

Weekly Bulletin

January 4, 2026

The Sunday Before Epiphany

WEEKLY BULLETIN www.holyapostleschurch.com

SUNDAY

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

JANUARY 4

Orthros
Divine Liturgy (Sunday School following communion)
No Coffee Hour Host Today

MONDAY

9:00 a.m.
6:00 p.m.

JANUARY 5

Royal Hours of Theophany
Vesperal Liturgy of Theophany

TUESDAY

8:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
4:30 p.m.
6:15 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

JANUARY 6: THEOPHANY

Orthros
Divine Liturgy
Greek School Vasilopita Cutting
JOY
Philoptochos Board Meeting

WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m.

JANUARY 7: FEAST DAY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Orthros
Divine Liturgy
Jr. GOYA Meeting

THURSDAY

6:45 a.m.
1:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m.
5:30 p.m.
6:15 p.m.

Brotherhood of St. Peter the Apostle
Bible Study
Greek School
Greek School PTO Meeting
Neolea Dance Troupe

SATURDAY

12:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m.

JANUARY 10

Vasilopita Baking Class
Vespers

Epistle Reading – 2 Timothy 4:5 – 8

Reader: Sophia Rupp

Gospel Reading – Mark 1:1-8

House Blessing: Fr George and Fr Nicholas look forward to blessing your homes during this holy season of Theophany in 2026. Please contact them or the church office to set up your house blessing! May God bless you and your family this New Year!

Sunday School: The 4th/5th grade class is in the front row and class is in session for all grades today with dismissal after communion. Welcome back!

Help Needed: The JOY Youth Group is looking for a few more families to cook dinner for us on 1/20, 3/17 and 4/21. We are a group of about 20 cute kids (ages 5-10) and 5 adults. Please email Alexa at YouthDirector@holyapostleschurch.com for more details!

Resurrectional Apolytikion: Mode pl. 1.

As the Father and Spirit are unoriginate, * so the Word, who was born from the Virgin for us. * Let us praise Him, O believers, and let us worship Him. * For our salvation He was pleased * to be crucified in the flesh, * and to undergo death, * and to resurrect the dead, by His glorious resurrection.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον: Ἡχος πλ. α'

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν· ὅτι ηὐδόκησε σαρκὶ, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγεῖραι τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

Tὸν synánarhon Lógon Patri ke Pnémati, ton ek Parthénu techthénta is sotirian imón, anymníssomen pisti ke proskyníssomen; óti ivdhókise sarkí, anelthín en to Stavró, ke thánaton yptomínne, ke egíre tus tethneótas, en ti endóxo anastási aftú.

The Epistle – 2 Timothy 4:5 – 8

Timothy, my son, always be watchful, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

The Gospel – Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophets, ‘Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who shall prepare your way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight —’ John was baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”



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. If you missed the December dates, there will be more dates available both at Holy Apostles and other local churches in the future. Be on the look out for that information coming soon. If you have questions, please email parishfamily@holylapostleschurch.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. 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@holylapostleschurch.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

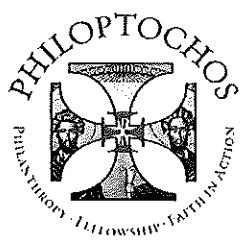


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Volunteers Also Needed

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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@holyapostleschurch.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!



ONLINE LESSONS

LEARN GREEK

ZOOM SESSIONS BEGIN 01/07/2026

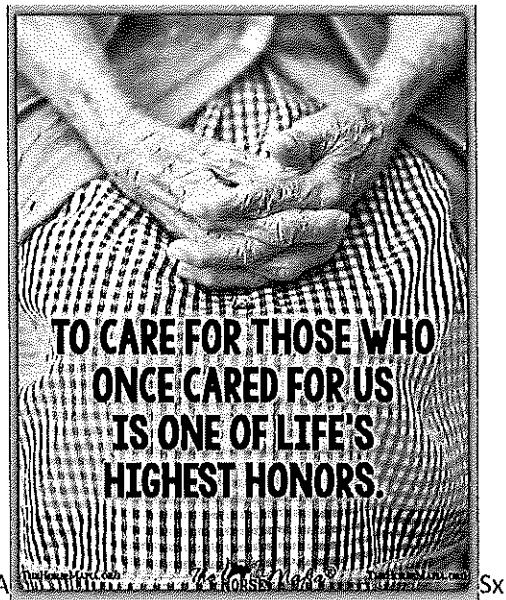
WEDNESDAYS 5:30PM - 6:30 PM

FEE \$400

JANUARY 7 - MAY 27

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER PLEASE EMAIL:
GSDIRECTOR@HOLYAPOSTLESCHURCH.COM





CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

A Holy Apostles Ministry

Please Join Us

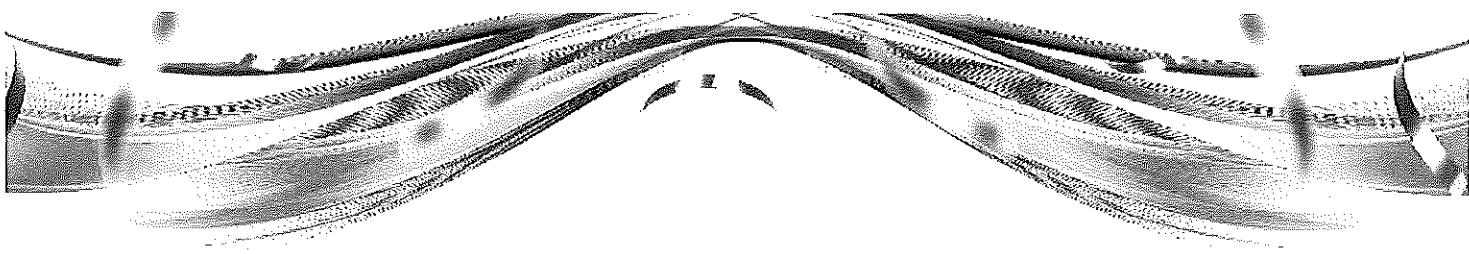
on Tuesday, January 13

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.



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

Cordially invite you to the 65th Annual



Vasilepila Celebration

January 8 | 6:30 PM

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

Res by January 4

Parish Reservations can be made by calling:

(773) 334-4515



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Dive for the Cross

OAK BROOK PARK DISTRICT

1450 Forest Gate Rd. Oak Brook, Illinois 60523

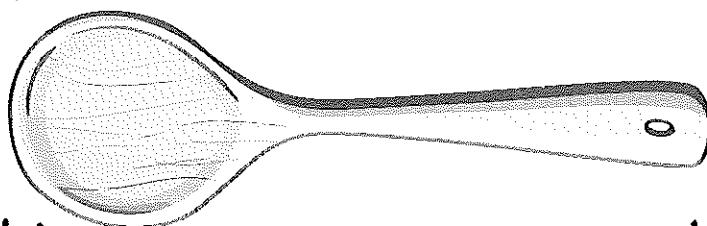
**Sunday, January 11th
6-8 PM**

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME

Please RSVP by emailing:
olivia@assumptionchicago.org

FOOD | CROSS DIVE | SWIMMING

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.

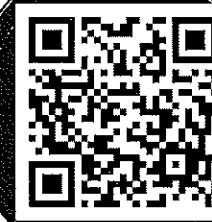
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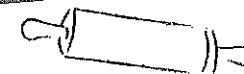
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LOCATION: MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

SIGN UP



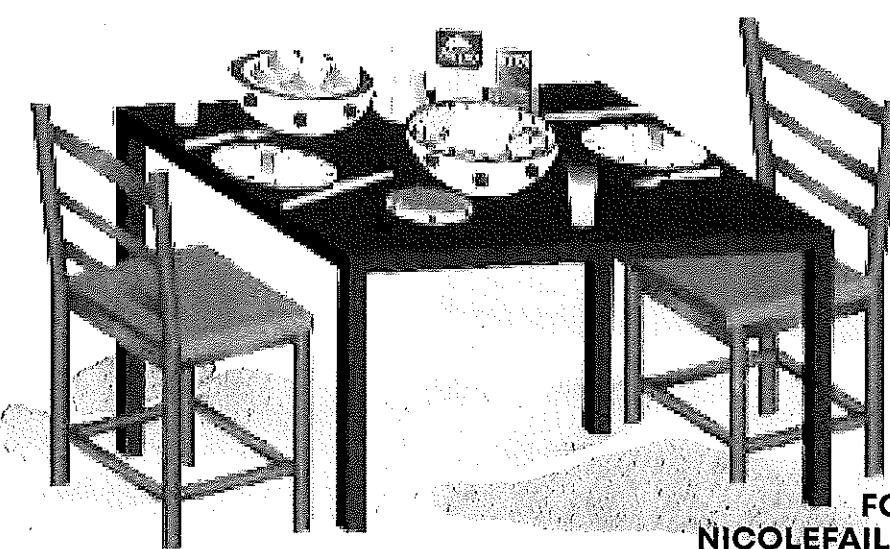
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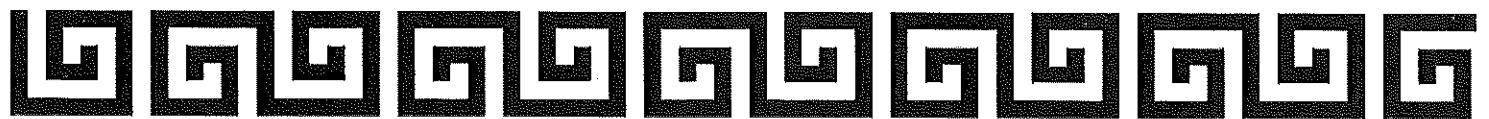
Vasilopita
Workshop

\$12pp*

PRICE PP BASED ON RECIPE COST



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



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:

NICOLEPAULLEAGUE@GMAIL.COM OR 630-673-6333



KOLIVA DEMONSTRATION

Saturday, January 17

1:00-2:00 pm

**Holy Apostles
Multipurpose Room**

We use koliva in our
Memorial Services.

Want to learn the basics of
making koliva?

Or looking to perfect your
technique?

Join as we follow a recipe
developed by our own
Eleni Poteres.

SIGN UP IN THE WEEKLY EMAIL

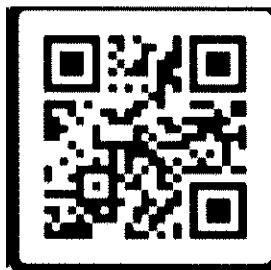
QUESTIONS?
PARISHFAMILY@HOLYAPOSTLESCHURCH.COM

Please join the
Philoptochos
as they host the

Godparents' Luncheon

Sunday, February 1, 2026
Following Liturgy

Please RSVP by 1/27 to:
<http://www.tinyurl.com/haphilo2501>



\$10 for ages 4 and older
Free for ages 3 and younger

Catered by Greek Islands

Send Inquiries to:
Holyapostlesgodparentluncheon@gmail.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

VS ST DEMETRIOS ELMHURST

VS HOLY CROSS

VS SS CONSTANTINE AND HELEN

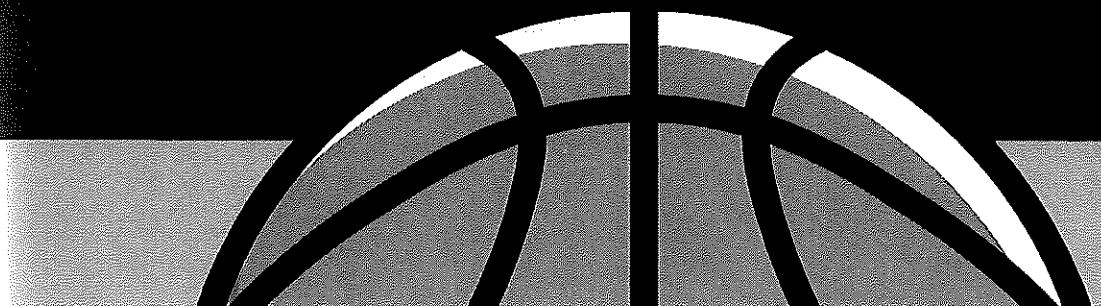
VS ST NECTARIOS

VS ST HARALAMPOS

VS ST DEMETRIOS CHICAGO

VS ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

@ SS PETER AND PAUL





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@holyapostleschurch.com

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 - i - mon.

Sermon Notes

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