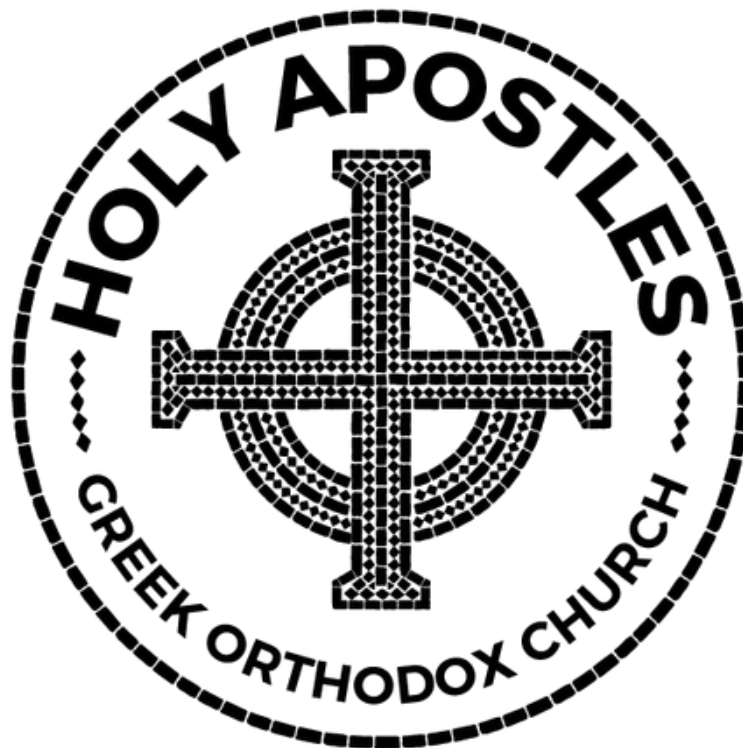


WEEKLY BULLETIN



OCTOBER 25, 2026

6TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

8:15 a.m. Orthros

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

Ministries Artoklasia for Missions, Parish Family and Philoptochos

11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour hosted by Athanasia Carlson in honor of Michael and Athanasia's 10th wedding anniversary

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26- FEAST DAY OF ST. DEMETRIOS

8:00 AM Orthros

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

4:30 PM Hellenic Academy/Oxi Day Celebration

7:00 PM GOYA Pumpkin Carving

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28 — FEAST DAY OF HOLY PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS

8:00 AM Orthros

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

10:00 AM TOTS at Cosley Zoo

1:00 PM Church Staff Meeting

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

1:00 PM — Adult Bible Study

4:30 PM Hellenic Academy

7:30 PM YAL Bible Study (offsite)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

6:00 PM Jr. GOYA/GOYA Fall Retreat

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

10:00 AM Fifth Saturday Serve Day

5:00 PM Vespers

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION MODE 4.

When the women disciples of the Lord heard the Angel joyously proclaim the resurrection, they cast aside the ancestral verdict, and boasting in glory they said to the Apostles, "Death has been despoiled! Christ God has risen, granting the great mercy to the world!"

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον. Ἦχος δ

Τὸ παιδρὸν τῆς ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριάι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσχύλεται ὁ θάνατος, ἡγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

To feh-THRON tees ah-nah-STAH-seh-os KEE-reeg-mah, ek too an-YEH-loo mah-THOO-seh eh too kee-REE-oo mah-THEE-tree-eh, keh teen pro-yo-nee-KEEN ah-POH-fah-seen ah-por-REE-psah-seh, tees ah-po-STOH-lees kahf-HOH-meh-neh EH-leh-yon: eh-SKEE-lev-teh oh THAH-nah-tos, ee-YER-thee khree-STOS oh theh-OS, tho-ROO-meh-nos toh KOZ-mo toh MEH-yah EH-leh-os.

EPISTLE ~ ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE GALATIANS 2:16-20

Brethren, knowing that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

GOSPEL ~ LUKE 8:26-39

At that time, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

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!

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.

MEET THE TEACHER

Parents of children in 3rd grade and 7th/8th grade are invited to a short "Meet the Teacher" presentation at 11:30 in their classrooms.

ARTOKLASIA

Today's Artoklasia is to celebrate and pray for all Holy Apostles' ministries and recognize their outreach service projects from July through September 2026.

***Fifth Saturday Serve:** Made kits for kids and teens at Lurie Children's Hospital Outpatient Center in Westchester.

***Missions:** Parishioners volunteered with Project Mexico to help build a home for a family in need there.

***Parish Family:** Volunteered at the Westchester Food Pantry to help clients shop for food.

***Parish Family and Philoptochos:** August Lenten service project assembling birthday bags for the Westchester Food Pantry.

***Philoptochos:**

-Pillars and Rocks fall senior visits;

-volunteered at Feed My Starving Children and donated funds to feed one child for a year;

-donated hygiene supplies, clothing and snacks to partner schools for Operation Classroom;

- donated 24 blankets, journals, playing cards, activity books, lip balm, and lotion to Phil's Friends;

- donated a Sam's Club gift card to the Hillside Food Pantry as well as the ongoing Project Hope food collection.

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

To officially enter your candidacy:

- 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



WELCOME BACK YOUTH IN THE LOFT

We are excited to welcome back the beautiful young singers to our choir today. If you are interested in joining our Youth Choir, please reach out to Bette at loft@holypostleschurch.com.



DISCOVERIES IN ORTHODOXY

Our final session of Discoveries in Orthodoxy will be Thursday, November 5th at 7:15-8:30 PM, where Deacon Perry will teach us about St. Porphyrios's spiritual teachings (*Wounded By Love*, Part 2, pg 190-247)



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!

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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!

HOLY APOSTLES CHRISTMAS PAGEANT ON DECEMBER 13TH

The annual Holy Apostles Christmas Pageant is quickly approaching. Forms will be available at the **first rehearsal on Sunday, November 1st**, to register your child or bring your filled out form that was mailed to you.

Kindergartners through third grade students will play the silent roles of the characters in the Nativity Scene. Fourth through eighth graders will sing traditional Christmas Carols for the program and be narrators. High school students will be Assistants.

The character role assignments will begin at the first practice on November 1st. Please pick up your participating K-3rd grade child from their Sunday School classroom and bring them directly into the church. The Choir (4th – 8th graders) should report to room 208. Rehearsal will start immediately after Sunday School at 11:35 A.M for all participants.

For more information, please feel free to send an email the pageant director, Sandy Pihos, at christmaspageant@holyapostleschurch.com or call/text at 630-640-5811



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?

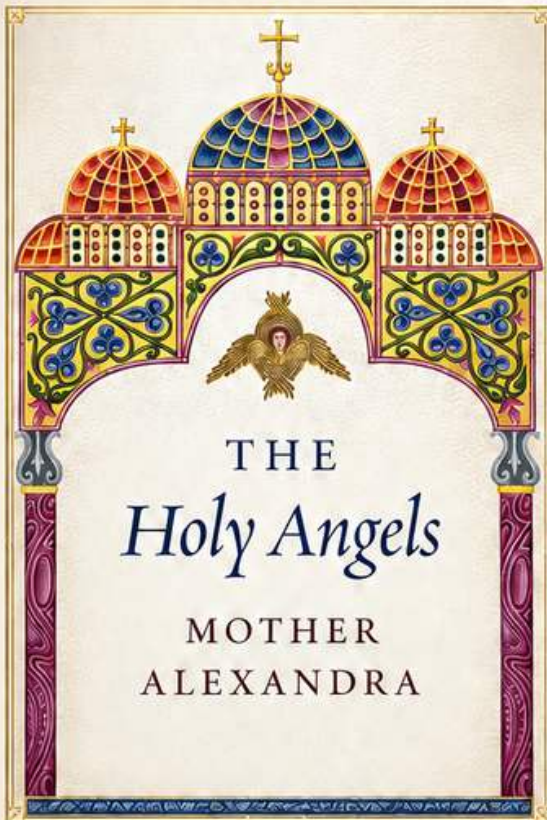
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Women's Book Club



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



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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH

12-3PM

HOLY APOSTLES MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF GREAT GREEK
FOOD, WARM LAUGHS, AND WONDERFUL COMPANY AS WE
CELEBRATE THE CONNECTIONS THAT TIE US ALL TOGETHER.**

65+ WELCOME

**FEATURING A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO OUR VETERANS AND LIVE
GREEK MUSIC AND DANCING WITH GRECIAN FORMULA**

PLEASE RSVP TO BESS SHIZAS AT (708) 703-2732

**We will be collecting items for the Midwest Shelter for Homeless
Veterans. If you'd like to donate, please bring any toiletries,
shampoo, deodorant, toothbrush, etc.**

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

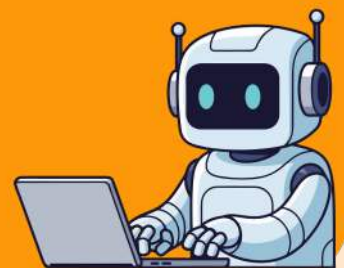
From TikTok to AI: What Parents Need to Know

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



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

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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