

Weekly Bulletin

December 21, 2025

The Sunday Before Nativity

SUNDAY

8:15 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
Memorials:

DECEMBER 21

Orthros
Divine Liturgy
Don and Jody Alexander, Nicholas Kotsakos, Konstantinos Margetis,
Christos Patsavos
Greek School Kalanda
Coffee Hour: No Host Today. Sign up on our website or on the clipboard in the MPR.

MONDAY

8:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 22

Divine Liturgy
Choir Rehearsal

TUESDAY

8:00 a.m.

DECEMBER 23

Divine Liturgy

WEDNESDAY

9:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 24: CHRISTMAS EVE

Royal Hours of Christmas
Christmas Eve Liturgy and Choir Concert

THURSDAY

8:45 a.m.
10:00 a.m.

DECEMBER 25: CHRISTMAS

Orthros
Divine Liturgy

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 27: FEAST DAY OF ST. STEPHEN

Orthros
Divine Liturgy
Vespers

Epistle Reading – The Epistle – Hebrews 11:9 – 10, 32 – 40 Reader: Ellia Gryfakis
Gospel Reading – Luke 14:16 – 24

Please note the schedule changes for this week:

- ★ The office will be closed at noon on December 24.
- ★ The office will be closed all day on December 25.
- ★ No Sunday School until January 4.

Resurrectional Apolytikion: Mode 3.

Let the heavens be glad. Let the earth rejoice exceedingly. For the Lord has shown strength with his arm. He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead. Out of the belly of Hades, He has rescued us, and to the world He has granted great mercy.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον: Ἦχος γ´

Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιášθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος· ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον· πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο· ἐκ κοιλίας ᾄδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Eφrenéstho ta uránia; agalliáštho ta epíyia; óti epíise krátos en vrahíoni aftú; o Kýrios. Epátise to thanáto ton thánaton; protótokos ton nekron egéneto; ek kilías ádou errýsato imás; ke paréshe to kósmo to méga éleos.

The Epistle – Hebrews 11:9 – 10, 32 – 40

Brethren, by faith Abraham sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets — who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated — of whom the world was not worthy — wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

The Gospel – Luke 14:16 – 24

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Ammin'adab, and Ammin'adab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Bo'az by Rahab, and Bo'az the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uri'ah, and Solomon the father of Rehobo'am, and Rehobo'am the father of Abi'jah, and Abi'jah the father of Asa, and Asa the father of Jehosh'aphat, and Jehosh'aphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzzi'ah, and Uzzi'ah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezeki'ah, and Hezeki'ah the father of Manas'seh, and Manas'seh the father of Amon, and Amon the father of Josi'ah, and Josi'ah the father of Jechoni'ah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoni'ah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerub'babel, and Zerub'babel the father of Abi'ud, and Abi'ud the father of Eli'akim, and Eli'akim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eli'ud, and Eli'ud the father of Elea'zar, and Elea'zar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations. Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne her firstborn son; and he called his name Jesus.



For Your Information: We recognize that parishioners often bring loved ones to church, and at times it can be challenging to help them inside. To make this easier, you are welcome to pull up to the main church doors, where volunteers will be available to assist with entering the building. Support will also be provided when leaving. We encourage everyone to take advantage of this assistance whenever it is helpful.

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 a few 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 could use help on January 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, provided 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.





PLEASE JOIN US!



**We welcome all Holy Apostles women to join Philoptochos
in our mission to help those less fortunate.**

Please consider joining Philoptochos. We are so grateful for those who can actively participate in our events, but we realize that this is not a possibility for everyone. Just by becoming a member, one is doing good. A portion of each member's dues stays here at Holy Apostles. These funds and proceeds from the Fashion Show are the primary sources which enable us to help others.

It is never too late! If you are interested in learning more about Philoptochos, please contact Maria Patt at philomembership@holypostfeschurch.com.

There are membership forms in the multipurpose room information tower and at the Welcome station. One may also join on-line from the Ministries page of our website.

Thank you for your support!

January 24, 2026

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

FEED 6 CHALLENGE

Be a Part of Something Great

\$63,000
Donation Goal

400
Volunteer Goal

154,000
Meal Goal





THEOPHANY CROSS DIVE

Dive for the Cross

OAK BROOK PARK DISTRICT

1450 Forest Gate Rd. Oak Brook, Illinois 60523

Sunday, January 11th

6-8 PM

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME

Please RSVP by emailing:
olivia@assumptionchicago.org

FOOD | CROSS DIVE | SWIMMING

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

BASKETBALL

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@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~~

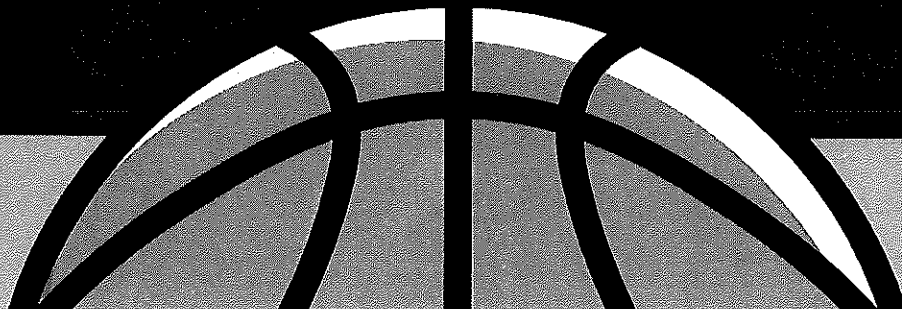
~~VS ST NECTARIOS~~

@ ST HARALAMBOS

VS ST DEMETRIOS CHICAGO

VS ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

@ SS PETER AND PAUL





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

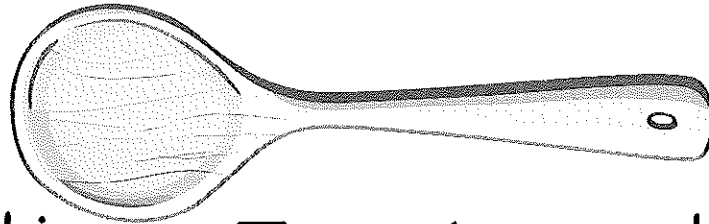


**LET'S KEEP OUR GREEK TRADITIONS ALIVE –
ONE RECIPE, ONE STORY, AND ONE YIAYIA AT A TIME**

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



YIAYIA'S TABLE



Tradition, Food, and Faith

Yiayia's Table is an 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.

DATE: SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2026

TIME: 12:00 - 2:00PM

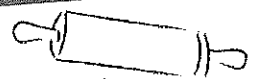
AGE: 6+

LOCATION: MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

SIGN UP



January

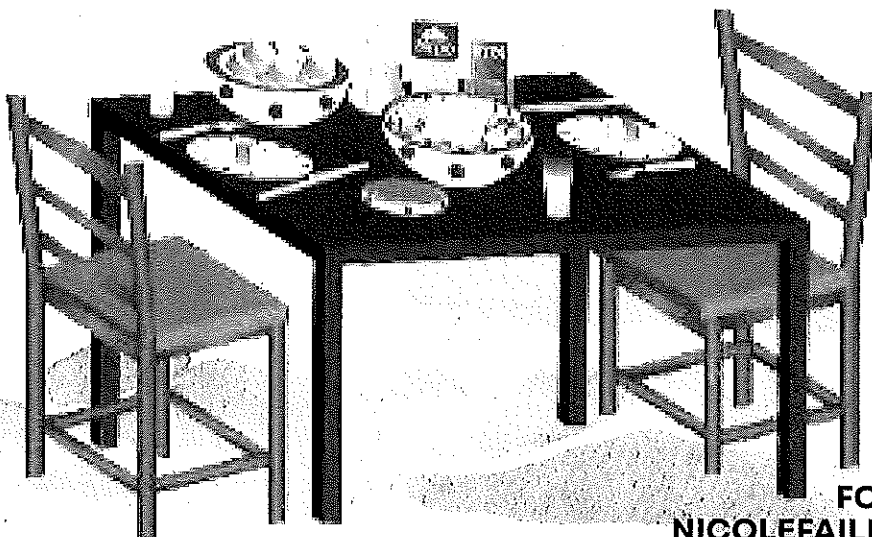


Vasilopita Workshop



\$12pp*

PRICE PP BASED ON RECIPE COST



FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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ORDER OF AHEPA 13TH DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Qualities we admire

- Academic Excellence
- Extracurricular Activity
- Cultural Appreciation
- Volunteerism

Scholarship Awards are available to the AHEPA Family and the Greek Community.

Eligible Applicants:
H.S. Seniors – Undergraduates – Seminarians

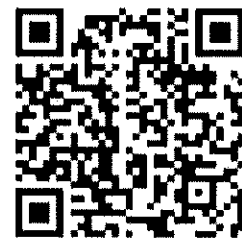
Scholarship Categories:
Scholastic – Financial Need – Seminarian

Applications
Open: **Currently Open**

Applications
Due On or Before: **March 15, 2026**

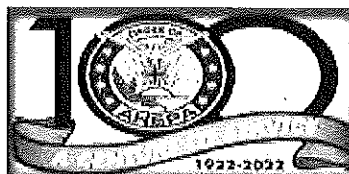
**TO APPLY OR
LEARN MORE**

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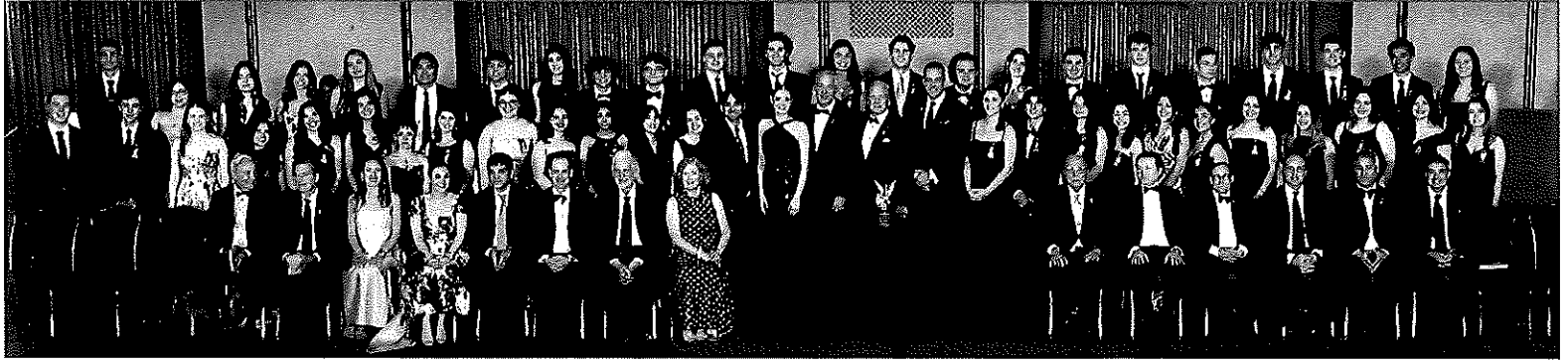


OR VISIT:

<https://ahepadistrict13.org/district-13-education-scholarship>



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

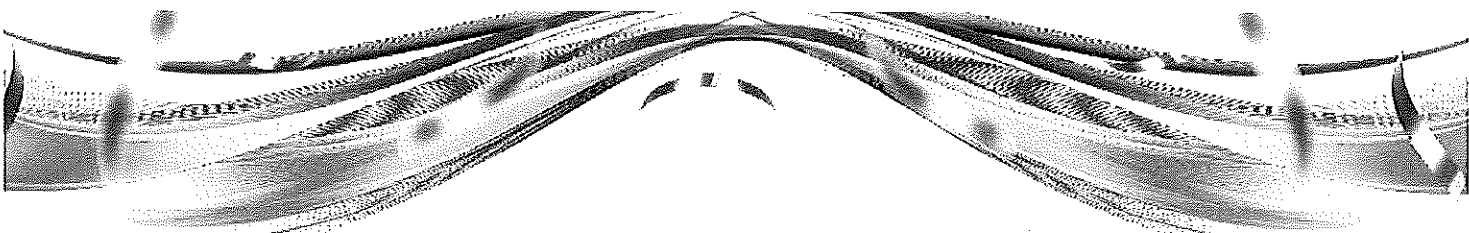
For inquiries please email
scholarships@panhellenicsf.org or
call our office at **(312) 357-6432**



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

Cordially invite you to the 65th Annual



Vasilopita Celebration

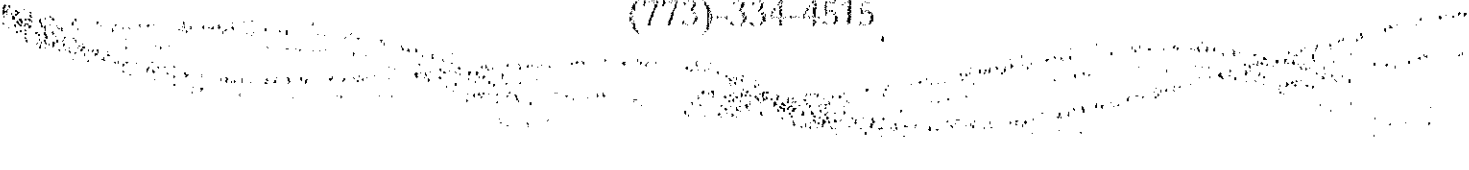
January 8 | 6:30 PM

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

Resep by January 4

Parish Reservations can be made by calling:

(773)-334-4515





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

Voice

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



A - po - sto - li a - yi - i pre - sve - sa - te to e - lo - i - mo -

ci -ful God. That for - all - our - faults He may grant For - give - ness To our souls

ni - The - o i - na - ple - sma - ton a - fe - sin pa - ra - shi tes psi hes - i - mon.

Sermon Notes

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