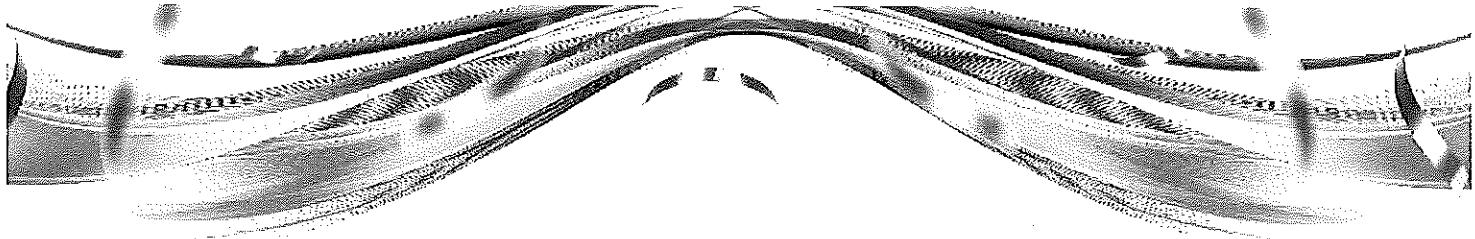
GOAL: 400
volunteers



SIGN UP HERE



You can learn more about
Feed6 at feed6.org



His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael of Chicago
and the Metropolis of Chicago Philoptochos

Cordially invite you to the 65th Annual



Vasilopita Celebration

January 8 | 6:30 PM

Hosted by St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church
5649 N Sheridan Rd, Chicago, IL 60660

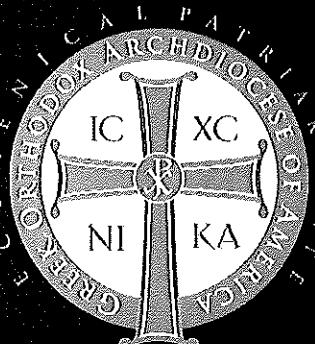
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Parish Reservations can be made by calling:

(773) 334-4515

YOU ARE INVITED TO
CHRISTMAS
Celebration

SUNDAY
14
DECEMBER



4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

METROPOLIS
OF CHICAGO

The Carlisle

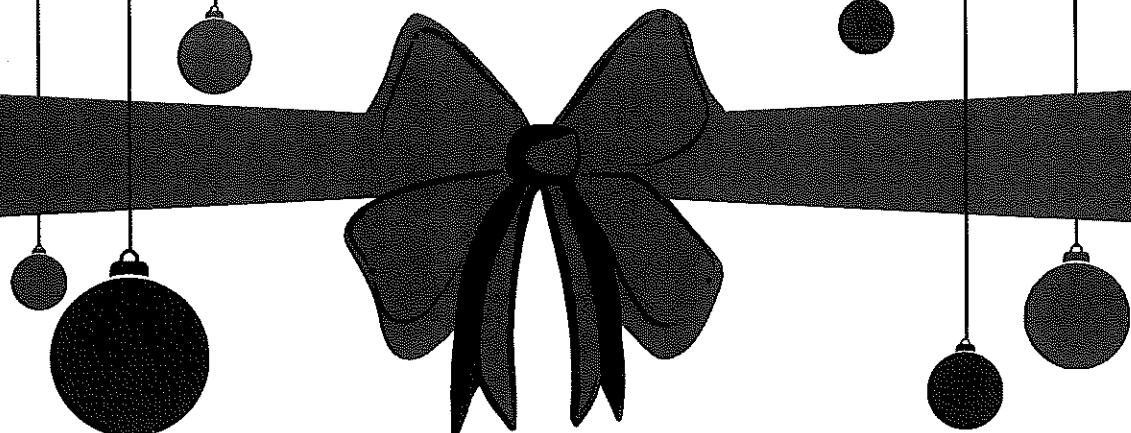
435 E. Butterfield Road, Lombard, IL 60145

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



HOLY APOSTLES YAL

Join us for a
Christmas
PARTY

DECEMBER

18

AT 7:30 PM

HYATT LODGE OAK BROOK CHICAGO

2815 JORIE BLVD, OAK BROOK, IL 60523

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



GOYA 2026

NEW YEAR *Party*

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



GREEK HERITAGE NIGHT WINDY CITY BULLS

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

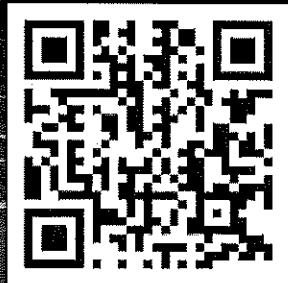
\$35 per ticket

Free Parking

Every ticket receives a hat!

Purchase tickets by January 20

gofevo.com/event/HolyApostles8



**FEB 20, 2026 6:30 PM
NOW ARENA, HOFFMAN ESTATES**

parishfamily@holycatholicchurch.com

HOLY APOSTLES

BASKETBALL

HOME GAMES LOCATION

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

~~SAT, NOV 15~~

~~*SAT, NOV 22~~

~~SUN, NOV 23~~

GAME TIMES:

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

~~SUN, DEC 7~~

SAT, DEC 20

SUN, DEC 21

SUN, JAN 4

SAT, JAN 10

*ADJUSTED GAME TIMES

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

~~@ ST DEMETRIOS ELMHURST~~

~~@ HOLY CROSS~~

~~VS SS CONSTANTINE AND HELEN~~

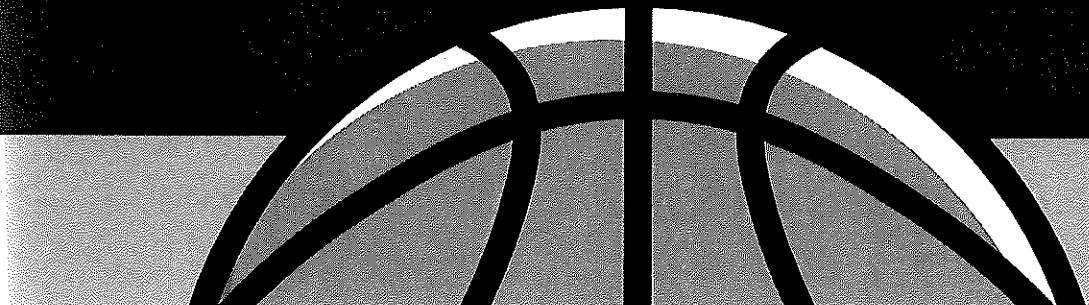
~~VS ST NECTARIOS~~

S@ ST HARALAMBOS

VS ST DEMETRIOS CHICAGO

VS ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

@ SS PETER AND PAUL





CALLING ALL YIAYIAS, NOUNAS, AND GREEK AUNTIES

YIAYIA'S TABLE IS SEEKING WARM, JOYFUL WOMEN
WHO WANT TO HELP TEACH GREEK COOKING TO OUR
YOUNGER GENERATIONS

WHO WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

- WOMEN WHO ENJOY COOKING AND SHARING RECIPES
- ANYONE PASSIONATE ABOUT GREEK CULTURE, FAITH, AND TRADITIONS
- WANT TO TEACH THE YOUNGER GENERATIONS THROUGH HANDS-ON LEARNING
- BRING JOY, COMFORT, AND DELICIOUS FOOD TO OUR COMMUNITY
- NO PROFESSIONAL COOKING EXPERIENCE NEEDED – JUST A BIG HEART!

WE WOULD BE HONORED TO HAVE YOU AT OUR TABLE

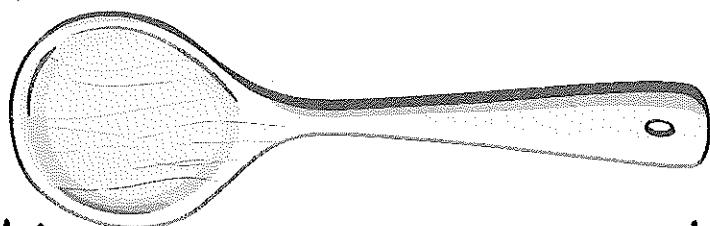
LET'S KEEP OUR GREEK TRADITIONS ALIVE –
ONE RECIPE, ONE STORY, AND ONE YIAYIA AT A TIME

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

NICOLEPATRICKA@GMAIL.COM OR 630-673-6635



YIA YIA'S TABLE



Tradition, Food, and Faith

Yiayia's Table is a family program where the wise hands and hearts of our Yiayia's teach the younger generations how to prepare traditional Greek foods while sharing the faith, stories, and love behind them.

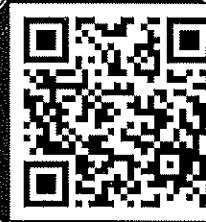
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TIME: 12:00 - 2:00PM

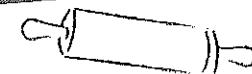
AGE: 6+

LOCATION: MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

SIGN UP



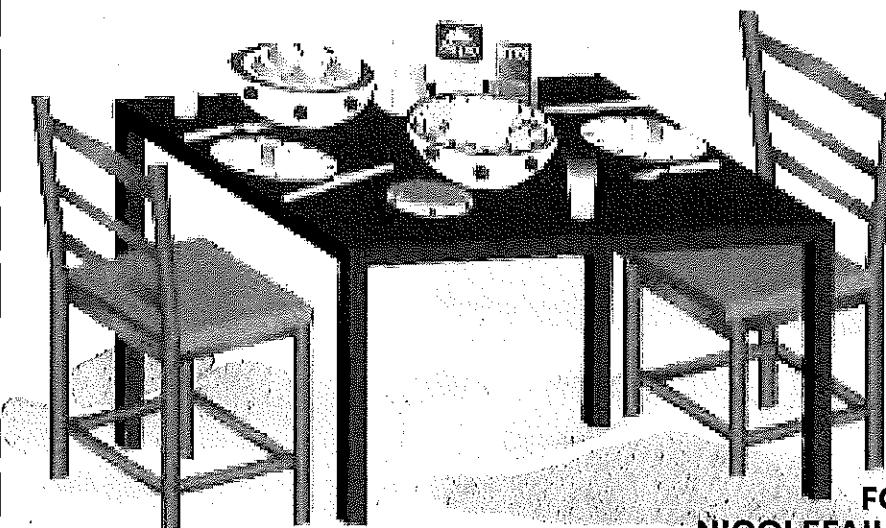
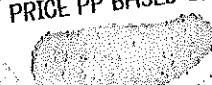
January



Vasilopita
Workshop

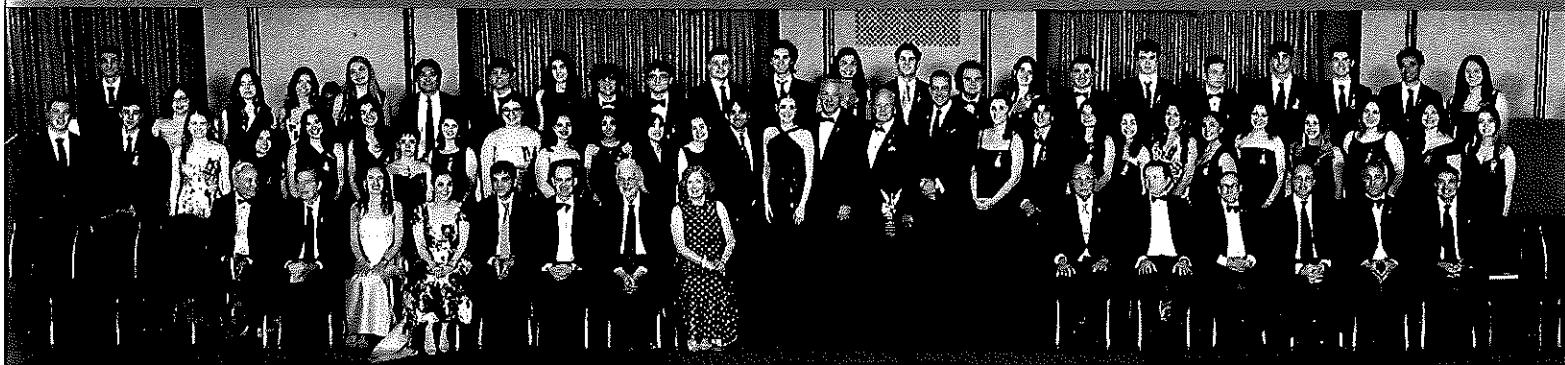
\$12pp*

PRICE PP BASED ON RECIPE COST



FOR MORE INFORMATION:
NICOLEFAILLA@GMAIL.COM OR 630-673-6635

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS OF HELLENIC DESCENT!



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2025-2026

\$250,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

20 Awards of \$10,000 each
based on academic achievement, financial
need, & Hellenic engagement
*\$20,000 allocated to music or arts majors

20 Awards of \$2,500 each
based on academic achievement & Hellenic
engagement

In order to apply students must:

- Be U.S. Citizens/U.S. Permanent Residents and living in the U.S
- Be of Hellenic descent
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.6
- Be enrolled at an accredited U.S. college or university for Fall 2025 and actively in your sophomore, junior, or senior year
- Be full-time students who are pursuing a four-year bachelor's degree

Applications are due
January 31, 2026

The application, criteria, requirements, and guidelines are available at
www.panhellenicsf.org

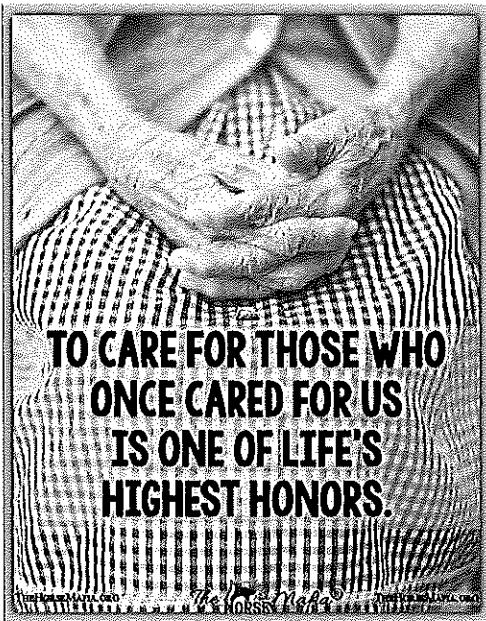
For inquiries please email
scholarships@panhellenicsf.org or
call our office at (312) 357-6432



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FOUNDATION

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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 gksteff@gmail.com 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

Anastassiou

Ho -o- ly A -po- stles In -ter- cede- With the Mer-

Voice

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 - - - mon.

Sermon Notes

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