

**Weekly Bulletin**  
**January 25, 2026**  
**The 15th Sunday of Luke**

**WEEKLY BULLETIN** [www.holyapostleschurch.com](http://www.holyapostleschurch.com)

**SUNDAY**

8:15 a.m. Orthros  
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Sunday School following Holy Communion)  
Memorials: Demetrios & Eleni Cotsirilos, Paul & Pauline Franks,  
Dean & Demetra Phelus, Gregorios Tolios  
Artoklasia: In honor of the work of our ministries in October-December of 2025  
11:30 a.m. Pot Luck Fellowship Hour: Thank you to everyone who contributed!  
40 Day Blessing: Anastasia Miranda and daughter, Sophia  
12:30 p.m. Baptism: Laurel, daughter of Justin and Jacqueline Marcinkowski  
Sponsor: Jonathan Mavros  
6:30 p.m. Sanctity of Life Prayer Service at St. Luke the Evangelist Orthodox Church

**TUESDAY**

4:30 p.m. Greek School  
7:00 p.m. GOYA Laser Tag Event

**WEDNESDAY**

10:00 a.m. TOTS  
7:00 p.m. Parish Family Ministry Meeting

**THURSDAY**

1:00 p.m. Bible Study  
4:30 p.m. Greek School

**FRIDAY**

8:00 a.m. Orthros  
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**SATURDAY**

10:00 a.m. Fifth Saturday Serve Day  
11:30 a.m. Baptism: Phoebe, daughter of James and Constantina Koustenis  
Sponsor: Anna Fisher  
5:00 p.m. Vespers

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**Epistle Reading – Hebrews 7:26 – 28; 8:1 – 2**

**Reader: Ellia Gryfakis**

**Gospel Reading – Luke 19:1 – 10**

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**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:** Our 1st grade class has front row seating this week, so please bring your child up to the front so the class can witness the Divine Liturgy up close. Next week the kindergarteners have their turn!

**New Payment Options:** Holy Apostles is now offering the option of electronic payments at the candle stand. We appreciate your generosity!

### **Resurrectional Apolytikion: Mode pl. 4**

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and consented to a three-day burial, to free us from the passions. O Lord, our life and resurrection, glory to You!

### **Απολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον: Ἡχος πλ. δ'.**

Ἐξ ὑψους κατῆλθες ὁ Εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφὴν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσῃς τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Ex ípsous katíldhes o Évsplanghnos; tafín katedéxo triímeron; ína imás elevtherósis ton pathón. I zoí ke i anástasis imón; Kýrie dóxa si.

### **The Epistle – Hebrews 7:26 – 28; 8:1 – 2**

Brethren, it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did this once for all when he offered up himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever. Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man but by the Lord.

### **The Gospel – Luke 19:1 – 10**

At that time, Jesus was passing through Jericho. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today.” So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold.” And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost.”



**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.

**Ministries Artoklasia:** Today's Artoklasia is to celebrate and pray for all Holy Apostles' ministries and to specifically recognize their outreach service projects from October through December 2025.

- **Parish Family Ministry:** Volunteered at the Westchester Food Pantry helping clients shop for food; made Veteran's Day bags for Holy Apostles' veterans and active military members; Stuffed Love project.
- **Missions/Philoptochos:** Project HOPE ongoing food collection donated to the Hillside Food Pantry.
- **Missions/Parish Family/Philoptochos:** Hosted a service project to assemble cold weather kits for Beds Plus clients.
- **GOYA:** Held a car wash to raise money to benefit SIRC and donated Christmas gifts to Cal's Angels for children with cancer.
- **Sunday School/GOYA/Jr. GOYA/Joy/Tots:** Collected food that was donated to the Westchester Food Pantry for their Thanksgiving food drive.
- **Philoptochos:** Collected food for the Hillside Food Pantry holiday food drive; collected/donated winter coats to local charities; established/replenished comfort closets with food, hygiene items, and children's winter coats for partner schools as part of the Operation Classroom initiative; volunteered at Feed My Starving Children; made sack lunches for the Metropolis Feed the Hungry program; shopped for and donated Christmas gifts for the Metropolitan Family Services Holiday Shoppe, residents of the Greek American Rehabilitation and Care Center, and for children affected by cancer through the Childhood Cancer Warrior/Adopt a Family program; collected winter hats, gloves, scarves and socks for People's Resource Center and Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans; held a blanket making day and donated them to Phil's Friends and the Metropolitan Family Services Holiday Shoppe; Pillars and Rocks senior visits; and volunteered at a Love Your Neighbor event. Financial donations were made to the Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation, The Faith Endowment and Ionian Village with proceeds from their annual fashion show. Other donations were made to: Poised for Success; the Metropolis of Chicago HCHC Scholarship Fund; Feed My Starving Children; and gift cards were purchased for Westchester Food Pantry clients and children at St. Basil's Academy.

Please join us &  
share with your friends.



OCCA CHICAGO PRESENTS A PAN-ORTHODOX  
**SANCTITY OF LIFE**

*Prayer Service*  
FOLLOWED BY RECEPTION AND PANEL DISCUSSION



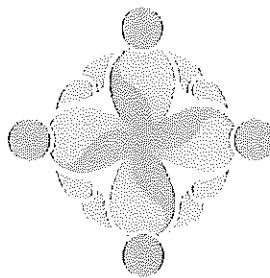
Guest Homilist:

**FR. NICHOLAS GREANIAS**

**SUNDAY**  
**25** January 2026 | **6:30PM**

AT SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST ORTHODOX CHURCH  
10700 S. KEAN AVENUE, PALOS HILLS, ILLINOIS 60465





**OVC**  
Orthodox Volunteer Corps

## **OVC SUNDAY – JANUARY 25**

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### **LIVE YOUR FAITH. SERVE FOR A YEAR.**

Orthodox Volunteer Corps (OVC) is a yearlong domestic service program for Orthodox young adults and an official Agency of the Assembly of Bishops. We offer young adults from across the country an immersive year of service in Pittsburgh and Boston, working at homeless shelters, after-school programs, free medical clinics, and more. In addition, Corps Members receive weekly formation & training in Orthodoxy and community-based leadership development, live in community with other Orthodox young adults, and engage local parishes. Housing, transportation, and food are 100% covered.

OVC began in Pittsburgh in 2022 and expanded to Boston in 2024. We invite you to give a gift and help us expand to more cities! Application deadline for Fall 2026 is February 19. Applicants must be 21-29 years old.

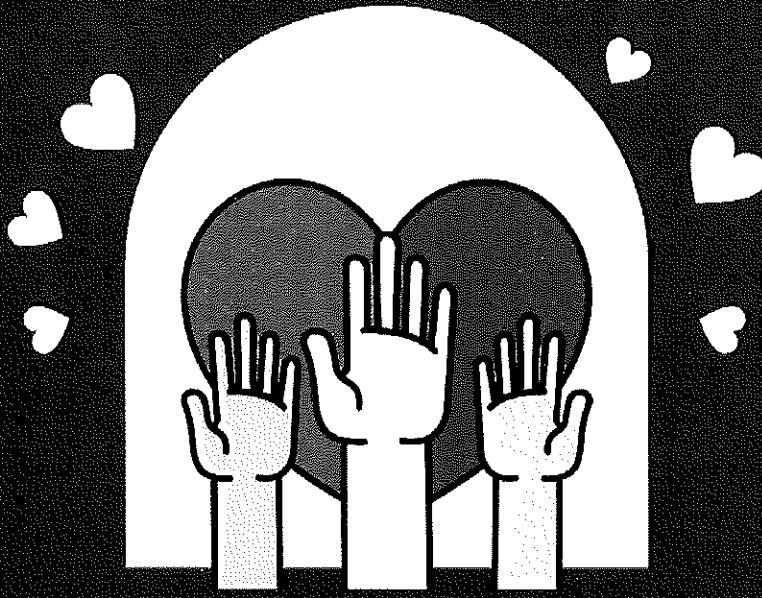
Scan the QR code to nominate a young adult, apply yourself, or give a gift today!



**LEARN MORE ABOUT OVC**

For more info email OVC staff Michael Sider-Rose and Kyra Limberakis at:

[info@orthodoxvolunteercorps.org](mailto:info@orthodoxvolunteercorps.org)



# Fifth Saturday Serve Day

Join the Parish Family Ministry in a service project.

Our next project:

**Sat, Jan 31st**

10:00 AM

We will be making  
chemo kits for

**The Wellness House**

In Hinsdale

Open for all ages.

No supplies needed, just come ready to work at the  
**Holy Apostles Multipurpose Room**

Questions?

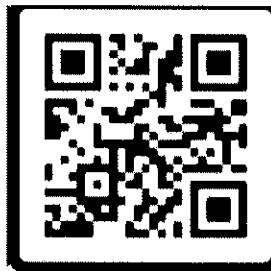
[parishfamily@holycatholicchurch.com](mailto:parishfamily@holycatholicchurch.com)

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>

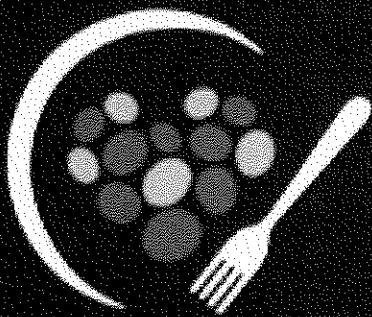


\$10 for ages 4 and older  
Free for ages 3 and younger

Catered by Greek Islands

Send Inquiries to:  
[Holyapostlesgodparentluncheon@gmail.com](mailto:Holyapostlesgodparentluncheon@gmail.com)

# HOLY APOSTLES VOLUNTEERS AT THE



## WESTCHESTER FOOD PANTRY

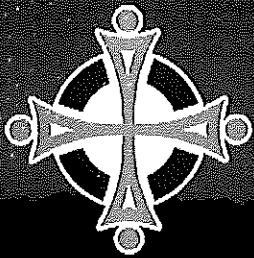
Saturday, February 7th  
8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Sign up deadline  
February 1st

Sign up with the link in your  
weekly email.

Questions?  
[parishfamily@holyapostleschurch.com](mailto:parishfamily@holyapostleschurch.com)





THE ASSEMBLY OF CANONICAL ORTHODOX BISHOPS  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS

# PEACE OF MIND

ONE DAY MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING  
ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE WORKING WITH YOUTH

MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE GENEROUS SUPPORT  
OF THE HELLENIC FOUNDATION  
NO COST TO PARTICIPATE!

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2026  
9 AM- 5 PM -VESPERS AT 5PM**

**STS. PETER AND PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH  
6980 S COUNTY LINE RD, BURR RIDGE, IL**

- **For clergy and laity working with Youth**
- Learn to recognize signs of a mental health challenge and how to interact with a person in crisis
- Become certified through a research/evidence based internationally recognized course
- Explore the connection between our Orthodox faith and mental health care

Go to [\*\*https://forms.office.com/r/bNeLF7zkRu\*\*](https://forms.office.com/r/bNeLF7zkRu) to register

Questions? Contact: [mjannakos@assemblyofbishops.org](mailto:mjannakos@assemblyofbishops.org)

[Learn more: assemblyofbishops.org/peaceofmind](http://assemblyofbishops.org/peaceofmind)

GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

# Learning to Live the Liturgy

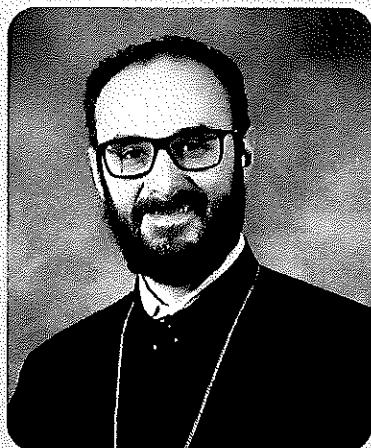


Saturday, February 7th | 10:00 AM - Noon

*An online workshop for Sunday Church School Teachers and Directors*

Join us for a morning of reflection and learning centered on the Divine Liturgy, thoughtfully designed for our Metropolis Religious Educators and enriched with resources and breakout sessions.

Our virtual presentation will open with a Prayer and Reflection on the Divine Liturgy by Rev. Father Sotirios Malamis, followed by guest speaker Jennifer Hock of Illumination Learning, who will also present on the Divine Liturgy as the work of the people and introduce a comprehensive PreK - High School Divine Liturgy curriculum, available in 2026.



REV. FATHER SOTIRIOS MALAMIS  
IERATIKOS PROISTAMENOS  
ASCENSION OF OUR LORD GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Register Here



JENNIFER HOCK  
CURRICULUM DEVELOPER  
ILLUMINATION LEARNING

# TRIVIA NIGHT

SAT FEB 7<sup>TH</sup>, 7:00 PM

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM

**\$10 PER PERSON**

HOLY APOSTLES MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

BYO DRINKS & SNACKS

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE  
WESTCHESTER FOOD PANTRY

SIGN UP THROUGH  
LINK IN WEEKLY EMAIL

[PARISHFAMILY@HOLYAPOSTLESCHURCH.COM](mailto:PARISHFAMILY@HOLYAPOSTLESCHURCH.COM)

Please join us for our  
**Philoptochos**  
**General Meeting**

Wednesday, February 18th at 6:30 pm  
Holy Apostles - Multi-purpose Room  
Refreshments & Appetizers will be served

**Special Guest Speaker**  
**Dr. Lena Nikolas MD**  
**Women's Health Through the Years**

Please RSVP by 2/13 to Aleka Ernst  
philotreasurer@holycrosschurch.com or (630) 561-1660

Please join our Philoptochos Chapter to continue  
its philanthropic missions -  
Online Membership registration link/QR code below

[www.tinyurl.com/haphilo2501](http://www.tinyurl.com/haphilo2501)

or



# SAVE THE DATE! MACARONATHA LUNCHEON

**Sunday, February 22nd  
following Divine Liturgy**

**Reservations  
Required!**

On behalf of the Holy Apostles Parish Council, please join us after the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, February 22nd for our 67th Annual Macaronatha Luncheon. As we begin Great Lent, let us nourish our souls and begin our efforts together as a church community with love and camaraderie. As always, your generous free will contributions are going to be donated to sending participants from Holy Apostles to Project Mexico.

## **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.**

**IN-PERSON:** In the Multi-Purpose Room after the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, January 25th, February 1st, February 8th, February 15th.

**PHONE, TEXT, EMAIL:** Contact Sandy Pihos, either by phone/text at **(630) 640-5811** or at **greeks1@gmail.com** stating your name, contact phone number, email address, the total number of people in your party and the names of any family you would like to be seated with. Put **RESERVATIONS** in the subject line.

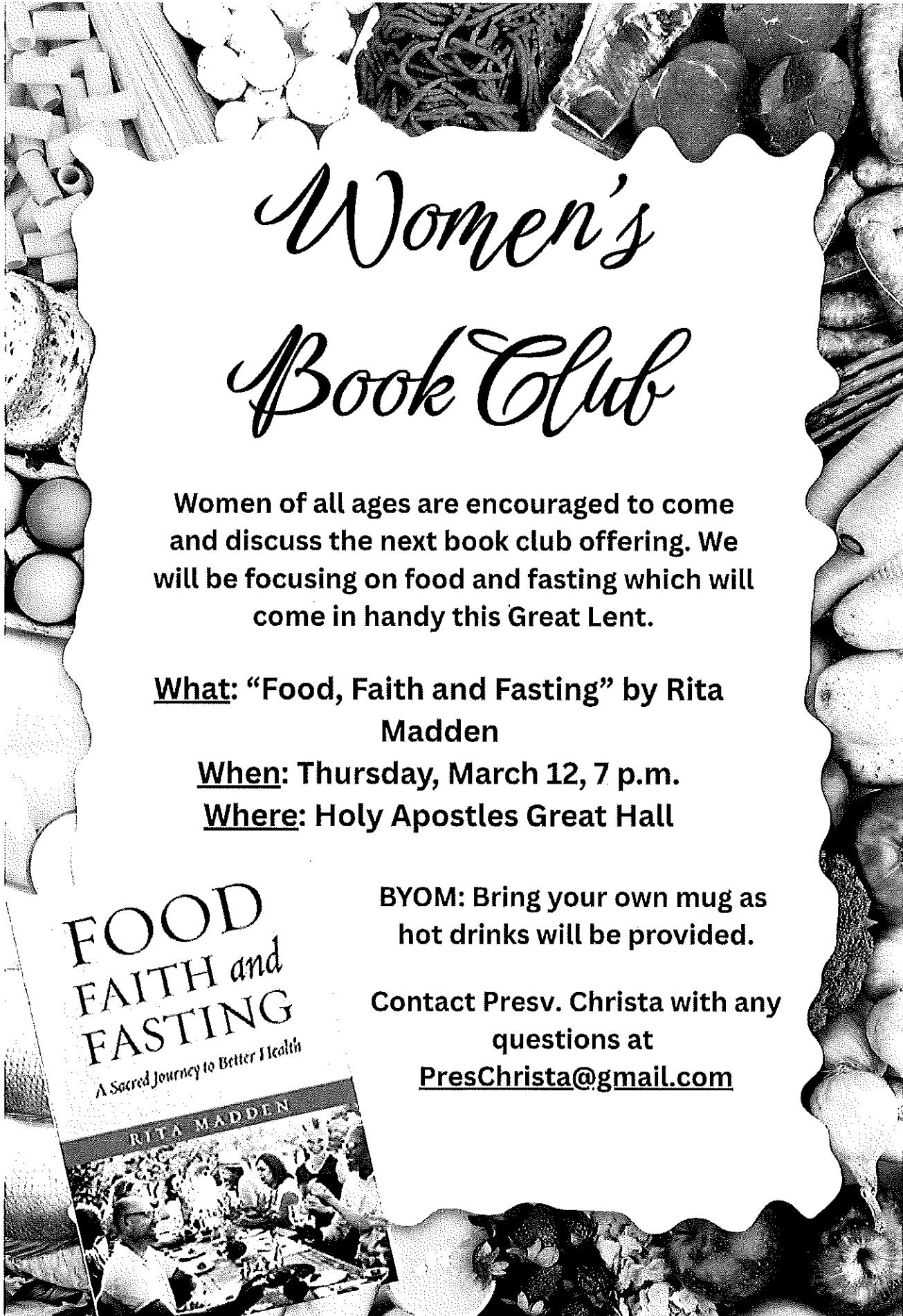
**VIA WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER:** Use the registration form provided in the Holy Apostles Weekly Newsletter and submit **ALL** the required information, including the specific names of families you want to sit with. Make sure to fill in all the spaces, especially names and contact information.

**ONLINE:** Visit: <https://form.jotform.com/holy.apostles.westchester.il/2026-macaronatha-luncheon-reservati>

**RESERVATION DEADLINE:  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18th**



**Scan to register**



# Women's Book Club

Women of all ages are encouraged to come and discuss the next book club offering. We will be focusing on food and fasting which will come in handy this Great Lent.

**What:** "Food, Faith and Fasting" by Rita Madden

**When:** Thursday, March 12, 7 p.m.

**Where:** Holy Apostles Great Hall

FOOD  
FAITH and  
FASTING

*A Sacred Journey to Better Health*

RITA MADDEN

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

Contact Presv. Christa with any questions at

[PresChrista@gmail.com](mailto:PresChrista@gmail.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

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## Sermon Notes

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