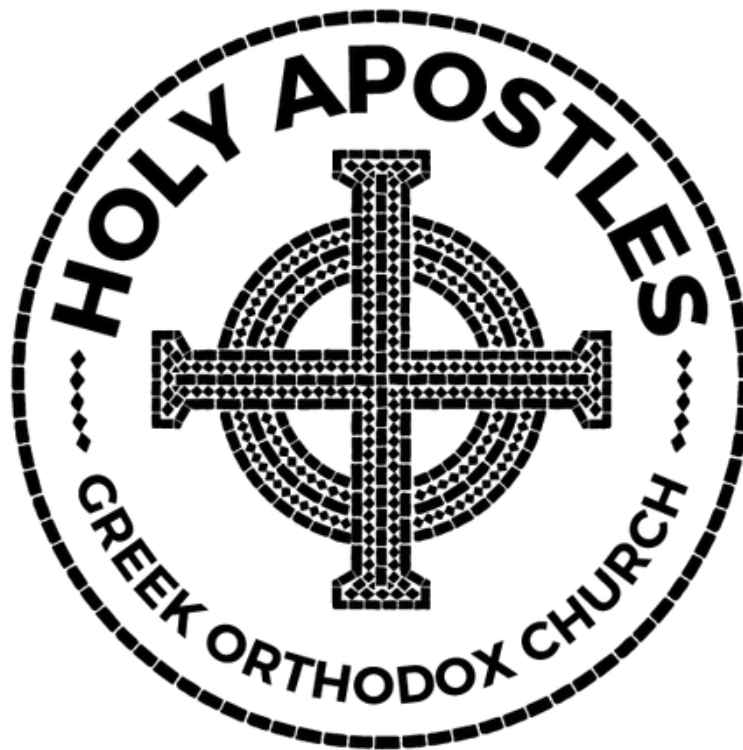


WEEKLY BULLETIN



SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

**SUNDAY BEFORE HOLY CROSS
FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

8:15 a.m. Orthros

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Sunday School following Communion)

Memorials: Angela Koutsis, Daniel Koutsis, Michael Pihos

Fellowship Hour: Ministry Coffee Hour

12:30 p.m. Baptism: Anthony Alexander & Harrison James, sons of Anthony & Maria Monaco

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14- Feast Day of the Elevation of the Holy Cross

8:00 a.m. Orthros

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

7:00 p.m. Choir Federation Area Rehearsal

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

4:30 p.m. Hellenic Academy

6:30 p.m. JOY

7:00 p.m. Neighborhood Bible Study – LaGrange

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

1:00 p.m. Church Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. Jr. GOYA Meeting

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17- Feast Day of St. Sophia and Her Daughters

1:00 p.m. Bible Study

4:30 p.m. Hellenic Academy

6:00 p.m. Evening Divine Liturgy

7:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

7:30 p.m. YAL Bible Study

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

7:00 p.m. Small Paraklesis for the Sick

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

5:00 p.m. Vespers

We Have an App! Join us after Divine Liturgy in the fellowship hour at the Ministry Fair table to gain information on how to **download and use our new church app**, which will make staying connected easier than ever! We will also have information about all the ways to get involved in our parish community. We hope you'll stop by and take part in this next step for our parish.

Resurrectional Apolytikion Mode Pl. 2

When the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, * the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. * And standing by the sepulcher was Mary, who was seeking Your immaculate body. * Unassailed by Hades, You divested it of spoils. * Then You met the Virgin. You granted life. * O Lord, risen from the dead, glory to You!

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον. Ἦχος πλ. β΄

Ἀγγελικαὶ Δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμᾳ σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν· καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ· ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωὴν. Ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Angeliké Dhinámis epí to mníma Sou, ke i filásondes apenekróthisan; ke ístato María en to táfo, zitúsa to áhrandón Sou sóma. Eskílefsas ton Ádhn, mi pirasthís ip' aftú; ipíndisas ti Parthéno, dhorúmenos tin zoín. O anastás ek ton nekrón, Kírie, dhóxa Si.

Epistle ~ Galatians 6:11-18

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

Gospel ~ John 3:13-17

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

Today is the first day of Sunday School! Please have children line up for communion first, and then use the exit near the choir loft into the hallway. Children can grab a quick snack and then head to their classrooms until 11:35. Parents, enjoy the end of liturgy and a cup of coffee while you wait!

ALL PARENTS: Please "pick up" each of your children at 11:35, even the older ones, so that you may meet their teachers.

*If you forgot to register, don't worry! Children can go to class today, and you can fill out the Youth Registration form today while they are in class.



Cooks Wanted: Looking for a way to give back and serve God? We need 15 volunteers to help bring or cook one dinner for the JOY ministry (children ages 5-12). We meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesday with about 20-30 children per meeting. Please contact Alexa at Youthdirector@holypostleschurch.com if interested in learning more!

Help Wanted for Fall Festival on Sunday, October 4: We are in the early stages of planning a Fall Festival and Chicago Bears Watch Party on Sunday, October 4, immediately following Divine Liturgy. If you have some great ideas for fun activities, or are simply looking to help that day, we could use your help! Please email us at office@holypostleschurch.com if interested. Teenagers can use this opportunity to earn service hours.

The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago Foundation: The foundation is seeking a qualified individual to serve as an Independent Director on its Board of Directors. This is a wonderful opportunity to offer one's experience and gifts in support of the ministries of our Holy Metropolis. Those who are interested are invited to visit www.gomocfoundation.org, where you can review the application and full description of the responsibilities, qualifications, and submission process. Applications are due November 2.

The Holy Apostles Philoptochos Society Presents



Stars, Stripes & Style



Drury Lane

100 Drury Lane
Oakbrook Terrace



**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 17, 2026**



Cocktails & Raffle Viewing: 11:00 am
Luncheon: Noon

Tickets: \$75

In person purchase:

8/29 from 12pm to 2pm

After Divine Liturgy starting 8/30

Online:

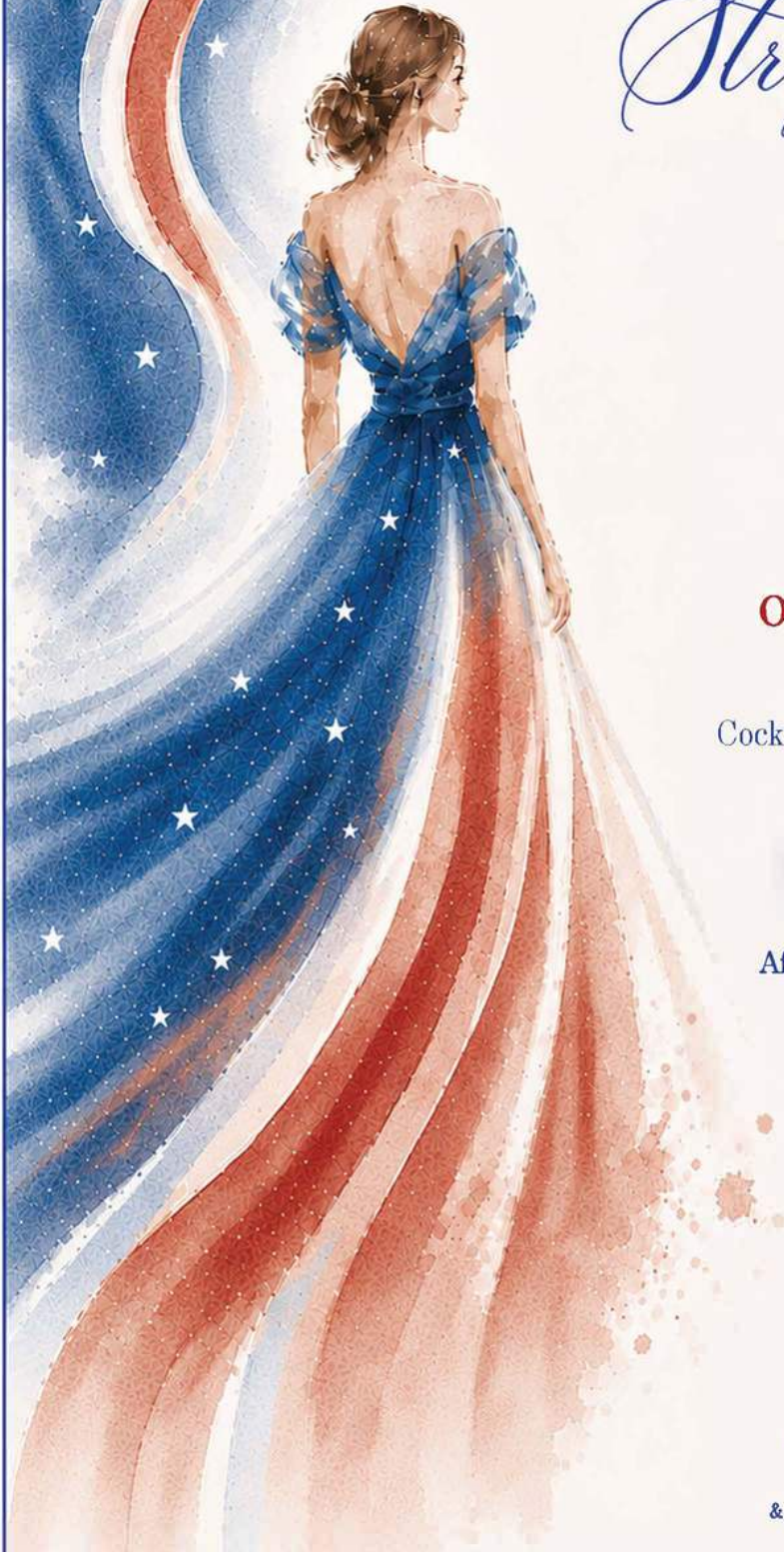
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CO-CHAIRWOMEN

**VALERIE DRANIAS &
THANIA PANOPOULOS**

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



Women's Retreat Canceled

After thoughtful consideration and due to unforeseen scheduling and administrative concerns, the Women's Retreat, "Finding Peace and Strength in a Chaotic World," will not take place as scheduled on November 14, 2026. We are grateful for the enthusiasm and support already shown. Once the necessary approvals, leadership, and planning details are in place, we hope to share future opportunities for spiritual enrichment and fellowship.

Adult Bible Study

Every Thursday

1:00 PM-2:30 PM. Multipurpose Room.

This Fall, we will be learning about the Book of Hebrews. We hope to see you there!

Men's Camping Trip

Join the Brotherhood of St. Peter the Apostle for a men's camping trip at White Pines State Park, October 23–25. The cost is \$20 per person (food not included), and high school boys may attend with their fathers; RSVP to Peter Savas at 708-203-0383.

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YOUTH REGISTRATION

Sign up all of your children for this
year's youth ministries using this
one simple form! Please sign up
TODAY!



Questions? Email Alexa at
YouthDirector@holypostleschurch.com



TOTS



AGES 40 DAYS - 5 Y/O

2ND & 4TH WEDNESDAYS

10:00AM-11:00AM

9/9

1/13

1/27

9/23

2/10

2/24

10/16 - HONEY BEE
GARDENS, 10-12PM

3/10

3/24

10/28 - COSLEY ZOO
10-12PM

4/14 - YOUTH HOST PRE-
SANCTIFIED DINNER 7PM

4/21

11/11

4/30, GOOD FRIDAY

12/9

RETREAT

5/12 - MAYFAIR PARK



JOY



1ST & 3RD TUESDAYS,

6:30PM-7:30PM*

Kindergarten-5th Grade

9/15

1/5

3/16

10/6

1/19

4/13

10/20

2/2

4/30 GOOD FRIDAY RETREAT

11/3

2/16

5/11

11/17

3/2

5/25

12/1

12/15



*TIME SUBJECT TO CHANGE

JOY@HOLYAPOSTLESCHURCH.COM



JR. GOYA



OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS IN 6TH, 7TH & 8TH GRADE
1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAY, 7-8:15 PM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

SEPT.

9/16 - MEETING
9/26 - CAR WASH, 10-12PM

OCT.

10/7 - SCAVENGER HUNT
10/21 - MEETING
10/30-10/31 - FALL RETREAT



NOV.

11/4- MEETING
11/18- FRIENDSGIVING



DEC.

12/2- MEETING
12/16 - XMAS PARTY, 6:30-8:30PM



EMAIL US AT YOUTHDIRECTOR@HOLYPOSTLESCHURCH.COM

**HOLY
APOSTLES**



2026

SCHEDULE

2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm unless otherwise noted

SEPT

**9/8 - WELCOME BBQ
9/22 - SCAVENGER
HUNT
9/26 - CAR WASH, 10-12**

OCT

**10/13 - MEETING
10/27- MEETING
10/30- FALL RETREAT**

NOV

**11/10- XMAS
SHOPPING, 6:30-8:30
11/24-FRIENDSGIVING,
6:30-8:30**

DEC

**12/8 - OUTING
12/12- XMAS
PARTY**

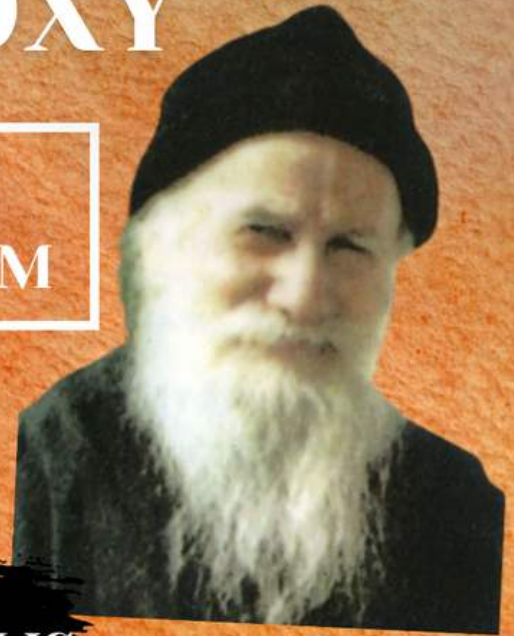


More info →

GOYA@holyapostleschurch.com

DISCOVERIES IN ORTHODOXY

THURSDAYS
7:15 PM-8:30 PM



LED BY
DN. PERRY HAMALIS

SEPT 24 – SESSION #1 – INTRODUCING ST.
PORPHYRIOS'S LIFE & THE BOOK, *WOUNDED BY
LOVE (PART 1)*

OCT 8 – SESSION #2 – ST. PORPHYRIOS'S
SPIRITUAL TEACHINGS (*WOUNDED BY LOVE
PART 2, PP. 87-133*)

OCT 22 – SESSION #3 – ST. PORPHYRIOS'S
SPIRITUAL TEACHINGS (*WOUNDED BY LOVE
PART 2, PP. 134-189*)

NOV 5 – SESSION #4 – ST. PORPHYRIOS'S
SPIRITUAL TEACHINGS (*WOUNDED BY LOVE
PART 2, PP. 190-247*)

HOLY APOSTLES BASKETBALL

BOYS AND GIRLS



3RD - 12TH GRADE

**Teams play in the
Greek Orthodox Athletic League**

FOR MORE INFO
EMAIL ANDREA SAN LUIS
ATHLETICS@HOLYAPOSTLESCHURCH.COM



SIGN UPS CLOSE ON OCTOBER 4, SO DON'T DELAY!





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The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago
2026 Sunday Church School Director and Teacher Workshop



Reverend Doctor Perry Hamalis
Guest Speaker

Join us for a day of worship, learning, and connection for Orthodox educators.

Workshop Highlights

Growing in Prayer

Explore how deepening our own prayer life can strengthen us as Orthodox Christian educators and help us nurture a lasting life of prayer in our students.

Introduction to the New Curriculum

Discover the vision and structure of the new Sunday School curriculum and explore how its lessons and resources can help us guide our students in understanding, living, and growing in the Orthodox Faith.

In person and via Zoom

\$30 Registration Fee for in-person attendees

Kindly RSVP by September 30th

by calling (708) 562-2744 or

scanning the QR code to reserve your spot.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church
2501 South Wolf Road
Westchester, Illinois

Blankets of Love

Stitching warmth. Sharing hope. Showing Christ's love. ♥



**Saturday,
October 24, 2026**



10:00 AM–12:00 PM



**Holy Apostles'
Multipurpose Room**

♥ Blankets will go to ♥



**Phil's
Friends**



**Metropolitan
Family Services
Holiday Shoppe**



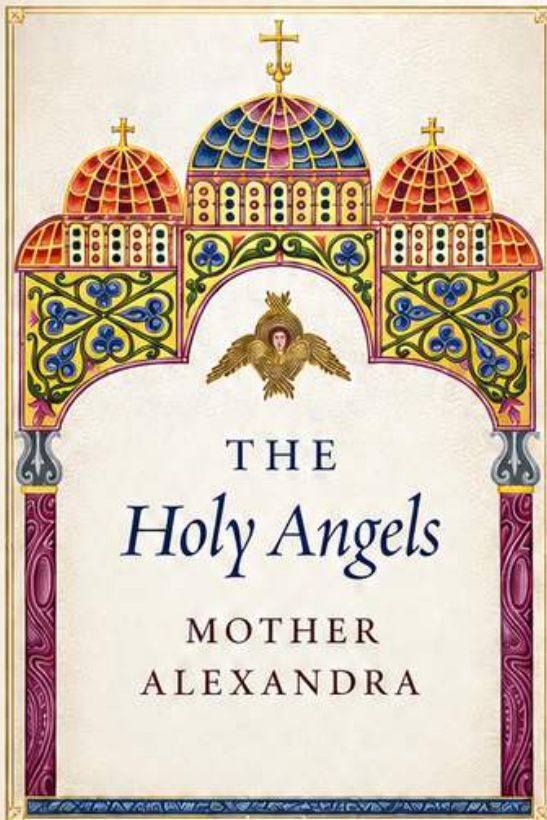
*Join us as we come together to
create comfort, hope, and love
for our neighbors.*



**SCAN TO
Sign Up**



Women's Book Club



Women of all ages are invited to join in on our fall book club. We will be reading a book about the angels, which are commemorated in the Orthodox Church every year on November eighth. This book will familiarize us on the history of angels, what the Fathers of the Church teach about these heavenly beings and what their place is in our life and in the life of the church.

What: "The Holy Angels" by Mother Alexandra

When: Tuesday, November 10, 7 p.m.

Where: Holy Apostles MPR

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

Contact Pres. Christa Dokos with any questions:
605-376-3710, preschrista@gmail.com



20TH ANNUAL

Walk the Walk *for* IOCC

Saturday, October 3, 2026

*Join us for our 5K Walk/Run and make a difference
for those in need around the world!*

St. Andrew's Greek Orthodox Church

5649 N. Sheridan Rd. • Chicago, IL 60660

Registration 8:00 a.m. • Walk/Run Begins 9:00 a.m. • Breakfast following the race

\$25—Registration before 9/18 | \$35—Registration after 9/18 | \$10—Children under 12

Register at ioccc.org/chicago or detach and complete form below.

Participant #1: _____ I wish to sponsor the 20th Annual
Address: _____ Chicago Walk the Walk for IOCC
Email Address: _____ (Please select sponsorship level):

Phone: _____ Age on Race Day: _____ Titanium \$2,500

Order your t-shirts here (one per participant). Indicate quantity on the line provided: _____ receives 10 t-shirts/reg

ADULT: S: _____ M: _____ L: _____ XL: _____ XXL: _____ Platinum \$1,000

CHILD: XS (Youth size 5-6): _____ S (Youth size 6-7): _____ M (Youth size 8-10): _____ receives 4 t-shirts/reg

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Gold \$500

Make checks payable to IOCC. To guarantee a t-shirt, register by 9/19/25. _____ receives 2 t-shirts/reg

Mail the completed form to: Silver \$250

IOCC CHICAGO METROPOLITAN COMMITTEE

6251-53 W. Touhy Ave

Chicago, IL 60646

Questions? Contact iocccchicago5K@gmail.com

receives 1 t-shirt/reg



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Waiver: In consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I, intending to be legally bound, do hereby myself, my heirs and my assigns, waive any and all claims I or any below named minor may have against any of the Orthodox Churches of the greater Chicago area and IOCC or any event sponsor, or any city or public entity or agent for any and all injuries suffered by me, while traveling to, from and/or participating in the IOCC Run/Walk and hereby state that I assume any and all risk inherent in same. I further state that I am in good physical condition to participate in this event. I also hereby authorize IOCC to publish photographs taken of me for use in IOCC's digital and printed publications.

O Monoyenis Yios – Hymn of Justinian

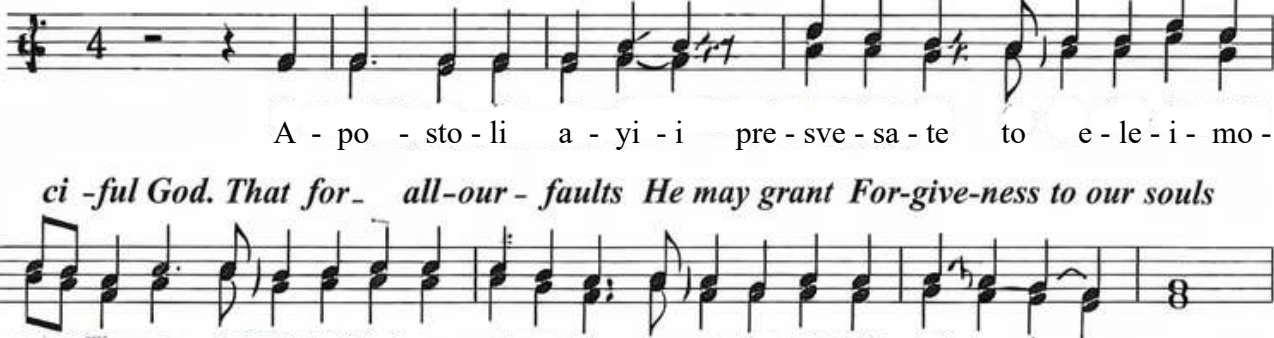
Only begotten Son and Logos of God, being immortal,
You condescended for our salvation to take flesh from the
Holy Theotokos and ever virgin Mary, and without change became man.
Christ our God, You were crucified and conquered death by death.
Being one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and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

Apostoli Agii

Anastassiou

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

Voice



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

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Sermon Notes

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