

Weekly Bulletin

April 5, 2026

Palm Sunday

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SUNDAY

* 8:15 a.m.

* 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hour:

7:00 p.m.

MONDAY

9:00 a.m.

* 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY

9:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

10:00 a.m.

3:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

6:30 a.m.

* 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

* 3:00 p.m.

* 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY

* 9:00 a.m.

* 11:00 p.m.

APRIL 5: PALM SUNDAY

Orthros

Divine Liturgy (Sunday School following Holy Communion)

Hosted by The Willsey, Conforti, Colie & Sorensen Families

Bridegroom Service

APRIL 6: HOLY MONDAY

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy

Bridegroom Service

APRIL 7: HOLY TUESDAY

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy

Bridegroom Service

Choir Rehearsal

APRIL 8: HOLY WEDNESDAY

Holy Unction

Holy Unction

Orthros of Holy Thursday with anointing at the end

APRIL 9: HOLY THURSDAY

Vesperal Divine Liturgy

Service of the Twelve Gospels

APRIL 10: GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY

Royal Hours of Pascha

Philoptochos Red Egg Wrapping

Youth Holy Friday Retreat

Taking Christ down from the Cross

Lamentations

APRIL 11: HOLY SATURDAY

First Resurrection Vesperal Divine Liturgy

Resurrection Service and Paschal Divine Liturgy

Epistle Reading – Philippians 4:4-9

Gospel Reading – John 12:1 – 18

*Indicates service will be livestreamed. Please see the Weekly Email or visit our website holyapostleschurch.com for the link to the YouTube Channel.

Notes for Holy Week and Pascha:

- 1) We invite our parish family to contribute to our Paschal fellowship by bringing **koularakia** any time during Holy Week to be shared at our **coffee hour on Holy Saturday night**.
- 2) We kindly ask everyone to be mindful of those seeking a place to sit during busy Holy Week services. Please **move all the way into the pews and make space along the aisles**, allowing others to be seated more easily. Thank you for your consideration of others!
- 3) **Please bring your Pascha Baskets to the midnight Resurrection Service** and place them on the table up front to be blessed. You can place anything in the baskets that we have been fasting from, such as meats, cheeses, chocolates, etc. Then join us in the Multipurpose Room after the Midnight Liturgy for sharing and fellowship!

Apolytikion Mode 1.

To confirm the general resurrection before Your Passion, You resurrected Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God. Therefore imitating the children, carrying the symbols of victory, we cry out to You the Victor over death: "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are You, the One, who comes in the name of the Lord."

Ἀναστάσιμον Ἦχος α΄.

Τὴν κοινὴν Ἀνάστασιν πρὸ τοῦ σοῦ Πάθους πιστούμενος, ἐκ νεκρῶν ἤγειρας τὸν Λάζαρον, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός· ὅθεν καὶ ἡμεῖς ὡς οἱ Παῖδες, τὰ τῆς νίκης σύμβολα φέροντες, σοὶ τῷ Νικητῇ τοῦ θανάτου βοῶμεν· Ὡσαννά ἐν τοῖς ὑψίστοις, εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος, ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου.

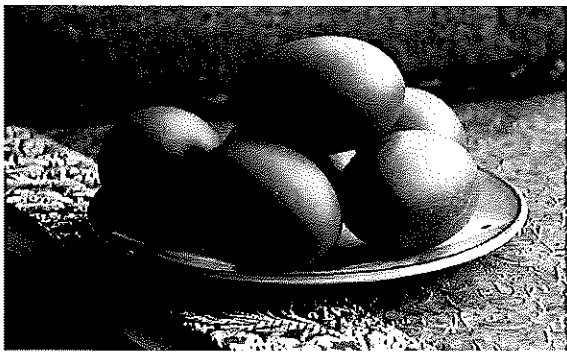
Tín kinín Anástasin pro tu su Páthus pistúmenos, ek nekrón íyiras ton Lázaron, Christé o Theós· óthen ke imís os i Pées, ta tis níkis símvola férondes, soi to Nikití tu thanátu voómen· Osanná en tis ipsístis, evloyiménos o erchómenos, en onómati Kyríu.

The Epistle – Philippians 4:4-9

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

The Gospel – John 12:1 – 18

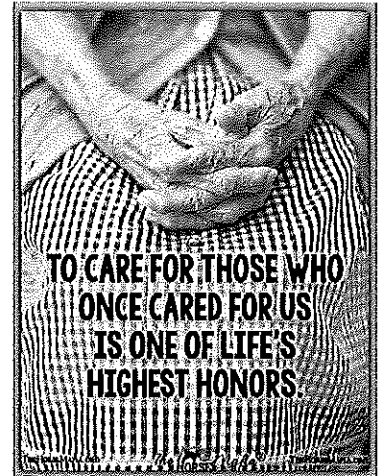
Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.



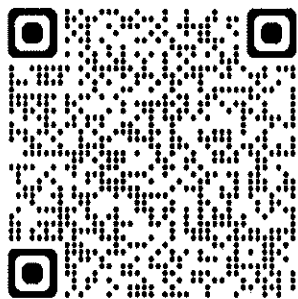
Red Eggs for Pascha: Philoptochos is once again asking parishioners to donate red eggs so that they may be wrapped in tulle for distribution at our Anastasi and Agape Easter services. Please bring boiled, unrefrigerated red eggs to the multi-purpose room no later than Holy Friday morning. (April 10).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

Caregivers Support Group: Please join us on Tuesday, April 14th at 1:00 pm in the Philoptochos Room. Please contact Kathy Steffenson at gksteff@gmail.com or Val Dranias at valdranias@aol.com with any questions. We hope you will join us.

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. Please see the flyer for how you can donate.



Sign up for Junior Olympics! 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, Andrea San Luis, with any questions at athletics@holypostleschurch.com.

Therapy Dog Service Available: Andrea San Luis, who works part time in the church office, and her dog, Yogi Bear are a certified Therapy Team with Alliance of Therapy Dogs. This is a free service where they visit people who could use the comfort from spending time with a calm dog. Yogi Bear is a medium sized hypoallergenic dog. He has experience visiting with children, people with disabilities, nursing homes residents, and people with dementia. Not all situations are eligible for visits, but if you are interested in learning more, please contact the church office.



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.

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TO PAY FOR:

- CANDLES
- TRAY DONATIONS
- PASCHA OFFERING
- 2026 STEWARDSHIP



PUSHPAY IS A NEW PAYMENT PLATFORM FOR HOLY APOSTLES (ALSO USED AT ST. NECTARIOS AND ASCENSION GOC). OUR CURRENT SYSTEM (VANCO) IS STILL FULLY FUNCTIONAL. NO CHANGES ARE REQUIRED IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY MAKING PAYMENTS THROUGH VANCO. PLEASE EMAIL US WITH ANY QUESTIONS

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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

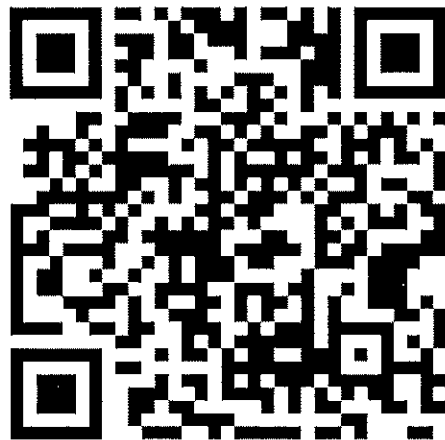
11:00 AM Agape Vespers

Good Friday

Retreat

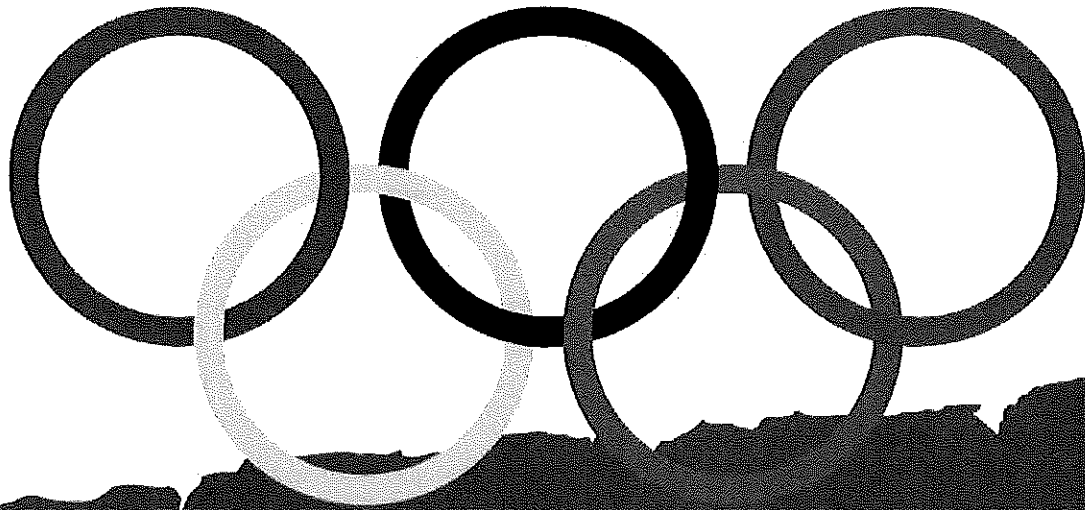
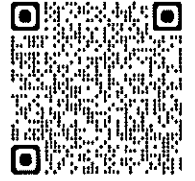
All children in Pre-k (age 3) through 5th grade are welcome to join us for our Annual Holy Friday Retreat on April 10th. We will begin after Royal Hours, at 10:45 AM and will end at 2:15 PM. All ages of volunteers are welcome! Anyone in 6th through 12th grade are encouraged to sign up to help with flowers, 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:





REGISTER HERE!



SAVE THE DATE

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

MAY 23 & 24

SS. CONSTANTINE & HELEN
PALOS HILLS, IL

AGES 7-18



POISED FOR SUCCESS CLOTHING DRIVE



Philoptochos will be collecting
new or gently used
professional/business casual clothing
May 3rd – 17th
for Poised for Success.

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.

PILLARS + ROCKS

Seniors, please join us at Koukla's Kafenio!

Date: Thursday, April 30th

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 23rd 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.



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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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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.

The image shows a musical score for a voice part. It consists of two staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a common time signature (C), and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in a simple, homophonic style. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The lyrics are in Greek and English. The English translation is: 'Apostles, intercede with the merciful God. That for all our faults He may grant forgiveness to our souls. O Theotokos, pray for us.' The Greek text is: 'Αποστολι αιγιει προσεσατε το ελεημοσιφυλ θεο. Τατ φορ αλλ ουρ φαυλτς Ηε μαγ γραντ φορ γιβενεσσ το ουρ σουλς. Ο θεο ινα πτεσματον αφεσιν παρασχιτες ψι ηεσιμον.'

Sermon Notes

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