

Weekly Bulletin

March 22, 2026

Sunday of St. John Climacus

SUNDAY

8:15 a.m. Orthros
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Sunday School following Holy Communion)
Memorials: Eleni Stoneman, Panagiotti (Peter) Orfanos, Dimitri (Jim) Kleronomos,
Victoria Zarvali, Marika & Peter Xinos
Fellowship Hour: Hosted by the Magas and Petropoulos Families: In memory of
Marika and Peter Xinos
40 Day Blessing: Christina Ionides and son Eliot
11:45 a.m. Sunday School Staff Meeting

MONDAY

6:00 p.m. Great Compline

TUESDAY

4:30 p.m. Greek School
7:00 p.m. Neighborhood Bible Study - LaGrange

WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. Orthros
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
10:00 a.m. TOTS
6:00 p.m. Great Vespers

THURSDAY

6:45 a.m. Brotherhood of St. Peter the Apostle
1:00 p.m. Bible Study
4:30 p.m. Greek School Independence Day Program
7:30 p.m. YAL Bible Study

FRIDAY

7:00 p.m. Akathist Hymn with Archbishop Elpidophoros
Special Reception: Hosted by Philoptochos and Parish Council

SATURDAY

4:00 p.m. Open Confession
5:00 p.m. Vespers

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Sunday School Staff Meeting

MARCH 23

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MARCH 24

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MARCH 25: ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS

Orthros

Divine Liturgy

TOTS

Great Vespers

MARCH 26

Brotherhood of St. Peter the Apostle

Bible Study

Greek School Independence Day Program

YAL Bible Study

MARCH 27

Akathist Hymn with Archbishop Elpidophoros

Hosted by Philoptochos and Parish Council

MARCH 28

Open Confession

Vespers

Epistle Reading – Hebrews 6:13-20 Reader: Ellie Markos

Gospel Reading – Mark 9: 17-31

Sunday School: The kindergarteners should come sit in the front row for liturgy this morning.

Parish Council News: Please help us welcome George Checopoulos as our newest Parish Council member. We look forward to working with him and the energy and expertise he will bring to our Council.

Potluck Lenten Coffee Hour: On Sunday, March 29th, we will be holding a Potluck Lenten Coffee Hour. Please sign up on the Jotform to participate. Once you sign up, Sandy Pihos will email you a list of Lenten foods or choose something of your choice. You can contact Sandy at greeks1@gmail.com or (630)640-5811.

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!

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον ᾠχος πλ. δ´.

Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ Εὐσπλαγγνος, ταφὴν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

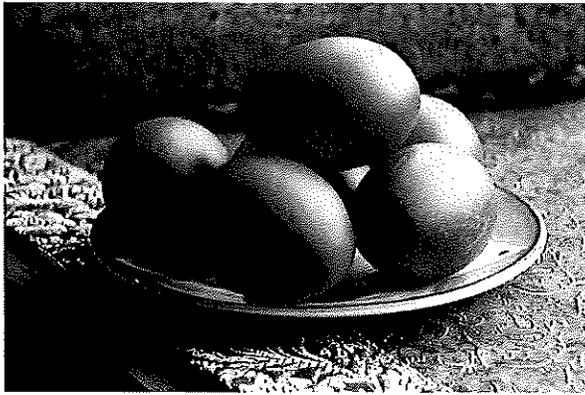
Ex ipsius katíthles o Évsplanghnos; tafin katedéxo triímeron; ína imás elevtherósis ton pathón. I zo-í ke i anástasis imón, Kýrie dóxa si.

The Epistle – Hebrews 6:13-20

Brethren, when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore to himself, saying, “Surely I will bless you and multiply you.” And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by a greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he interposed with an oath, so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

The Gospel – Mark 9: 17-31

At that time, a man came to Jesus kneeling and saying: “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit; and wherever it seizes him it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” And he answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.” And they brought the boy to him; and when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, “How long has he had this?” And he said, “From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you can do anything, have pity on us and help us.” And Jesus said to him, “If you can! All things are possible to him who believes.” Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!” And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again.” And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, “He is dead.” But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting.” They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he would not have any one know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise.”



Red Eggs for Pascha: Philoptochos is once again asking parishioners to donate red eggs so that they may be wrapped in tulle for distribution at our Anastasi and Agape Easter services. Please bring boiled, unrefrigerated red eggs to the multi-purpose room no later than Holy Friday morning. (April 10). The eggs will be wrapped in tulle after the Royal Hours service on Holy Friday morning. All parishioners are welcome to assist with the wrapping.

Coffee Hour Hosts/Helpers Needed: Grab your family, friends, and koumbari and sign up together to help with wonderful ministry! Hosting instructions and the sign up are found with the QR code. There are many upcoming dates that are open.



Project Mexico: We hope that many of you have been inspired by the information being distributed about Project Mexico and will consider joining the team. This is a life changing experience that we hope you will consider. Continuing donations are greatly appreciated in order to cover some expenses for the team. Please feel free to donate in cash, leave or send a check with PROJECT MEXICO in the memo line to the church office: 2501 Wolf Road, Westchester, Illinois 60154 or donate online.

Fanari Scholarships Available: Fanari Summer Camp sign up is open and spots are filling up fast! This is a wonderful opportunity to engage Orthodox Christian youth in an exciting, Christ-centered camp experience that brings them closer to God, the Church, and their community. Families registering for Fanari Camp this year who need financial assistance should note that, in addition to applying for a camp grant, the Holy Apostles Philoptochos Society awards scholarships each year to two campers. Scholarship consideration is handled directly through the camper's registration with Fanari Camp.

Junior Olympics: May 23 & 24! Holy Apostles had a great showing last year with fun memories made and a lot of medals won! We are currently starting the planning of this event.

- **Coaches Needed:** We are looking for people who are willing to be coaches for our team sports: basketball, softball, soccer, and volleyball. If you are interested, please contact Andrea San Luis at athletics@holyapostleschurch.com.
- **Activities Available:** The official list of activities is not out yet. Typical activities offered include the team sports listed above, tennis, track and field, swimming, table tennis, and a few board games. These events are open to children ages 7-18, with a 10K run available to adults. Sign ups will be available soon!

HOLY APOSTLES GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Join us!



JOIN US ON FRIDAY, MARCH 27TH AT 7:00 PM
FOR THE AKATHIST HYMN WITH
ARCHBISHOP ELPIDOPHOROS,
METROPOLITAN NATHANAEL, AND
BISHOP-ELECT DIONYSIOS.

Special Reception to follow.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2026

Lazurus Saturday, April 4

8:00 AM Orthros | 9:00 AM Divine
Liturgy
5:00 PM—Vespers

Palm Sunday, April 5

8:15 AM Orthros | 9:30 AM Divine
Liturgy
7:00 PM—Bridegroom Service

Holy Monday, April 6

9:00 AM—Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
7:00 PM—Bridegroom Service

Holy Tuesday, April 7

9:00 AM—Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
7:00 PM—Bridegroom Service

Holy Wednesday, April 8

10:00 AM—Holy Unction 3:30 PM—Holy Unction
7:00 PM—Orthros of Holy Thursday/ Annoting

Holy Thursday, April 9

6:30 AM—Vesperal Divine Liturgy
7:00 PM—Service of the Twelve Holy Gospels

Holy Friday, April 10

9:00 AM—Royal Hours
3:00 PM—Apokathelosis/Taking Down from the Cross
7:00 PM—Lamentations/Orthros of Holy Saturday

Holy Saturday, April 11

9:00 AM—First Resurrection Vesperal Divine Liturgy
11:00 PM—Resurrection Service/Paschal Divine Liturgy

Great and Holy Pascha, April 12

11:00 AM Agape Vespers



Palm Folding

& Fellowship

Wednesday April 1st,

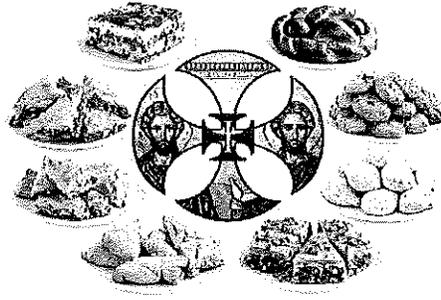
2:00-3:30 pm

Lenten Snacks provided!

Sign up in weekly email or scan the QR code



Questions? parishfamily@holypostleschurch.com



Holy Apostles Philoptochos Drive-by Easter Food Sale!

ORDER BY MARCH 25

Order online www.tinyurl.com/haphilo2501
or today at Coffee Hour



Pickup is Saturday, April 4 between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM
at Holy Apostles Church (you don't even have to get out of the car!)

KOULOURAKIA (homemade)	1 DOZEN	\$10
KOURAMBIEDES (homemade)	1 DOZEN	\$10
BAKLAVA (homemade)	1/2 DOZEN	\$15
MELOMAKARONA (from Zorba's)	1 DOZEN	\$15
TSOUREKI (from Zorba's)	1.5 LBS	\$15

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Anagnos at kanagnos1@gmail.com or (312) 305-1116.

«Proceeds benefit Operation Classroom Initiative»



EASTER LAMBATHES SALE

Purchase your decorated Easter
Lambathes after Sunday liturgies
3/15 thru 4/5 and following
Holy Unction services on Holy
Wednesday, April 8th

Candles are \$15 each and make
beautiful gifts for children/
godchildren

Cash - check - online

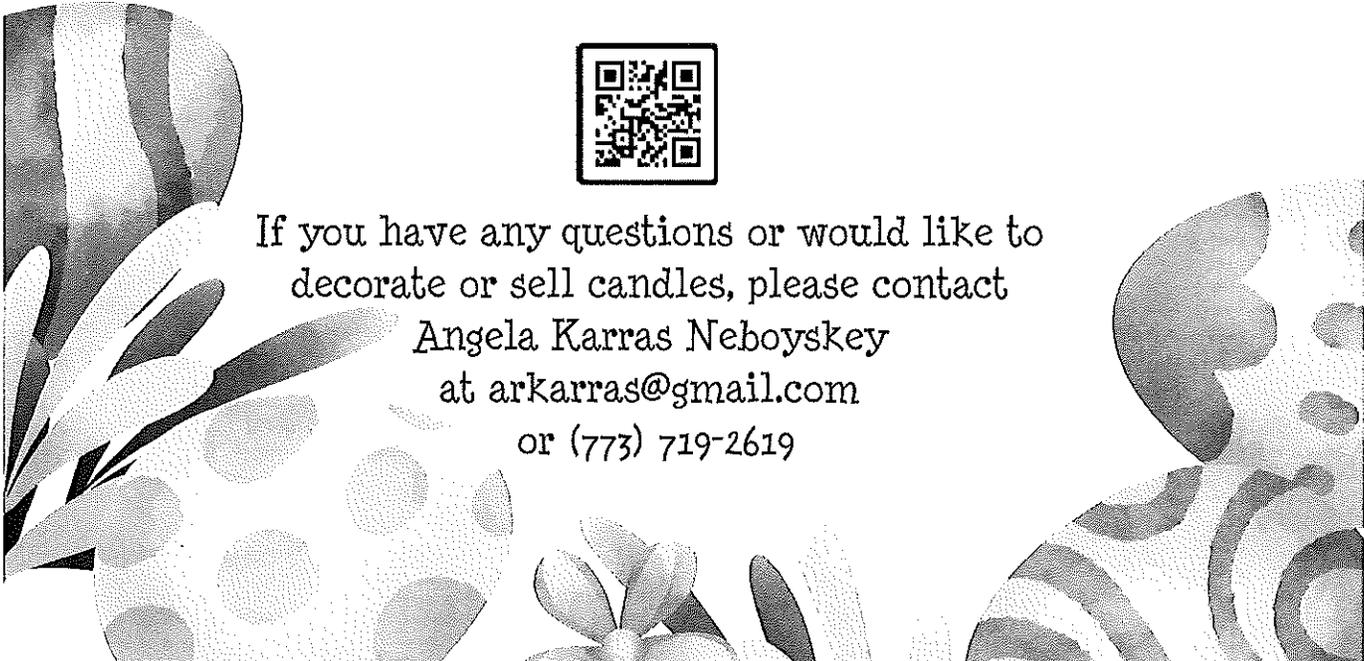
www.tinyurl.com/haphilo2501



If you have any questions or would like to
decorate or sell candles, please contact

Angela Karras Neboyskey
at arkarras@gmail.com

or (773) 719-2619



Memorial Luminaria

If you would like to honor a loved one with a luminary on Holy Friday, please submit your names by Sunday, March 29 using the QR code below, the link in the weekly email, our website, or the sign-up sheet in the multipurpose room after Divine Liturgy on Sundays beginning March 1st.

This year, all proceeds will be donated to the Cardinal Bernardin Cancer Center in memory of Elaine Katzioris.



Good Friday

Retreat

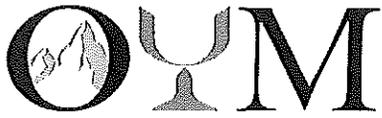
All children in Pre-k (age3) through 5th grade are welcome to join us for our Annual Holy Friday Retreat on April 10th. We will begin after Royal Hours, at 10:45 AM and will end at 2:15 PM. All ages of volunteers are welcome! Anyone in 6th through 12th grade are encouraged to sign up to help with flowers, candles, eggs, and more! Any questions or if you need a note excusing you from school, please email Alexa at youthdirector@holypostleschurch.com

Please RSVP via QR Code:



Outdoor Orthodoxy

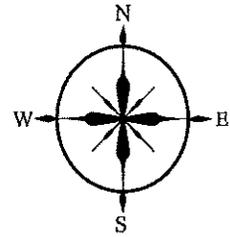
An Initiative of Orthodox Youth & Young Adult Ministries (OYM)



An Orthodox Outdoor Ministry that invites families to step away from the noise and distractions of daily life and enter into the rhythm of prayer, presence, and pilgrimage.

A Hike with the Saints

Join us for a **Prayer Hike** where children learn about powerful stories of saints who prayed outdoors!



Use QR Code to Register
or email Chicagoland
Ministry Support
Coordinator, Peter Savas
at psavas@theoym.org



Schiller Woods South

(W. Irving Park Rd just east of River Rd)



Saturday, Mar. 28th

10:00-11:00am



Families

with children ages 5-12



Please Bring:

water bottle, proper shoes,
layers as needed



www.theoym.org/outdoor-orthodoxy

Scan the QR Codes to get the **hike location** sent directly to your maps:

Apple
Maps:



Google
Maps:



"The heavens declare the glory of God." (Psalm 19:1)



TRAVEL WITH US

CHANGE A LIFE

PROJECT MEXICO

JULY 16 - 22, 2026

Building Homes. Transforming Lives. Serving Christ.

Project Mexico and St. Innocent Orphanage is an Orthodox Christian nonprofit dedicated to transforming lives through service, shelter, and faith. Since 1988 they have built 450+ homes for impoverished families in Mexico and provided loving care, education, and spiritual guidance to orphaned and vulnerable children.

Homebuilding is more than just construction, it's a life-changing experience. A team of Holy Apostles parishioners will travel to Northern Mexico, to build a safe and secure home for an impoverished family. The home is built entirely with volunteer labor. No prior construction experience necessary. You will be housed in tents on a campground on the property shared with the St Innocent Orphanage.

The trip is open to:

- Parishioners of Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church
- Individual participants should be 18 years of age or older
- Participants between 12-17 years must be accompanied by a parent or guardian
- Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) college chapter
- Mission-minded families and individuals

Thania Panopoulos (tdpanopoulos@gmail.com) and Norm Pomrening (pomrening@comcast.com) will co-lead the team on this transformational journey. We encourage young adults to participate. Check out projectmexico.org.

The cost to participate in a Project Mexico Home Building Project is \$900 per person. This cost includes building materials, three meals per day, tools, supplies, staffing and other costs necessary to sustain the program. Additionally, participants are responsible for their roundtrip flight from Chicago to San Diego.

Holy Apostles will be supporting this trip through free will contributions from parishioners. Money raised for this trip will be applied to the associated costs. Net proceeds from the Macaronatha Luncheon, February 22nd, will help defray some expenses for the Project Mexico team.

If you are interested in being a Project Mexico participant, or have questions, please click on the jot form link. We invite you to donate to this very important mission work where the Holy Apostles community, collectively, can make such profound impact.

I'M INTERESTED



form.jotform.com/220614299323151

**I'D LIKE TO DONATE
TO PROJECT MEXICO**



secure.myvanco.com/L-ZADA/campaign/C-13R4P



SPRING BREAK

AT THE NATIONAL HELLENIC MUSEUM



GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY FAMILY EVENT



THURSDAY, MARCH 26
11:00 AM | AT THE NHM

A GREEK MYTH TO WELCOME SPRING FAMILY EVENT



FRIDAY, MARCH 27
11:00 AM | AT THE NHM

EGGS ACROSS CULTURES & MUSEUM EASTER EGG HUNT

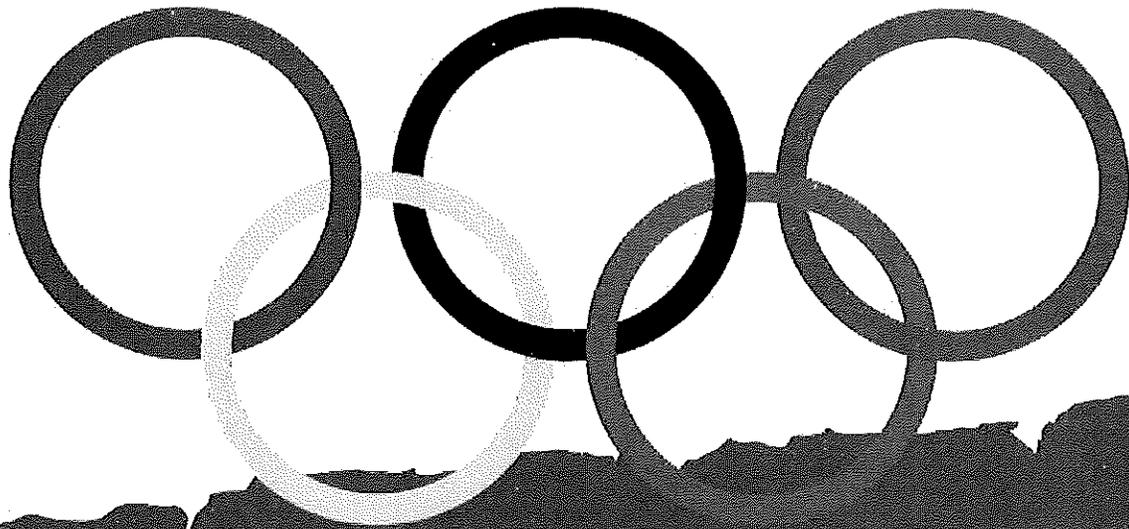
SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026 | 10:30 AM | AT THE NHM

In collaboration with the Ukrainian National Museum, Children and families will explore how different cultures decorate Easter eggs, learn the stories behind the symbolic significance, and move around the world to learn from each culture. Then participate in a Museum wide Easter Egg Hunt! Search among the exhibits for Greek traditional red eggs.



EVENTS ARE \$10/NHM MEMBER FAMILY &
\$15/NON-MEMBER FAMILY. SIGN UP AT:

<https://nationalhellenicmuseum.org/at-the-museum/>



SAVE THE DATE

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

MAY 23 & 24

SS. CONSTANTINE & HELEN
PALOS HILLS, IL

AGES 7-18

REGISTRATION COMING SOON

O Monoyenis Yios – Hymn of Justinian

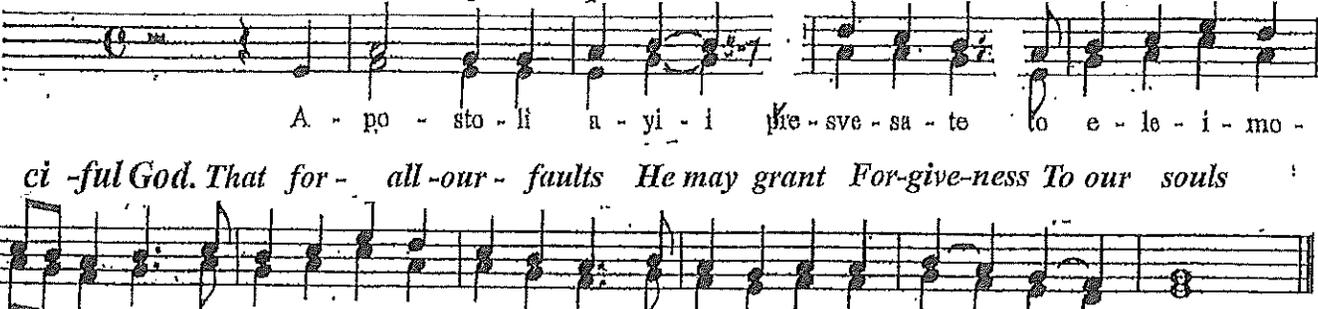
Only begotten Son and Logos of God, being immortal.
You condescended for our salvation to take flesh from the
Holy Theotokos and ever virgin Mary, and without change became man.
Christ our God, You were crucified and conquered death by death.
Being one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit.
Save Us.

Apostoli Agii

Anastassion

Voice

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



A - po - sto - li a - yi - i ke - 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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