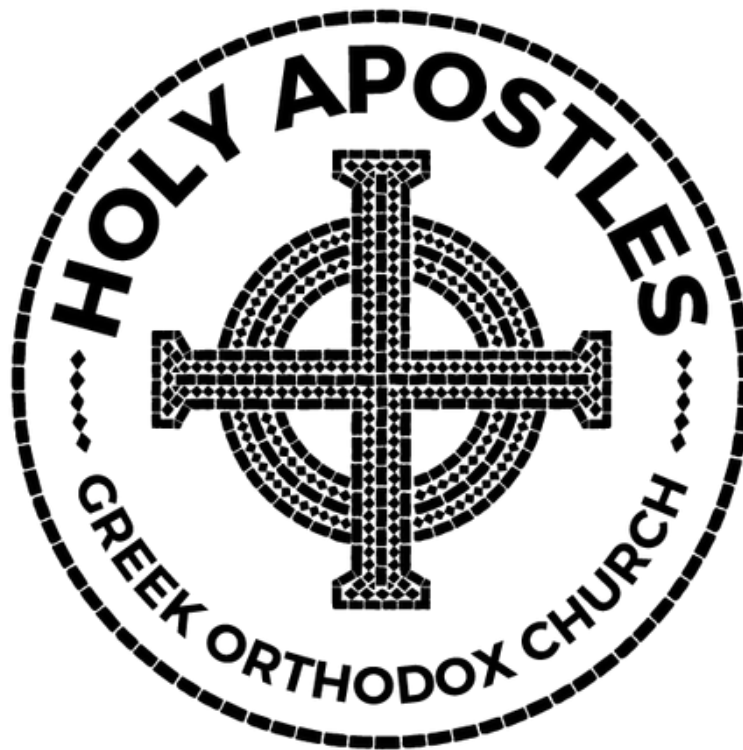


WEEKLY BULLETIN



OCTOBER 18, 2026

FEAST DAY OF
ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

8:15 A.M. ORTHROS

9:30 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY (SUNDAY SCHOOL FOLLOWING COMMUNION)

11:30 A.M. FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTED BY PARISH COUNCIL

11:40 A.M. PARISH ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

8:00 A.M. ORTHROS

9:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

4:30 P.M. HELLENIC ACADEMY

6:15 P.M. JOY

7:15 P.M. METROPOLIS CHANTERS PRACTICE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

1:00 P.M. BEREAVEMENT GROUP MEETING

1:00 P.M. CHURCH STAFF MEETING

7:00 P.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL

7:00 P.M. JR. GOYA MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

6:45 A.M. BROTHERHOOD OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

1:00 P.M. BIBLE STUDY

4:30 P.M. HELLENIC ACADEMY

7:15 P.M. DISCOVERIES IN ORTHODOXY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23- FEAST DAY OF ST. IAKOVOS (JAMES)

MEN'S CAMPING TRIP

8:00 A.M. ORTHROS

9:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

10:00 A.M. PHILOPTOCHOS BLANKET MAKING DAY

11:00 A.M. BAPTISM

5:00 P.M. VESPERS

ELLIA GRYFAKIS WILL BE READING THE EPISTLE TODAY

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION MODE 3.

Let the heavens be glad. Let the earth rejoice exceedingly. For the Lord has shown strength with his arm. He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead. Out of the belly of Hades, He has rescued us, and to the world He has granted the great mercy.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον. ᾠχος γ.

Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιášθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος· ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον· πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο· ἐκ κοιλίας ᾄδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Ef-ren-ES-tho ta oo-RAH-nee-ah, ah-gahl-lee-AHS-tho ta eh-PEE-yee-ah, HO-tee eh-PEE-yee-seh KRAH-tos en vra-HEE-oh-nee af-TOO, ho KEE-ree-os; eh-PAH-tee-seh to tha-NAH-to ton THAH-nah-ton; pro-TOH-to-kos ton neh-KRON eh-YEH-neh-to; ek kee-LEE-as AH-thoo eh-RREE-sah-to ee-MAS, keh pah-REH-sheh to KOS-mo to MEH-gha EH-leh-os.

EPISTLE ~ ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE COLOSSIANS 4:5-II, 14-18

Brethren, conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer every one. Tychicos will tell you all about my affairs; he is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, and with him Onesimos, the faithful and beloved brother, who is one of yourselves. They will tell you of everything that has taken place. Aristarchos my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions if he comes to you, receive him), and Jesus who is called Justos. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. Luke the beloved physician and Demas greet you. Give my greetings to the brethren at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. And when this letter has been read among you, have it read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you read also the letter from Laodicea. And say to Archippos, "See that you fulfill the ministry which you have received in the Lord." I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my fetters. Grace be with you. Amen.

GOSPEL ~LUKE 10:16-21

The Lord said to his disciples, "He who hears you hears me, and he who rejects you rejects me, and he who rejects me rejects him who sent me." The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will."

STEP FORWARD TO SERVE AS A PARISH COUNCIL MEMBER

Beloved Parishioners of Holy Apostles,

Our parish is more than a community—it is a spiritual home where we gather to keep, practice, and proclaim the Orthodox Christian Faith. Today, you are invited to deepen your commitment to this sacred mission by offering your talents, leadership, and faith as a candidate for the Parish Council. Serving on the Parish Council is not merely a corporate or administrative role; it is a vital, Christ-centered ministry. Working hand-in-hand with our parish priests, council members serve as ambassadors of faith, setting an exemplary standard of devotion, stewardship, and love for our church family.

Who Can Answer the Call?

To run for election, candidates must meet the foundational requirements of spiritual and communal leadership:

- **A Living Faith:** You must be a practicing, communing Orthodox Christian.
- **A Rooted Commitment:** You must be a member in good standing of the Holy Apostles Parish for at least one year, current in both your spiritual and stewardship commitments.

How to Be Nominated

There are two pathways to officially enter your candidacy:

- **At the Assembly:** You can be nominated directly on the floor during the Parish Assembly today, October 18, 2026.
- **By Petition:** You may have three Holy Apostles stewards sign and support your candidacy. Nomination forms are available in the office or by email at your request. Turn them in to the office or Jim Maragos or the church office. Any written request on paper is acceptable.

If you have felt a pull to give back to the church that sustains you, or if you wish to help guide Holy Apostles into a vibrant future, please prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve. Your unique gifts can help keep the "light of Christ" shining brightly in our parish.

Please join us,

Your current Parish Council Members

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.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are looking for high school students to help coordinate the logistics for our Youth in the Loft Sundays! No musical experience or skills are required, and the time commitment is minimal. Any help is greatly appreciated, and it's a wonderful opportunity to serve our church community and support our youth. If you're interested in helping, please reach out to Bette at loft@holypostleschurch.com.

MINISTRIES ARTOKLASIA

Ministries Artoklasia: Holy Apostles will thank its ministries for their service with an Artoklasia on October 25th. Service projects performed by ministries during July, August and September of this year will also be highlighted. Please join us as we celebrate the ministries and recognize their work to benefit others.

MEET THE TEACHER

Kindergarten (207) and 6th grade (205) parents are invited to come meet your child's teachers at 11:30 today for a short 5-10 minute presentation.
Next week: 3rd grade and 7th/8th grade classes.

Jr. GOYA & GOYA FALL 2026 GOYA RETREAT

HOLY APOSTLES GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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.

YOUTH IN THE LOFT STARTS UP AGAIN!

Don't Forget! Youth in the Loft meets next Sunday, October 25th. We will meet in the choir room at 9:00 for robe and book assignments and a brief review.

We enter the loft as a group following the Doxology. If you are interested in joining our beautiful Youth Choir, please reach out to Bette at loft@holypostleschurch.com.

IT'S SIRC SUNDAY!

Today the Metropolis is celebrating the St. Iakovos Retreat Center! Our retreat center is very important to all of us!

Learn about the center on the next page. If you would like to donate, you can scan the QR code below!



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



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO ST. IAKOVOS RETREAT CENTER



Did You Know?

- ✿ SIRC offers retreats, camps, events, & fellowship for all ages.
- ✿ There are 137 acres of nature, recreation, and reflection.
- ✿ The cabins and facilities give visitors a place to stay & gather
- ✿ SIRC welcomes churches, families, schools, and other groups.
- ✿ Your support helps preserve SIRC for future generations.

How You Can Help!

- ✿ Donate online to support SIRC's mission.
- ✿ Share SIRC with your parish, family, friends, or organizations.
- ✿ Visit SIRC, attend events, & help others discover this special place.



Learn more at gosirc.org!



“Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, but encouraging one another.” Hebrews 10:24-25

To the Reverend Clergy, the Presidents and Members of Parish Councils, the Presidents and Members of Philoptochos Societies, and all the blessed people of the Holy Metropolis of Chicago:

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The words of the Apostle Paul remind us that the Christian life is never lived in isolation. We gather so that we may strengthen our faith and inspire one another toward good works. With this in mind, we dedicate Sunday, October 18, 2026, to the Saint Iakovos Retreat Center, giving thanks for a sacred setting that has enriched the life of our Metropolis and provided a place where the faithful may encounter Christ and one another.

For nearly two decades, the Retreat Center has provided a campus where ministries of every kind have flourished and borne abundant fruit. Through Fanari Camp, GOYA and young adult gatherings, clergy meetings, parish council and Philoptochos outings, and many other events, generations of our faithful have found opportunities to pray together, deepen their faith, and strengthen the bonds of Christian fellowship. In the quiet beauty of the Retreat Center, many have found a place to listen more attentively to God's voice and to renew their commitment to life in Christ upon return to their homes. Therefore, our support of the Saint Iakovos Retreat Center is not merely the upkeep of buildings and grounds; it is an investment in the spiritual formation of our children and young people, the strengthening of our families, and the bonds that unite our parishes as one Body of Christ

Therefore, I invite every parish and every family to keep the Saint Iakovos Retreat Center close to your hearts and to share in its ministry with prayer, presence, and generosity. Visit its sacred grounds, bring your children and communities there, and offer your financial support as an act of thanksgiving, so that this blessed place may continue to nurture faith, fellowship, and love in Christ for generations to come.

May the Lord bless our Saint Iakovos Retreat Center, all who serve there, and all who walk upon its campus. By divine grace and your active support, may it become ever more a place where hearts are renewed, friendships are strengthened, and Christ is glorified.

With paternal love in Christ,

† NATHANAEL
Metropolitan of Chicago

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.*



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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!

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*)



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?

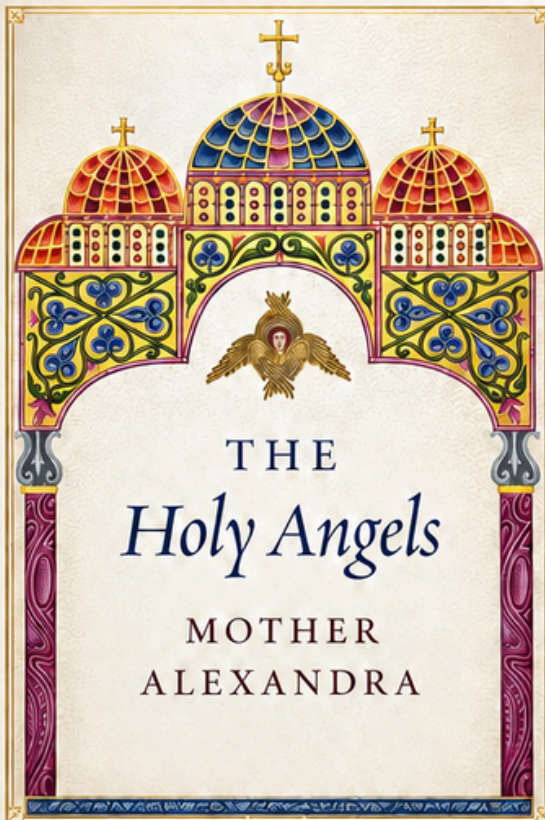
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Women's Book Club



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



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.

SCAN QR FOR TICKETS



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**

O Monoyenis Yios – Hymn of Justinian

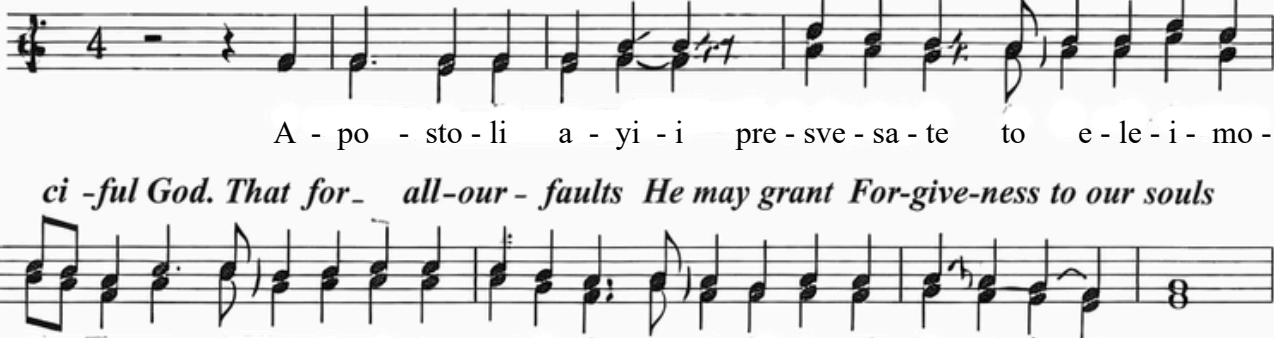
Only begotten Son and Logos of God, being immortal,
You condescended for our salvation to take flesh from the
Holy Theotokos and ever virgin Mary, and without change became man.
Christ our God, You were crucified and conquered death by death.
Being one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and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

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Sermon Notes

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