

# **Weekly Bulletin**

**April 19, 2026**

**Thomas Sunday**

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**SUNDAY**

8:15 a.m. Orthros  
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Sunday School following Holy Communion)  
Fellowship Hour: Hosted by the Dragana and Costa Magas Family  
2:00 a.m. Greek Independence Parade

**TUESDAY**

4:30 p.m. Greek School: Grandparents Day with koulourakia  
6:15 p.m. JOY

**WEDNESDAY**

10:00 a.m. TOTS  
4:00 p.m. Ellinomatheia

**THURSDAY**

6:45 a.m. Brotherhood of St. Peter the Apostle  
8:00 a.m. Orthros  
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
1:00 p.m. Bible Study  
4:30 p.m. Greek School  
7:30 p.m. YAL Bible Study

**SATURDAY**

8:00 a.m. Orthros  
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
11:00 a.m. Baptism: Carmen, son of Griffin Peterson and Katherine McConachie  
Sponsor: Maggie Demopoulos  
5:00 p.m. Vespers

**APRIL 19: SUNDAY OF ST. THOMAS**

**APRIL 21**

**APRIL 22**

**APRIL 23: FEAST DAY OF ST. GEORGE**

**APRIL 25: FEAST DAY OF ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST**

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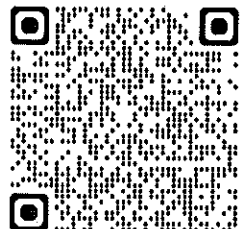
**Epistle Reading: Acts 5:12-20      Reader: Madeline Kubesh**  
**Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31**

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**A few notes from Sunday School:**

- 4th/5th grade class is sitting in the front row today, and 3rd grade will next week.
- April 26 is Youth Proclaim Christ Sunday
- April 26 the Youth in the Loft will be singing
- May 17 is the last day of Sunday School

**From the Parish Council:** Thank you to everyone who has already filled out the Parish Council Feedback Survey. If you have not yet done so, please help us evaluate our work by scanning the QR code and answering the questions. **The survey is completely anonymous and your email address is NOT recorded with your responses.** You can also reach out to the church office at (708) 562-2744 to request a printed copy. The results will be discussed at the Parish Assembly Meeting in May.



### **Apolytikion**

The tomb being sealed, You rose from the sepulcher, O Christ God, the Life. And the doors being shut, You came to the disciples, O resurrection of all. Through them You renew a right spirit within us, according to Your great mercy.

### **Ἀπολυτίκιον**

Ἐσφραγισμένου τοῦ μνήματος, ἡ ζωὴ ἐκ τάφου ἀνέτειλας Χριστέ ὁ Θεός· καὶ τῶν θυρῶν κεκλεισμένων, τοῖς Μαθηταῖς ἐπέστης, ἡ πάντων ἀνάστασις· Πνεῦμα εὐθὲς δι' αὐτῶν ἐγκαινίζων ἡμῖν, κατὰ τὸ μέγα σου ἔλεος.

Esfragisménu tu mnímatos, i zo-í ek táfu anétilas, Hristé o Theós. Ke ton thirón keklisménon, tis Mathités epéstis, i pánton anástasis. Pnévma efthés di' aftón, eghenízón imin, kata to méga su éleos.

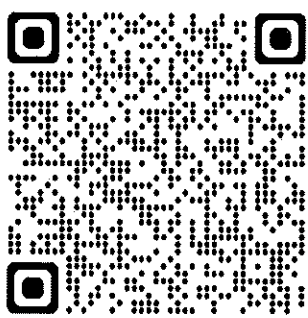
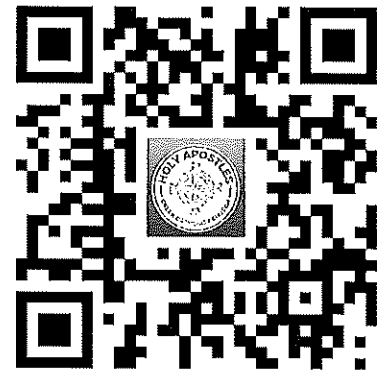
### **The Epistle – Acts 5:12-20**

In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

### **The Gospel – John 20:19-31**

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe." Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

**PushPay is our new electronic payment system:** Like some other churches in our diocese, we have adopted PushPay as a new, more user friendly electronic payment system. You can pay for candles, tray donations, stewardship, and more with one time or recurring payments. It will initially require your name, email and phone number, but this will not be required for future payments. More features will be unveiled in the near future. **Please scan the QR code to the right** to make a payment. Please reach out to the office with any questions: [office@holyapostleschurch.com](mailto:office@holyapostleschurch.com).



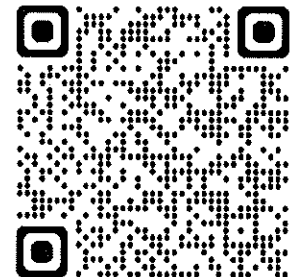
### **Sign up for Junior Olympics by May 1!**

Holy Apostles had a great showing last year with fun memories made and a lot of medals won! For those who are not familiar, this is a Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago event that occurs over the **Memorial Day weekend**, with competition opportunities for kids aged 7-18 ranging from team sports, individual sports, and board games. It is a

great opportunity for fellowship and exercise to jump start the summer season. Please sign up here! Reach out to the athletic director with any questions at [athletics@holyapostleschurch.com](mailto:athletics@holyapostleschurch.com).



**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 to be part of this life changing experience. Continuing donations are greatly appreciated in order to cover some expenses for the team. You can donate with a check made out to Holy Apostles with "Project Mexico" in the memo line, or online with the PushPay QR code above.



**Westchester Food Pantry Volunteers Needed:** Sign up to volunteer with a team from Holy Apostles on Saturday, May 2nd from 8:30am - 12:00pm. Sign up by scanning the QR code. Have questions? Email us at [parishfamily@holyapostleschurch.com](mailto:parishfamily@holyapostleschurch.com).



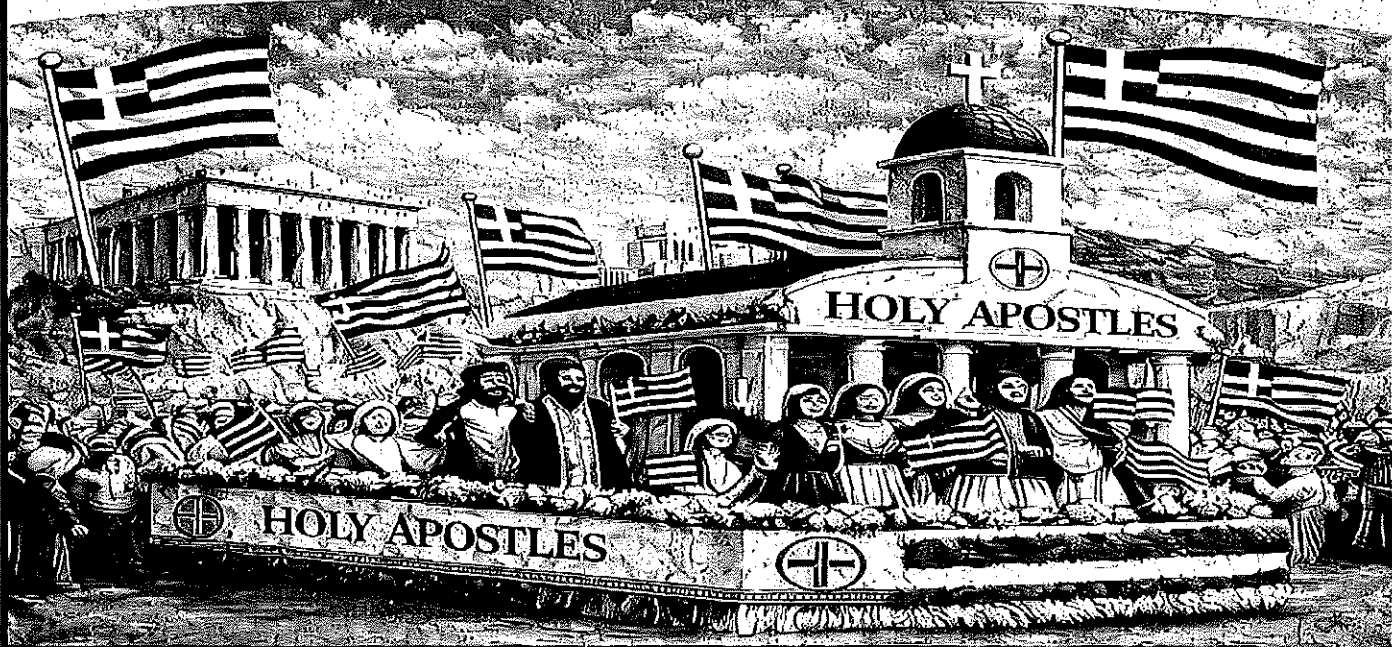
### **Poised for Success Clothing Drive:**

Philoptochos will be collecting new or gently used professional/business casual clothing **May 3-17** for Poised for Success. We are accepting dresses, pant suits, blazers, cardigans, pants, blouses, jewelry, handbags, shoes, belts and winter items (coats, scarves, gloves). **ALL ITEMS MUST BE CLEAN, IN NEW CONDITION AND ON HANGERS.**

# COME MARCH WITH US

## April 19th

### Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church



Join our Holy Apostles community as we march all together to celebrate Hellenism, our faith, and the spirit of 1821 on

April 19th for the

## GREEK INDEPENDENCE PARADE

All are invited to march with us!

#### WHAT TO WEAR

- Blue & white attire
- Traditional Greek costumes
- Holy Apostles gear

#### WHAT TO BRING

- Greek flags 
- Your loudest OPA!

♀ Meeting Spot: S Halsted St & Washington by 2 PM

🚗 UIC FREE PARKING @ 760 W Taylor St • 11AM-5PM

After we are done marching, enjoy the rest of the parade, the AGORA market 12-6, & eat before or after in Greektown.

We are so excited for you to come march with us!

We are a big church & should have a big presence!

Any questions: Tia Angelos 312-504-8427

# PILLARS + ROCKS

**Seniors, please join us at Koukla's Kafenio!**

**Date:** Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 12:00pm – 3:00pm

**Place:** Holy Apostles multi-purpose room

**For:** Lunch and Entertainment



***Live Greek Music!***



Grecian Formula, Chicago's Premier Greek Band  
will perform all your favorites!

**RSVP by April 23<sup>rd</sup> to Cathy Magas (630) 941-8448**

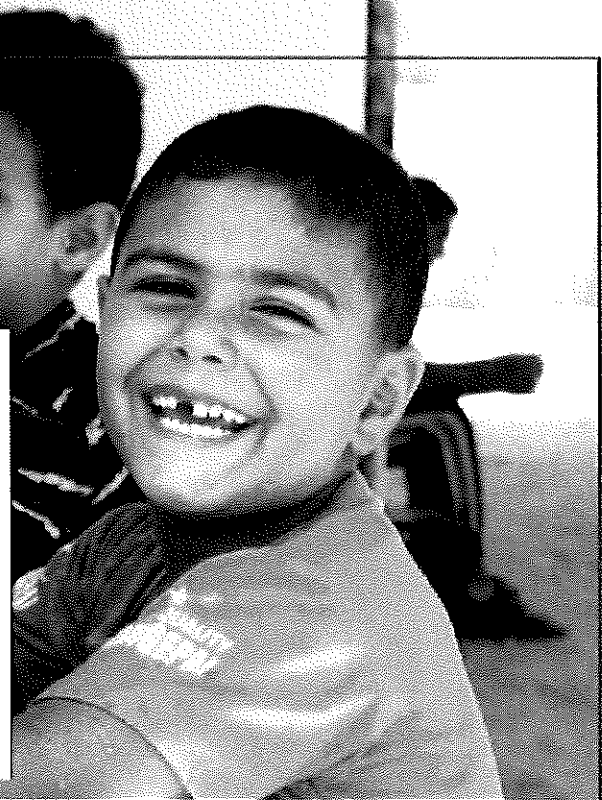
We will be collecting items for the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans.

If you'd like to donate, the following items are needed:

Toiletries, hand soap, bars of soap, body wash, deodorant, toothpaste, etc.

SAVE THE DATE

Holy Apostles has purchased a table of 10 for this event. If you'd like to attend, please write a check for \$125 per person, payable to Holy Apostles, and send or bring it to the office by Friday, April 24.



JOIN US FOR OUR  
**34TH ANNUAL IOCC  
CHICAGO GRAND BANQUET**

Thursday, May 7, 2026

Cocktails 6:00 pm | Dinner 7:00 pm

**EMPRESS BANQUETS**

*200 E Lake Street, Addison, IL 60101*

Please join us for an amazing evening of fellowship and learn how your generosity helps those in need in places like Greece, the Holy Land, Ukraine, and right here in the US. Please consider contributing to IOCC by becoming an IOCC Banquet Benefactor, Sponsor, Patron, or Friend.

\$125 per person | \$1,250 per table

*RSVP by Friday, April 24*



Register at [ioccc.org/Chicago](https://ioccc.org/Chicago)



SCAN ME

The fair market value (FMV) for each ticket is \$70. Only the portion of the payment that exceeds the FMV is deductible as a charitable contribution.

# O Monoyenis Yios – Hymn of Justinian

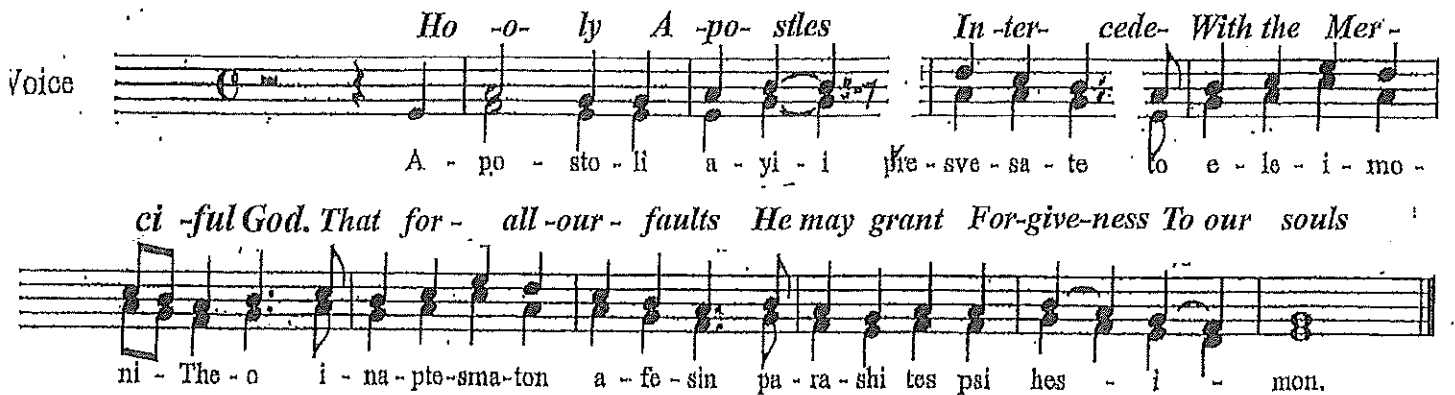
Only begotten Son and Logos of God, being immortal.  
You condescended for our salvation to take flesh from the  
Holy Theotokos and ever virgin Mary, and without change became man.  
Christ our God, You were crucified and conquered death by death.  
Being one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the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

## Apostoli Agii

Anastassiou

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Voice



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## Sermon Notes

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