

# **Weekly Bulletin**

**May 17, 2026**

**Sunday of the Blind Man**

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

**SUNDAY**

8:15 a.m.  
9:30 a.m.  
Memorials:  
Fellowship Hour:  
40 Day Blessing:  
  
12:30 p.m.

**MAY 17**  
Orthros  
Divine Liturgy (Sunday School following Holy Communion)  
Katherine (Tolios) Paparousopoulos  
No Host Today. See our website to sign up for a future date.  
Stephanie Martinez with son Benjamin  
Dana Coon with son George  
Baptism: Levi, son of Fabian Escatel & Anastasia Swierk  
Sponsor: Tom Agres

**TUESDAY**

4:30 p.m.  
6:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.  
8:00 p.m.

**MAY 19 LEAVE-TAKING OF PASCHA**  
Greek School Graduation and Year End Program  
Orthros  
Evening Divine Liturgy  
Meal and Fellowship

**WEDNESDAY**

1:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.

**MAY 20**  
Bereavement Group Meeting  
Philoptochos General Meeting

**THURSDAY**

8:00 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.  
1:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.  
7:30 p.m.

**MAY 21: ASCENSION AND FEAST DAY OF STS CONSTANTINE AND HELEN**  
Orthros  
Divine Liturgy  
Bible Study  
Parish Council Meeting  
YAL Bible Study

**SATURDAY**

8:00 a.m.  
3:30 p.m.  
  
5:00 p.m.

**MAY 23**  
Junior Olympics  
Wedding: Sophia Stolis & Matthew Paluszek  
Sponsors: Bill Stolis and Seena Semerly  
Vespers

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**Epistle Reading: Acts 16:16 - 34**

**Reader: Ellia Gryfakis**

**Gospel Reading: John 9:1 – 38**

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**Sunday School Happenings:** Today is the last day of Sunday School! Thank you to Toni Milak, the Sunday School Director, and all of the staff who have worked so hard to make this year great!

**A Note From the Sunday School Director:** We want to thank our incredible teachers and support staff for a wonderful year with our students! We look forward to continuing to see the children in church all summer, and encourage families to carve out time to grow spiritually together, by reading the Bible together, visiting other churches or monasteries, and praying together. If you are interested in teaching or in helping our program in any way next year, please reach out to Toni at [sundayschooldirector@holyapostleschurch.com](mailto:sundayschooldirector@holyapostleschurch.com).

### **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. ᾠχος πλ. α΄.**

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

Tὸν sinánarhon Ló-gon Patrí ke Pnévmati, τὸν ek Parthénu techthén-ta is sotirían imón, ani-mnísomen pistí ke proskínísomen· óti ivdókise sarkí, anelthín en to Stavró, ke thánaton ípomínai, ke egíre tus tethneó-tas, en ti endóxo anastási aftú.

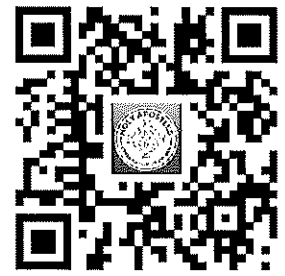
### **The Epistle – Acts 16:16 - 34**

In those days, as we apostles were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, crying, “These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation.” And this she did for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, “I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates they said, “These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs which it is not lawful for us Romans to accept or practice.” The crowd joined in attacking them; and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and every one’s fetters were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out and said, “Men, what must I do to be saved?” And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their wounds, and he was baptized at once, with all his family. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them; and he rejoiced with all his household that he had believed in God.

## The Gospel – John 9:1 – 38

At that time, as Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. I must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man’s eyes with the clay, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, “Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is he”; others said, “No, but he is like him.” He said, “I am the man.” They said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash’; so I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put clay on my eyes and I washed, and I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.” The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess him to be the Christ he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age, ask him.” So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, “Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become his disciples?” And they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of God?” He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you.” He said, “Lord, I believe”; and he worshiped him.

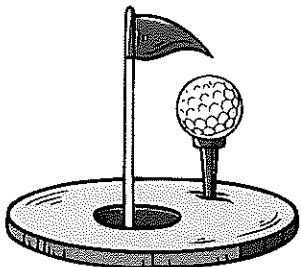
**PushPay is our new electronic payment system, parishioner database and communications platform:** All electronic payments made to the church will go through PushPay now, including candles, tray donations, stewardship, and more with one time or recurring payment options available. It will initially require your name, email and phone number. Future payments will only require your phone number for security purposes. More features will be unveiled in the near future.



**\*\*If you currently have recurring payments made to the church, you will be receiving an email to switch your payments over to the PushPay system. The church office staff will take care of stopping the current payments.\*\***

If you have any questions about these communications, please reach out to the office: [office@holyapostleschurch.com](mailto:office@holyapostleschurch.com).

**Apodosis Dinner on May 19:** The Brotherhood of St. Peter the Apostle Men's Group is hosting a dinner following the evening Divine Liturgy. All are welcome for good food and great fellowship!



**Save The Date for the Holy Apostles Annual Golf Outing!**

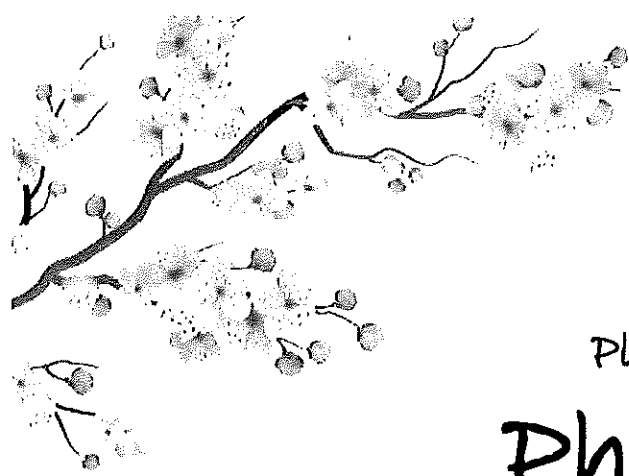
It will be held at the Seven Bridges Golf Club on Monday, July 13, 2026. shotgun start is 12:30 pm. The event will include lunch, 18 holes of golf with a cart and post-round dinner reception. Sponsorship opportunities are available. If you have any questions, please contact Aleka Ernst at [alekaernst@aol.com](mailto:alekaernst@aol.com).

**Ministries Artoklasia:** Holy Apostles will thank its ministries for their service with an Artoklasia on May 24th. Service projects performed by ministries during January, February, and March of this year will also be highlighted. Please join us as we recognize their work.

**Attention High School Seniors:** There are two scholarship opportunities:

- The Faith Endowment for Orthodoxy and Hellenism is offering merit based scholarships for high school seniors in the Hellenic-American Greek Orthodox community who are enrolling in a 4 year accredited U.S. university this fall. Applications are due June 26, 2026. For more information, please scan the QR code on the **right**.
- JGA Memorial Scholarship: Two \$1,000 scholarships for Greek American seniors graduating in 2026. Strong academics, character, and community service required. One scholarship reserved for Greek Orthodox faithful. **Deadline:** May 30, 2026 **Details & application:** [jgamemorial.org](http://jgamemorial.org) or email [info@jgamemorial.org](mailto:info@jgamemorial.org)





Please join us for our

# Philoptochos General Meeting

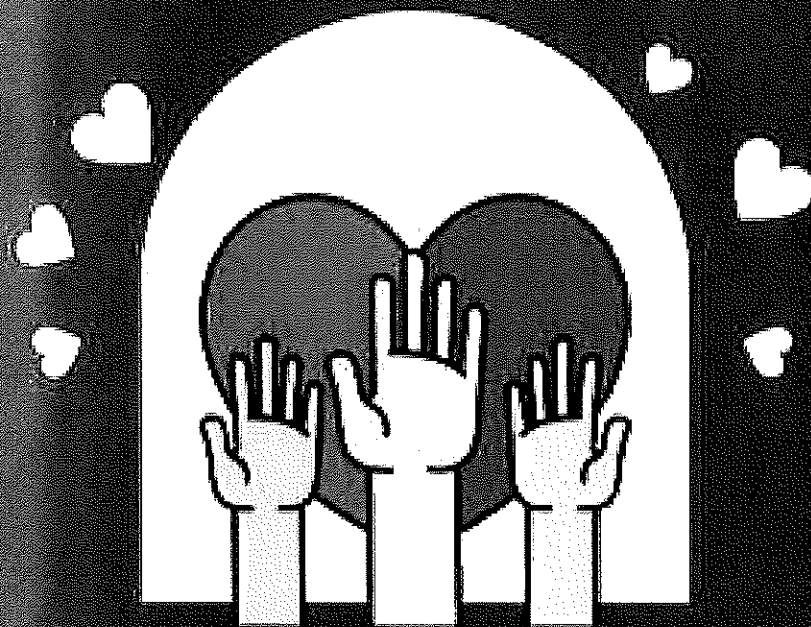
Wednesday, May 20th @ 6:30 pm  
Holy Apostles - Multi-purpose Room.  
Refreshments & Appetizers will be served

*Special Guest Speaker -  
Nancy Shepherd, Love Your Neighbor*  
[www.loveyourneighbor.love](http://www.loveyourneighbor.love)

Love Your Neighbor is a non-profit organization that transforms and restores the lives of those transitioning out of hard circumstances. Local non-profits refer individuals and families to the program who assist in furnishing/setting up new homes for these people in need

Please RSVP by 5/15 to Aleka Ernst  
[philotreasurer@holypostleschurch.com](mailto:philotreasurer@holypostleschurch.com)  
or (630) 561-1660





# Fifth Saturday Serve Day

Join the Parish Family Ministry in a service project.

Our next project:

**Sat, May 30**

10:30 AM

We will be making snack packs  
and all-weather kits for

**Constance Morris House**

in La Grange for victims  
of domestic violence

Open for all ages.

No supplies needed,

just come ready to work at the

**Holy Apostles Multipurpose Room**

Questions?

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





YOU ARE INVITED TO

*Graduate*  
**SUNDAY**

ARE YOU GRADUATING FROM GRAMMAR SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE, OR GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL? IF SO, WE WANT TO CELEBRATE YOU! IF YOU OR A FAMILY MEMBER WOULD LIKE TO BE HONORED ON GRADUATE SUNDAY, PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE BY MAY 24TH.

PLEASE ALSO BRING A FRAMED PHOTO WITH NAME ON BACK BY MAY 31<sup>ST</sup> TO BE DISPLAYED.



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SUNDAY

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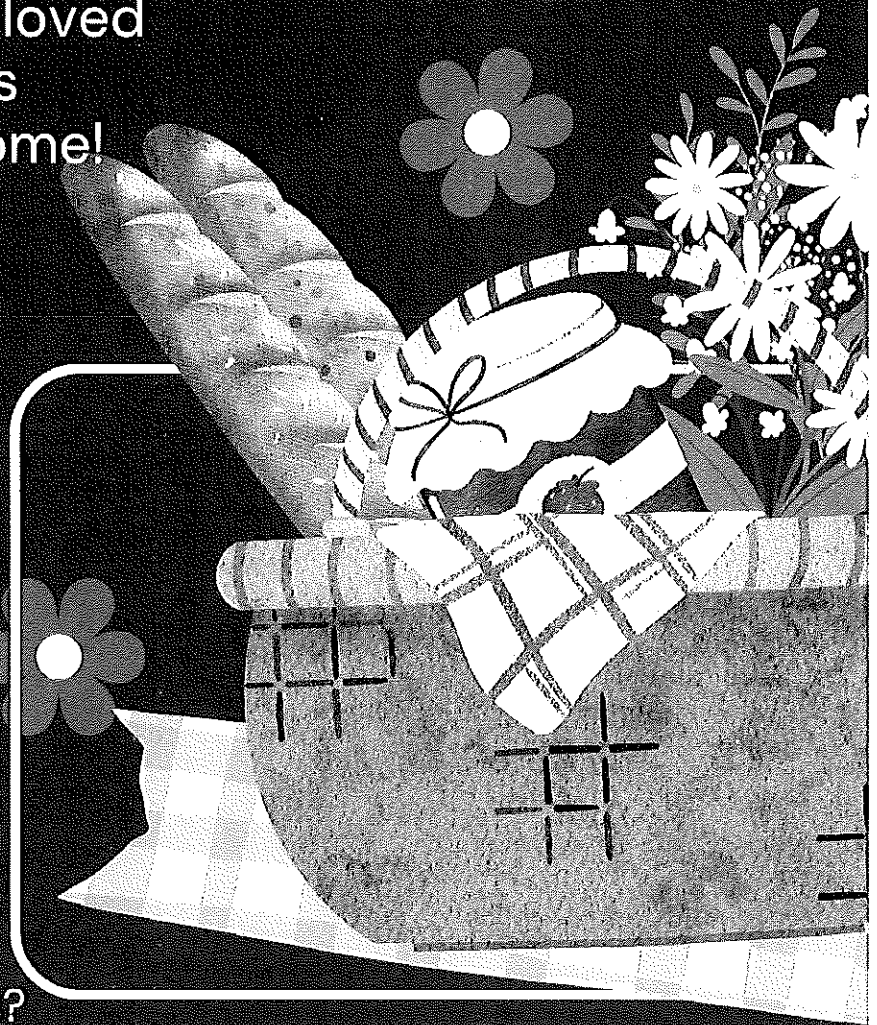
# Church Picnic

Enjoy delicious food, and  
make memories with loved  
ones. No Reservations  
Needed! All are welcome!

**Sunday,  
May 31,  
2026**

Picnic will start after  
church. We will serve  
chicken & pork  
kebabs, burgers,  
hotdogs, and so  
much more! We will  
also serve a variety  
of desserts! Questions?

Contact Sandy at [greeks1@gmail.com](mailto:greeks1@gmail.com), 630-640-5811



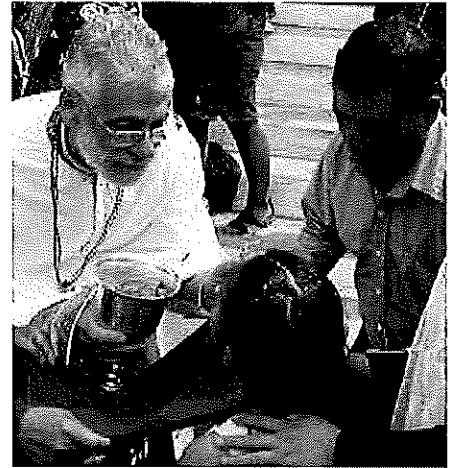
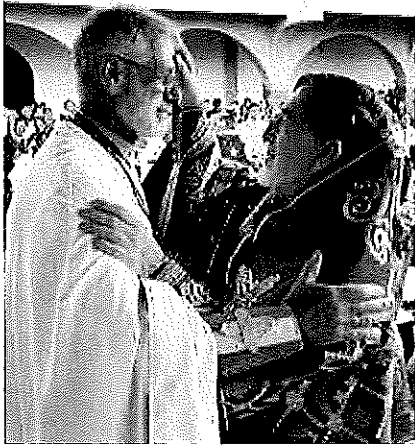


ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN  
MISSION CENTER

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE 28TH

# Mission Team Chicago Benefit

***Reflections of the Mission Center's Emeritus Director  
on a Life of Ministry to the Four Corners of the World***



**Come to hear Fr. Martin Ritsi's firsthand accounts  
from a life spent in missions, and to learn about  
OCMC's next chapter**

## **Tuesday, June 2, 2026**

Social Hour 6 PM | Dinner & Discussion 7 PM

### **Ss. Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Church**

1401 Wagner Road, Glenview, IL 60025

**RSVP by May 29**  
*Tables of 8 may be reserved*  
*Sponsorship opportunities available*

**For questions contact:**

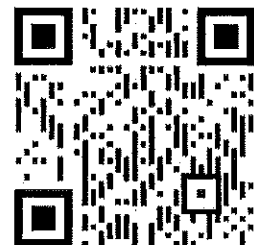
Mission Team Chicago at

MissionTeamChicago@gmail.com or 317-709-0168

Or OCMC Events at [events@ocmc.org](mailto:events@ocmc.org).

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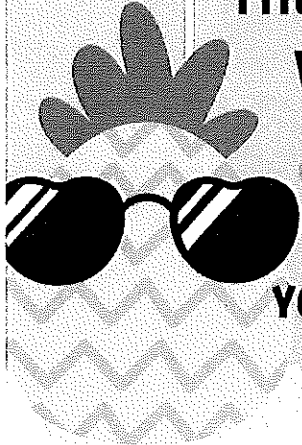
# **YOUTH SUMMER EVENTS!**

**Tuesday, June 16th, 8:00 PM- Jr. high &  
High school - Outdoor Movie  
Night/bonfire/s'mores, *Nacho Libre***

**Wednesday, June 17th, 12:00-2PM, Picnic  
at the Park - Sandwiches, games at Mayfair  
park, ages 5-13**

**Friday, June 19th, 10:00-12:00PM - Honey  
Bee Gardens, Downers Grove - Ages 1- 12.**

**Thursday, July 9th, 1-4PM, Paradise Bay  
Water Park, Lombard, for ALL ages.**



**PLEASE RSVP TO ALEXA  
OR SCAN THE QR CODE  
YOUTHDIRECTOR@HOLYPOSTLESCHURCH.  
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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