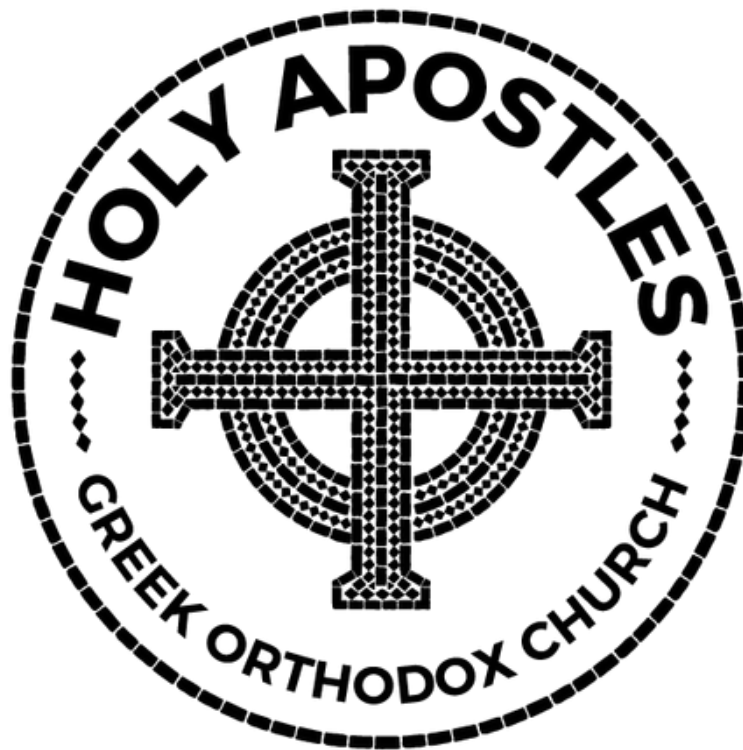


WEEKLY BULLETIN



OCTOBER 11, 2026

**SUNDAY OF THE
7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

8:15 A.M. ORTHROS

9:30 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY (NO SUNDAY SCHOOL)

MEMORIALS: BILL PIHOS, ANASTASIA & CONSTANTINE MAGERAS, MARYA & PETER PIHOS, JAMES & ZOE PEPLOS, POPI KOUROPOULOU

11:30 A.M. FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTED BY SANDY PIHOS IN LOVING MEMORY OF BILL PIHOS, ON THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS PASSING.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

OFFICE CLOSED – COLUMBUS DAY

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

1:00 P.M. CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

4:30 P.M. HELLENIC ACADEMY / ICE CREAM SOCIAL

7:00 P.M. GOYA MEETING

7:15 P.M. METROPOLIS CHANTERS PRACTICE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

1:00 P.M. CHURCH STAFF MEETING

7:00 P.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

1:00 P.M. BIBLE STUDY

4:30 P.M. HELLENIC ACADEMY

7:30 P.M. PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

7:30 P.M. YAL BIBLE STUDY (OFFSITE)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16- FEAST DAY OF ST. LONGINUS THE CENTURION

10:00 A.M. TOTS @ HONEYBEE GARDENS

6:00 P.M. EVENING DIVINE LITURGY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

11:00 A.M. ANNUAL FASHION SHOW & LUNCHEON

5:00 P.M. VESPERS

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES WILL NOT MEET TODAY.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION. MODE 2.

When You descended unto Death, O Lord, You who are immortal Life put Hades to death, by the lightning of Your divinity. And when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the hosts of heaven sang aloud to You, "O Christ God, Giver of life, glory to You!"

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον. Ἦχος β

Ὅτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ ζωὴ ἡ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας, τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς θεότητος· ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

Hó-te ka-TĪL-thes pros ton THÁ-na-ton, i zo-Í i a-THÁ-na-tos, tó-te ton Á-din e-NÉ-kro-sas, ti a-stra-PÍ tis the-Ó-ti-tos; hó-te the ke tus te-thne-Ó-tas, ek ton ka-ta-chtho-NÍ-on a-NÉ-sti-sas, PÁ-se e dhi-NÁ-mis ton e-pu-ra-NÍ-on e-kraú-ga-zon; zo-o-DÓ-ta Chris-TÉ, o The-ÓS i-MÓN, DÓ-xa si.

EPISTLE ~ ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO TITUS 3:8-15

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned.

When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful.

All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

GOSPEL ~ LUKE 8:5-15

The Lord said this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As he said these things, he cried out "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

THE SACRED STEWARDSHIP

WHY YOU SHOULD SERVE ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

In the life of a Greek Orthodox church, Holy Apostles is far more than a building—it is a spiritual home, a refuge, and a beacon of Christ's light. While our priests lead us spiritually, the responsibility of sustaining and growing this sacred community rests on all of us. One of the most impactful ways to answer this call to action is by serving on the Parish Council.

Serving on the Council is a vital, living ministry of servant leadership. When you step into this role, your relationship with the church transforms from passive membership into active Christian discipleship. Working closely with your parish priests to balance budgets, maintain facilities, and support ministries challenges you to lead with humility, patience, and grace.

Moreover, council members hold the unique privilege of securing the church's future. By overseeing financial stability and cultivating vibrant youth and outreach programs, your stewardship ensures that the next generation will inherit a thriving, welcoming spiritual home.

Every steward possesses unique, God-given talents—whether in strategic planning, finance, communication, or organizational leadership. If you have been waiting for the right moment to make a meaningful difference, consider offering your time and heart to the upcoming Parish Council Elections on Sunday, December 6th. We need your time and talents now. A nominated individual must:

1. Be a communing Orthodox Christian member of Holy Apostles in good standing and current in his/ her financial commitment to Holy Apostles.
2. A prospective member can be nominated at the Parish Assembly on Sunday, October 18th or
3. if not nominated at the Parish Assembly, secure endorsements from three parish members and submit said signed nomination to the President of the Parish Council.

For more information, please contact Peter Bell at dokphoto@yahoo.com

Please consider making a difference.

NEW LITURGY BOOKS!

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we have new Divine Liturgy books! You can find the Creed on page 69, the Lord's Prayer on page 91, and the Prayers of Holy Communion on page 95. We also have new books for our little ones. Please help us care for all of these books so everyone can enjoy them for years to come!

BLANKETS OF LOVE

Join us on Saturday, October 24th from 10-12pm to make blankets for Phil's Friends and Metropolitan Family Services Holiday Shoppe. Sign up today with the QR code!



OCTOBER COAT DRIVE

For the Month of October, donate gently used adult and children's coats to benefit: Elmhurst University Career Closet, Warm Coats for Cool Kids, Repeat Boutique & Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans. You can drop off the coats in the Multipurpose Room.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

Please Join Us on Tuesday, October 13 at 1:00 pm in the Philoptochos Room for Discussion and Coffee. Please contact Kathy Steffenson at gksteff@gmail.com or Val Dranias at valdranias@aol.com with any questions. We hope that you will join us.

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.

2026 HELLENIC HISTORY EDUCATIONAL TOURNAMENT – OCTOBER 24

Students in grades 8-12 are invited to participate in the 2026 Hellenic History Educational Tournament on Saturday, October 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Ascension of Our Lord Greek Orthodox Church in Lincolnshire, IL. With over \$20,000 in prizes available, this is a wonderful opportunity for students to deepen their knowledge of Hellenic history and compete with peers. Please contact Alexa if intertested in joining a Holy Apostle Team, YouthDirector@HolyApostlesChurch.com



HOLY APOSTLES
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Jr. GOYA & GOYA FALL 2026 GOYA RETREAT





OCTOBER 30 - OCTOBER 31, 2025
(Drop-off at Holy Apostles on Friday at 6:00 PM;
Pick-up on Saturday by 2:30 PM)

FROM FOLLOWERS
TO WORLD CHANGERS.
CHRIST CALLED THEM.
YOU ARE NEXT.



PERMISSION SLIP FORMS
AND \$30 NONREFUNDABLE
DEPOSITS ARE DUE **OCTOBER 20TH.**



FAITH



FRIENDS



FUN



ADVENTURE

LIVE THE MISSION.

Luxe RAFFLE

ENTER TO WIN
a Gucci
GIGLIO PURSE



GUCCI



\$20 | BUY A TICKET.
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MILLION
DEGREES

WINNERS NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN



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@holyapostleschurch.com

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Connect: Ways to reach out and get involved



Media: Publications, livestream, Digital Chant Stand, and social media links.



Events: Find our church calendar



Give: Make a one time or recurring electronic payment.

CHOOSE YOUR APP SETTINGS

- Decide what notifications you want to receive (if any), then click “NEXT”
- The “Create Profile” page will come up
 - You can click “**Skip for now**”, or
 - You can click “**CREATE PROFILE**”
 - typing in your phone number that is in our system will connect you to your Pushpay account.

Connect to Your Pushpay Profile:

To sign in to your account through the app, you have to have signed in through our system’s website. If you haven’t yet, go to holyapostles.ccbchurch.com and request a login.

CALL TO ACTION

There are 2 tasks to complete:

- 1) Sign up for the ministries that interest you
 - Go to “Connect”, click on “Ministries”
 - To sign up for a ministry, click on “JOIN”
- 2) Fill out the Volunteer Survey
 - Go to “Connect”, click on “Our Church”
 - Find “Volunteer Survey”
 - Your responses will guide us in building a stronger, more connected community.



Christopher "Fiss" McKay is a 20-year-old Greek Orthodox man from Wheaton, IL and is bravely fighting Chronic Myeloid Leukemia (CML).

Be the Match, Be the Cure!



After completing several rounds of treatment, Fiss is now home, recovering, praying, and waiting for a match that could give him his life back!

We are so grateful for the love, prayers and overwhelming support we have been shown. Family and Friends have held donor drives at colleges, churches and community venues, with more planned for early October.

Despite all of these efforts, **a donor has not been found**. Fiss urgently needs a stem cell transplant for a chance at a cure. We are asking for your continued support and prayers.

Please share this flyer and, if you are **18-35**, join the registry.

If you're 18-35, join the NMDP Registry to see if you could be a match!

1

REGISTER & REQUEST YOUR KIT

TEXT **Fight4Fiss TO 61474**

OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER

Your kit will be mailed to you with a prepaid return envelope. Follow the kit instructions to swab your cheeks and then mail it back ASAP!



2

SHARE THIS FLYER

Post it on your social media pages and ask your friends and family to share it too.

#Fight4Fiss



Want to host a donor drive at your college, church, etc.?

Contact Christopher's godmother, Niki, at 630-640-7274 to learn how you can help!

OLD HOLY RESURRECTION PRESENTS

ORTHOBER FEST



A PAN-ORTHODOX HARVEST CELEBRATION
A FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND ORTHODOX BEER, WINE & SPIRITS EXPERIENCE

17
OCTOBER

\$20 ENTRANCE

Featuring Orthodox-owned businesses,
traditional food, live music, and the hospi-
tality of our diverse Orthodox communities

3062 W PALMER SQUARE, CHICAGO, IL 60647



ORTHODOX YOUTH
AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

Orthoberfest OUTDOOR AKATHIST



**Join us for an
Akathist in the park,
& stay for dinner and
drinks at Orthoberfest**



**Saturday, October 17
4:00PM**



**Palmer Square Park
2200 N. Kedzie Blvd.
Chicago, IL**

**Register
Here!**



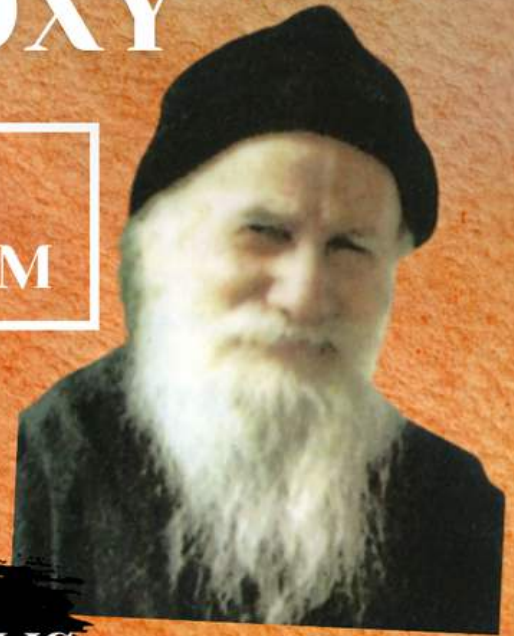
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**OUTDOOR
ORTHODOXY**

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 GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

GREEK HERITAGE TICKET PACK 2026



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

SEATGEEK STADIUM // 3:00 PM

ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH, THE FIRE & HOLY APOSTLES GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH ARE CELEBRATING GREEK HERITAGE WITH A TICKET PACK THAT INCLUDES A SPECIAL-EDITION CHICAGO FIRE FC JERSEY.

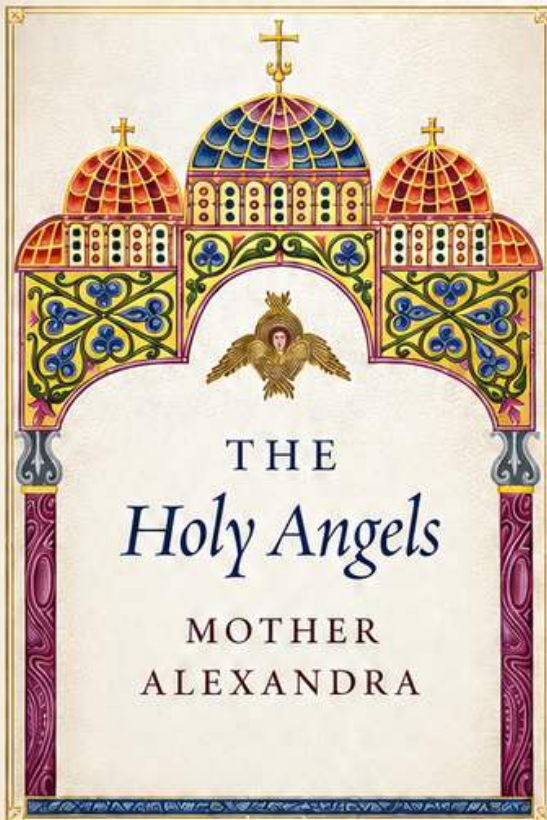
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THIS TICKET PACK MUST BE PURCHASED FROM THIS LINK OR THROUGH A CHICAGO FIRE REPRESENTATIVE. THIRD-PARTY PURCHASES WILL NOT INCLUDE THE ITEM, AND THIS IS NOT AN ARENA-WIDE PROMOTION.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT NOLAN O'BRIEN AT:
872-710-0578 OR NOBRIEN@CHICAGOFIREFC.COM

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



Fifth Saturday Serve Day

Join the Parish Family Ministry in a service project.

Our next project:

Sat, Oct 31st

10:00 AM

We will be tracing, cutting
and stitching small heart
pillows with the local
organization **Stuffed Love.**

Open for all ages. Sign up with the
QR code. No supplies needed,
just come ready to work at the
Holy Apostles Multipurpose Room

Questions?

parishfamily@holyapostleschurch.com

bit.ly/4rq7EoT



METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO

FAMILY SYNAXIS EVENT

PARENTS' EVENING

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH

ST. DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
IN ELMHURST

Join us for a short Paraklisis at 6:30 PM
followed by a Panel Discussion at 7:30 PM

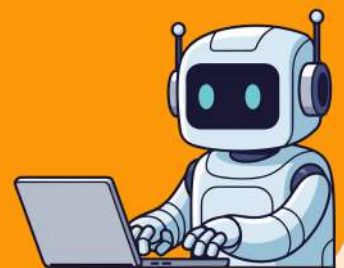
From TikTok to AI: What Parents Need to Know

Panelists:

Fr. Athanasios Papagiannis - Former HS
Counselor

Nicholas Barnhill - Licensed Clinical
Professional Counselor

Steven Milak - Software Engineer
at Google



QUESTIONS? EMAIL CHICAGO.FAMILY.SYNAXIS@GMAIL.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

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

ni - The - o i - na - pte-sma-ton a - fe - sin pa - ra-shi tes psi hes - i - mon

Sermon Notes

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