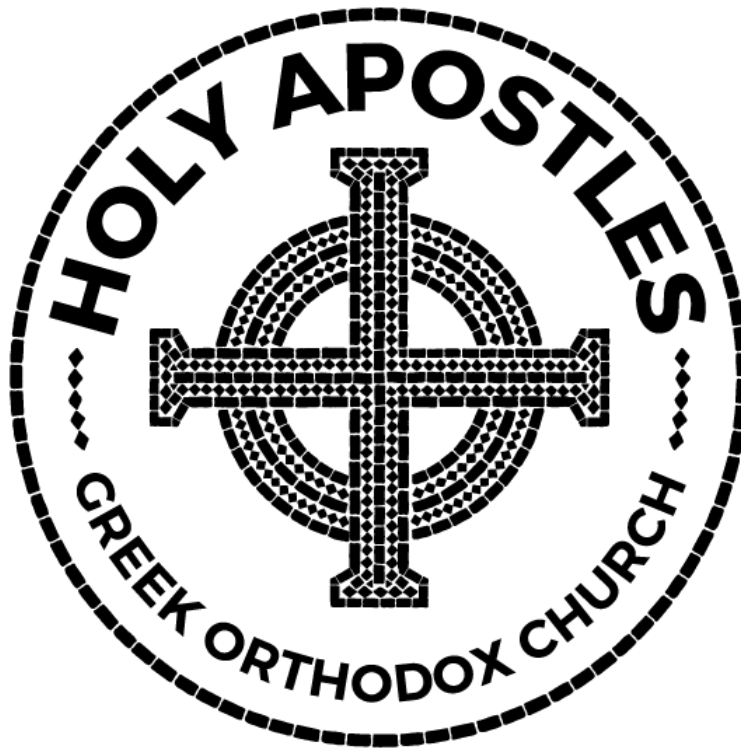


Weekly Bulletin



July 26, 2026

The Eighth Sunday of Matthew

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SUNDAY JULY 26: FEAST DAY OF ST. PARASKEVI

8:15 a.m. Orthros

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Artoklasia: In honor of Chris and Cathy Zurales's 50th Wedding Anniversary

Fellowship Hour: Hosted by the Milak, San Luis, and Zurales families

MONDAY JULY 27: FEAST DAY OF ST. PANTELEIMON

8:00 a.m. Orthros

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

TUESDAY JULY 28

7:00 p.m. LaGrange Neighborhood Bible Study

SATURDAY AUGUST 1: DORMITION FAST BEGINS

8:30 a.m. Westchester Food Pantry Volunteer Day

5:00 p.m. Vespers

Epistle ~ Galatians 3:23 – 29; 4:1 – 5
Gospel ~ Matthew 14:14 – 22

*** Father George is on vacation with his family. He will be returning August 6. ***

Reminder About Handicap Parking:

Recent improvements have been made to our parking lot, including more handicap spaces and updated ramps to support easier transport for those who need assistance.

Please remember:

- Handicap spaces are reserved for parishioners who require them.
- Striped areas next to these spaces are not parking spots—they are essential for wheelchair access and safe unloading.

We know the number of spaces may not always meet demand, so we ask everyone who does not need these accommodations to leave them available for those who do.

Resurrectional Apolytikion

You destroyed death by Your Cross, You opened Paradise to the Robber. You turned the Myrrh-bearing Women's lament into joy, and You commanded Your Apostles to preach that You rose, O Christ God, granting the world the great mercy

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον· ἠνέωξας τῷ ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον· τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρῆνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας, ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Katélisas to Stavró su ton thánaton· inéoihas to listí ton Parádhison· ton Mirofóron ton thrínon metévales, ke tis síis Apostólis kirítin epétaxas, óti anéstis Christé o Theós, paréhon to kósmo to méga Éleos.

Epistle ~ Galatians 3:23 – 29; 4:1 – 5

Brethren, before faith came, we were confined under the law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental principles of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Gospel ~ Matthew 14:14 – 22

At that time, Jesus saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

Important Information for Parents:

All parishioners received a login request from holyapostles@ccbchurch.com with a link to create a password to login. You can see your profile, update your information and confirm your privacy settings. **Youth registration, which starts in August, will go through this system. Please sign in now to be ready to fill out the registration.** Please reach out to the office with questions: office@holyapostleschurch.com.

Feed My Starving Children

Holy Apostles Philoptochos invites parishioners to participate in a Lenten service project at Feed My Starving Children in Aurora on Saturday, August 8, from 9-10:45 am. They will pack specially formulated meals to be sent to children in need. All ages, 5 and up, are welcome to volunteer. There are some seated jobs available labeling food bags, too. This is a great way to earn service hours.

Please contact Emily Rehn at platovalentine@hotmail.com or 708-369-9365 to volunteer or ask questions.

Financial Donations Request for the Family of Rev. Fr. John Ketchum

As many of you know, Rev. Fr. John Ketchum, who served in our Metropolis since 2002, passed away on April 8, 2026. The Metropolis of Chicago Clergy Syndesmos is announcing a benefit for Presvytera Veronica Ketchum and her family. The Ketchum Family Fund has been set up at the Pinnacle financial Group.

You can donate with:

- Check payable to “National Financial Services” with “Ketchum Family Fund” on the memo line.
- Electronic payment by scanning the QR, select “Missions” as the fund, and put “Ketchum Family” in the memo.



Field Trip: Great Vespers for Dormition of the Theotokos on August 14

Please join us in attending this beautiful service at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church on Central Avenue in Chicago. We have chartered a bus to transport approximately 50 people to this magnificent venue. All you need to do is drive to Holy Apostles and leave your car in our parking lot. A bus, equipped with a bathroom, will be ready to leave by 6:00pm. Vespers begin at 7:00pm, so we will return no later than 10:00pm. To reserve your seat(s), please send an email to office@holyapostleschurch.com or call the office at 708.562.2744. First come, first served!



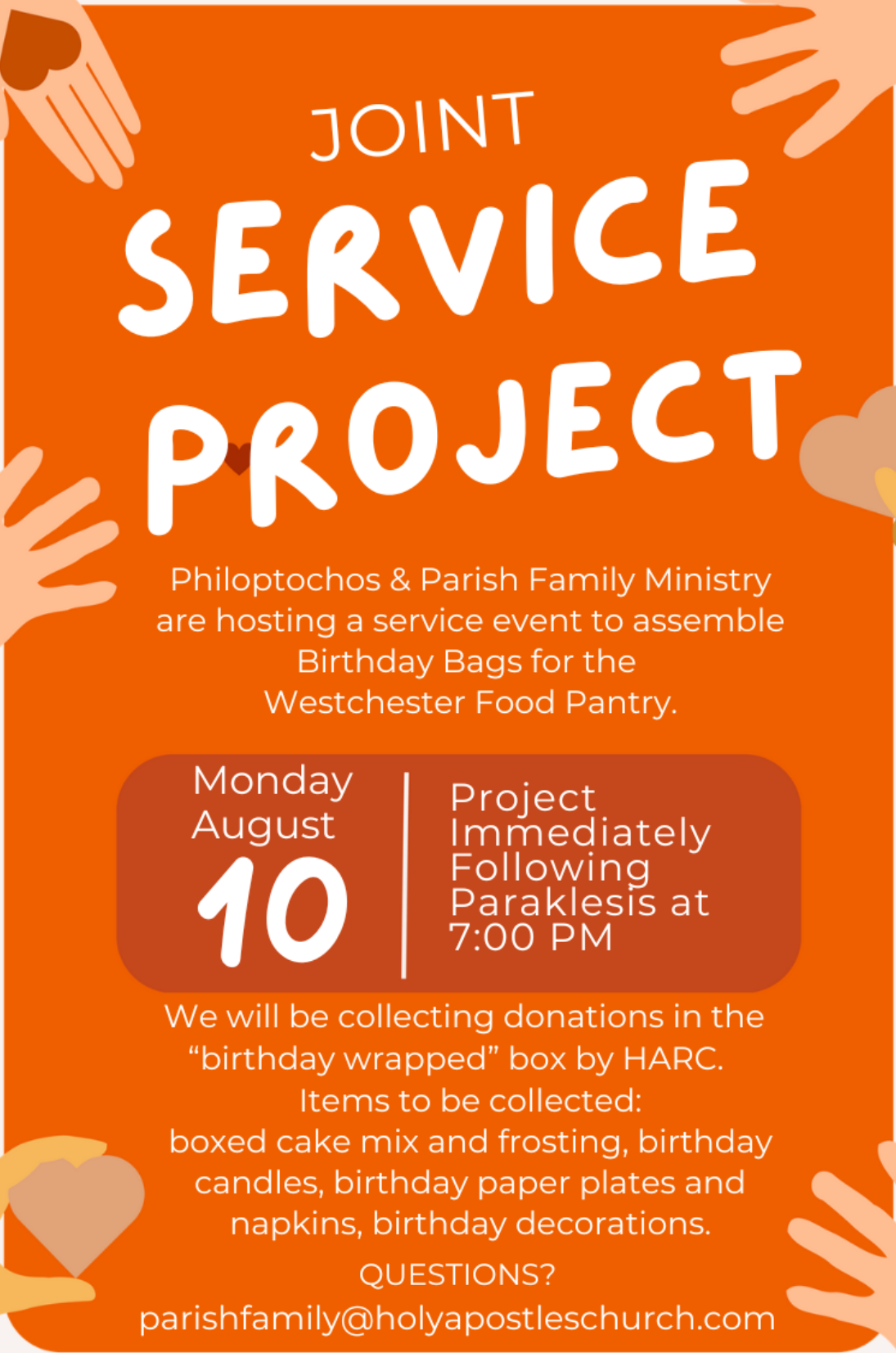
2026-'27 Youth Registration

- Youth Registration is how families register their children for all of their activities at Holy Apostles this school year.
- It will be done through our new church database, Pushpay.
- Please go to holypostles.ccbchurch.com and sign in using the email address that is on file with Holy Apostles. If you don't have a sign in, you can click on "Request Account".
- Once you are signed in, click on "Forms" and find the Youth Registration form.
- You will need to scroll up to see all of the information. Please read the instructions carefully.
- There is an option to make a donation after each child's registration but is not required for each child.
- If you are having any difficulties, please contact Andrea in the church office at office@holypostleschurch.com



Registration Begins August 1!

holypostles.ccbchurch.com



JOINT SERVICE PROJECT

Philoptochos & Parish Family Ministry
are hosting a service event to assemble
Birthday Bags for the
Westchester Food Pantry.

Monday
August

10

Project
Immediately
Following
Paraklesis at
7:00 PM

We will be collecting donations in the
“birthday wrapped” box by HARC.

Items to be collected:

boxed cake mix and frosting, birthday
candles, birthday paper plates and
napkins, birthday decorations.

QUESTIONS?

parishfamily@holypostleschurch.com



Fifth Saturday Serve Day

Join the Parish Family Ministry in a service project.

Our next project:

Sat, Aug 29

10:00 AM

We will be making kits for kids
and teens at

Lurie Children's Hospital

Outpatient Center in
Westchester

Open for all ages.

No supplies needed,

just come ready to work at the

Holy Apostles Multipurpose Room

Questions?

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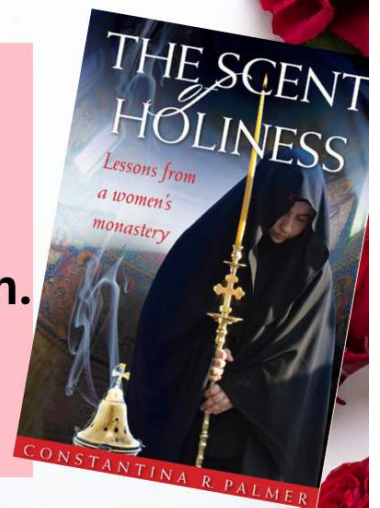
Women's Book Club

Women of all ages are welcome to join us in our summer book club. This is the prequel to our first book, "The Sweetness of Grace" and is a very pleasant read. It should prove to be spiritually edifying for participants this summer.

What: "The Scent of Holiness"
by Constantina Palmer

When: Tuesday, August 25, 7 p.m.

Where: Holy Apostles MPR



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

Contact Presv. Christa with any questions at
PresChrista@gmail.com

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If you have any questions, feel free to reach out.

THANK YOU! ❤️ 🇬🇷



June 2026
**MESSAGES from
the METROPOLIS**
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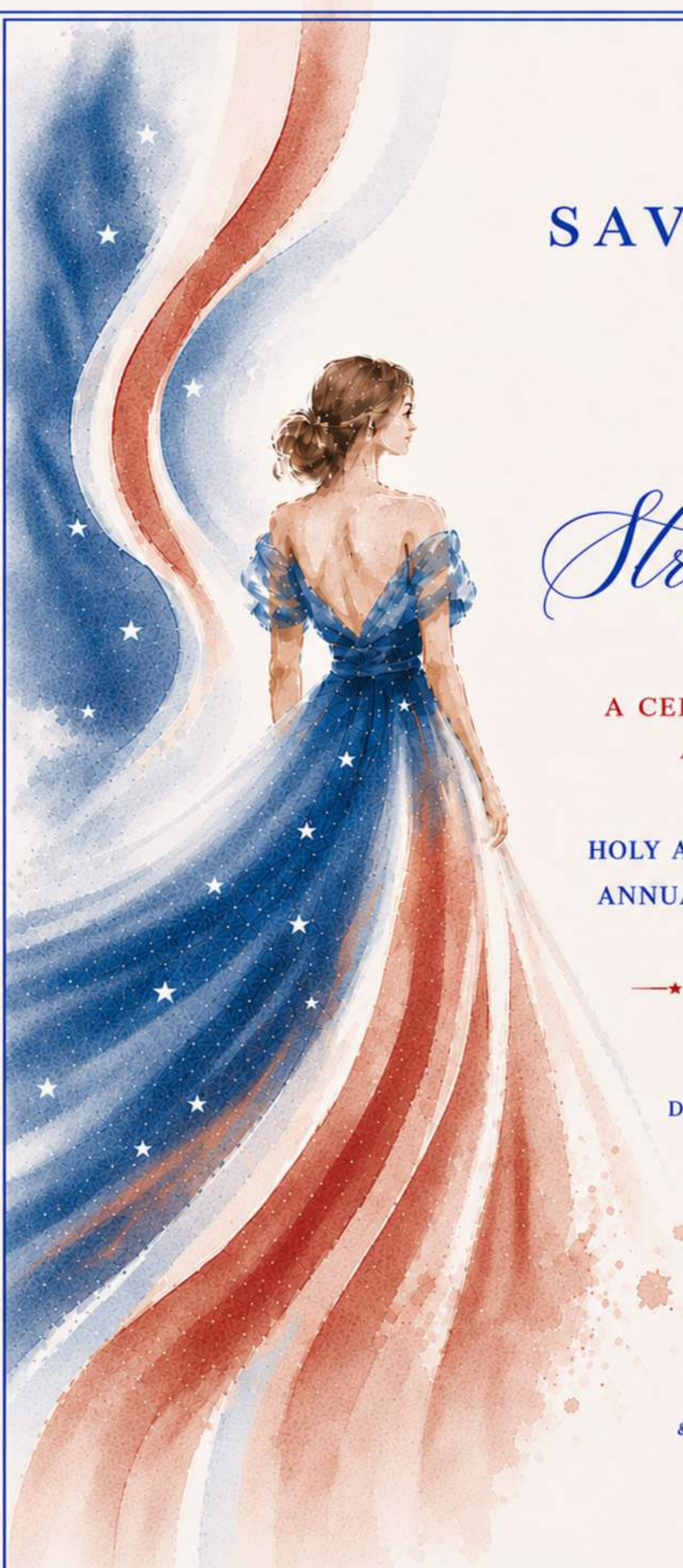
UPCOMING EVENTS

10/5

Metropolis Cup Golf Outing

11/5

4th Annual Dinner Benefiting
Metropolis of Chicago HCHC
Scholarship Fund

An artistic illustration of a woman from the back, wearing a long, flowing gown with a design inspired by the American flag. The gown features a blue bodice with white stars and a skirt with wide red and white stripes. She is looking towards the left. The background consists of soft, wavy bands of blue, white, and red, also adorned with white stars.

SAVE THE DATE



*Stars,
Stripes & Style*

A CELEBRATION OF 250 YEARS OF
AMERICA AND FASHION

HOLY APOSTLES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY
ANNUAL FASHION SHOW & LUNCHEON

—★ SATURDAY, ★—
OCTOBER 17, 2026

DRURY LANE, OAKBROOK TERRACE

CO-CHAIRWOMEN
VALERIE DRANIAS &
THANIA PANOPOULOS

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT
SAINT IAKOVOS RETREAT CENTER,
ONE MILLION DEGREES
& OTHER PHILOPTOCHOS ENDEAVORS



SAVE THE DATE

Finding Peace and Strength in a Chaotic World

*A beautiful day of faith, fellowship, wisdom and
spiritual renewal for Orthodox women of all ages.*

Keynote: Presvytera Jeannie Constantinou, PhD
Dr. Amelia Bartholomew
Anna Kallis, MDiv

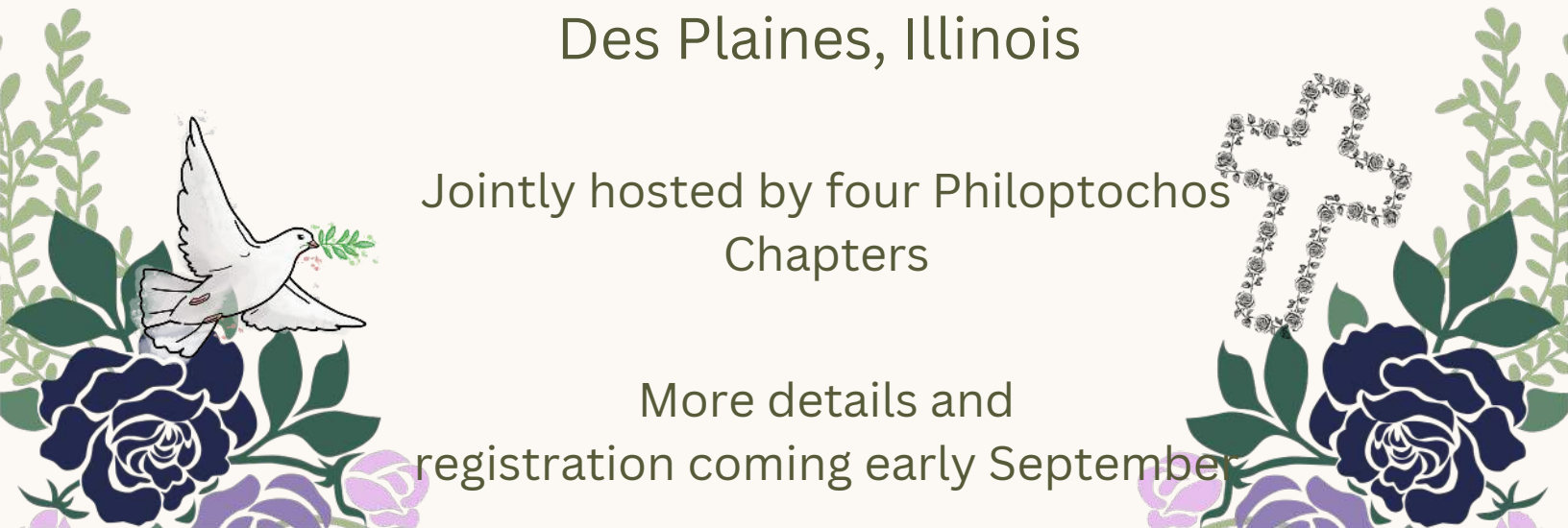
Saturday November 14, 2026

8:30 am

St. John the Baptist Church
Des Plaines, Illinois

Jointly hosted by four Philoptochos
Chapters

More details and
registration coming early September



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

Voice

Ho -a- ly A -po- stles In-ter- cede. With the Mer-
ci -ful God. That for- all-our - faults He may grant For-give-ness to our souls

A - po - sie - il o yi - i fie - ave - as - su fo o - ls - i - mo -
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Sermon Notes

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