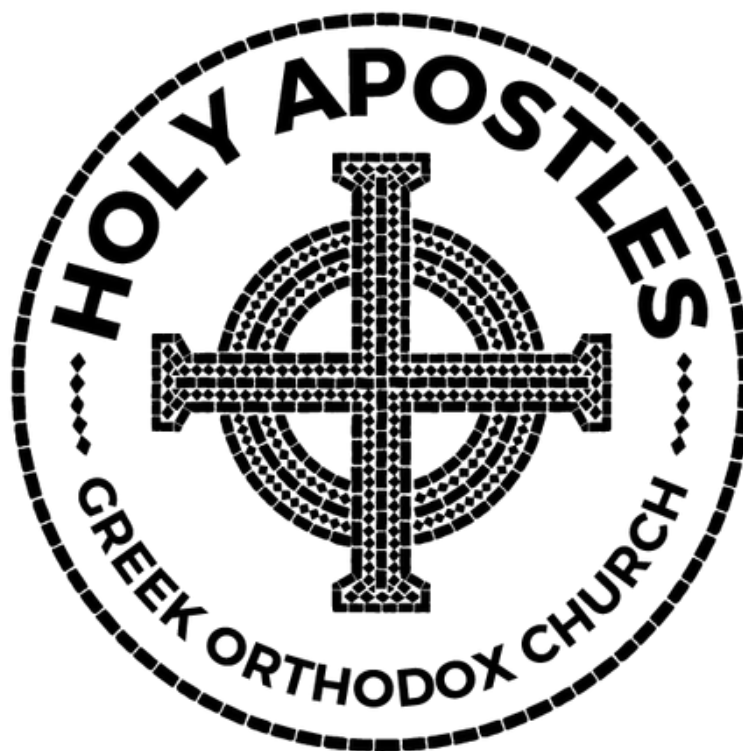


WEEKLY BULLETIN



NOVEMBER 1, 2026

**FEAST DAY OF
STS. COSMAS & DAMIANOS**

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1- FEAST DAY OF STS. COSMAS & DAMIANOS

NATIONAL PHILOPTOCHOS SUNDAY

8:15 am Orthros

9:30 am Divine Liturgy (Sunday School following Communion)

Memorials: Theodore & Penelope Vlahos, Angie Stavros, Demetra Stavros, George & Panagiota Stavros, Peter Stavros, David & Amelia Vlahos, Besse Maragos, Virginia Theodore

11:30 am Fellowship Hour hosted by Philoptochos for Philoptochos Sunday

11:35 am Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

11:45 am Sunday School Staff Meeting (Philoptochos Room)

12:30 pm Baptism of Noah, son of Christopher & Arianna Justiniano

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

4:30 pm Hellenic Academy

6:15 pm Hellenic Academy Staff Meeting

6:15 pm JOY

7:00 pm Philoptochos Board Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4- FEAST DAY OF ST. GEORGE OF DRAMA

8:00 am Orthros

9:00 am Divine Liturgy

1:00 pm Church Staff Meeting

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm Jr. GOYA Meeting

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

1:00 pm Bible Study

4:30 pm Hellenic Academy

5:30 pm Hellenic Academy PTO Meeting

7:15 pm Discoveries in Orthodoxy

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

7:00 pm Small Paraklesis – For the Sick

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

11:00 am Wedding of Samantha Lee & Theoharis Georgopoulos

5:00 pm Vespers



ELLIA GRYFAKIS WILL BE READING THE EPISTLE TODAY

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION MODE I

As the Father and Spirit are unoriginate, * so the Word, who was born from the Virgin for us. * Let us praise Him, O believers, and let us worship Him. * For our salvation He was pleased * to be crucified in the flesh, * and to undergo death, * and to resurrect the dead, by His glorious resurrection.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον. Ἦχος πλ. α

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν· ὅτι ἠυδόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγείραι τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

Ton sy-NA-nar-hon LO-gon Pa-TREE keh Pnev-MA-tee, ton ek Par-THEE-nou tehk-THEHN-da ees so-tee-REE-an ee-MON, a-neem-NEE-so-men pee-STEE keh pros-koo-NEE-so-men; O-tee ev-THO-kee-se sar-KEE, a-nel-THEEN en to Stav-RO, keh THA-na-ton i-po-MEE-nay, keh eh-YEE-ree tous tehth-NEH-o-tas, en tee en-THO-ks-o a-na-STA-see av-TOO.

EPISTLE ~ ST. PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS 12:27-31; 13:1-8

Brethren, you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, then healers, helpers, administrators, speakers in various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

GOSPEL ~LUKE 16:19-31

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazaros, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazaros in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazaros to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazaros in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to them, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

PHILOPTOCHOS SUNDAY

In honor of Philoptochos Sunday, a collection basket will be available as you leave church today to support the Ecumenical Patriarchate Fund.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

Please Join Us on Tuesday, November 10 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.

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 2nd grade are invited to a short "Meet the Teacher" presentation at 11:30 in their classrooms.

CALLING ALL VETERANS!

We would like to honor you on Sunday, November 15th. Please fill out the form below so we have your information!



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



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!



Holy Apostles Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 13th

First Rehearsal Sunday, November 1st

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@holypostleschurch.com or call/text at 630-640-5811

HOLIDAY FOOD COLLECTION

Sunday, November 1st – Sunday, November 29th

*Together, we can make the holidays
a little brighter for those in need.*

The holidays can be very difficult for those experiencing food insecurity.
Food donations are down, and your help is needed now more than ever!

How It Works

Our HOPE collections go to the Hillside Food Pantry (HFP), operating out of Immanuel Lutheran Church just one block north of us. HFP hosts two Holiday Drive-Thrus (Thanksgiving & Christmas) and provides turkeys. We are asking parishioners to donate side dishes so HFP can provide complete holiday meals!

(Note: This collection is in addition to our ongoing HOPE bags.)



Suggested Non-Perishable Items

ANY donation is greatly appreciated!



Dinner Sides & Staples

- Boxed stuffing
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Canned cranberry sauce
- Turkey gravy (canned, jars, or packets)
- Canned fruits and vegetables



Baking & Desserts

- Canned pumpkin (HFP provides milk & crust)
- Biscuit or cornbread mix
- Quick breads & baking mixes
- Cookie mixes, cake mixes, & Jello
- Green bean casserole ingredients (green beans, mushroom soup, French-fried onions)



Drop-off Location

A dedicated table will be set up in front of the HOPE collection counter to receive all donations.



Have Questions? Please contact:

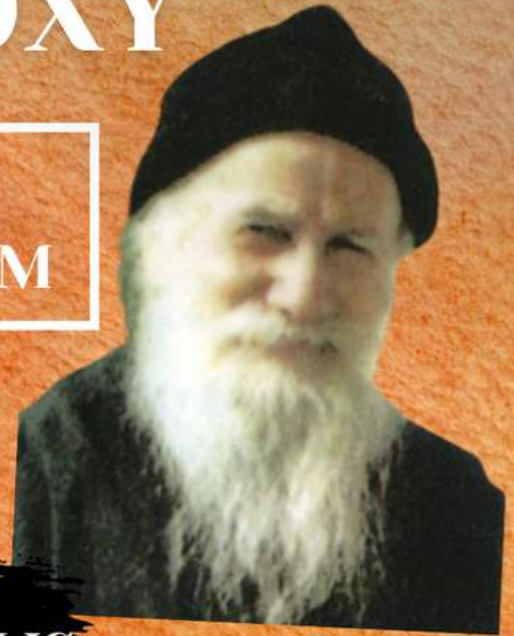
Faye Adams:
geofaye.adams@gmail.com

Nicole Kubesh:
nkubesh73@gmail.com

Thank You
for Your Support!

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*)



PLEASE DONATE TO THE PHILOPTOCHOS

HOLIDAY COLLECTION FOR TOYS & GIFTS

*to benefit families assisted by the Family Shelter
Service of DuPage*

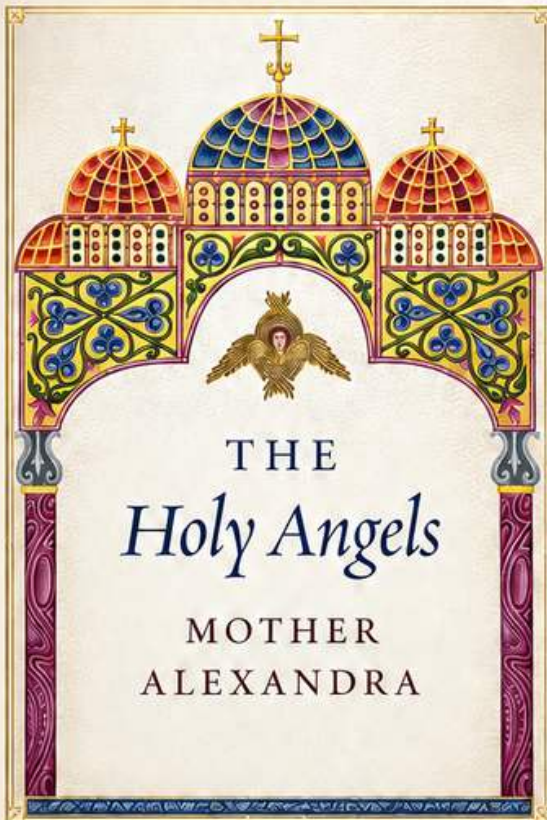
Philoptochos volunteers shop and deliver items directly to the shelter where victims of domestic abuse have an opportunity to select a special Christmas gift for members of their families.

- ☐ DONATE IN PERSON EVERY SUNDAY IN NOVEMBER AFTER LITURGY
- ☐ SEND YOUR CHECK TO THE CHURCH OFFICE MADE OUT TO "HOLY APOSTLES PHILOPTOCHOS" and note "TOY DRIVE" in the memo
- ☐ ONLINE AT www.tinyurl.com/haphilo2501
- ☐ SCAN THE QR CODE



Please consider helping us to make the holiday season brighter and happier for these families - Thank you!

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

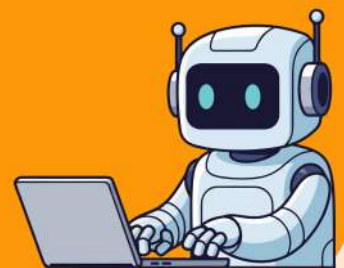
From TikTok to AI: What Parents Need to Know

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**



***HOLY APOSTLES
HELLENIC ACADEMY
BAKE SALE***



***FRAPPE, GREEK COOKIES, PIES,
BREADS, AND MORE!***

AFTER DIVINE LITURGY

***NOVEMBER 22ND
HOLY APOSTLES MULTIPURPOSE
ROOM***

***PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT OUR FINE
ARTS PROGRAM***



HOLY APOSTLES VOLUNTEERS AT THE WESTCHESTER FOOD PANTRY



Saturday, December 5th
8:30 am – 12:00 pm

Sign up deadline
November 29th

Sign up with the link in your
weekly email or scan the QR

Questions?
parishfamily@holyapostleschurch.com





THE ASSEMBLY OF CANONICAL ORTHODOX BISHOPS
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS

PEACE OF MIND

ONE DAY MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING
ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE WORKING WITH YOUTH

MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE GENEROUS SUPPORT
OF THE HELLENIC FOUNDATION
NO COST TO PARTICIPATE!

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14, 2026

9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

**ST. ANDREW'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
5649 N. SHERIDAN RD., CHICAGO, IL**

- For clergy and laity working with Youth
- Learn to recognize signs of a mental health challenge and how to interact with a person in crisis
- Become certified through a research/evidence based internationally recognized course
- Explore the connection between our Orthodox faith and mental health care

[Click here](#) to register

Questions? Contact: mjannakos@assemblyofbishops.org

[Learn more: assemblyofbishops.org/peaceofmind](https://assemblyofbishops.org/peaceofmind)

YAL CHICAGO CONFERENCE 2027

FEB 12-15, 2027

**HILTON CHICAGO DOWNTOWN
REGISTRATION OPENS NOV. 4TH
@ 7:30PM CST**

**Help the YAL Chicago Conference in its
mission to bring Greek-Orthodox young
adults together for a weekend filled with
service, faith, and fellowship!**



DONATE HERE!



**MORE CONFERENCE
INFO HERE!**



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@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	
11/11	4/21	
12/9	4/30, GOOD FRIDAY RETREAT	
	5/12 - MAYFAIR PARK	



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



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

O Monoyenis Yios – Hymn of Justinian

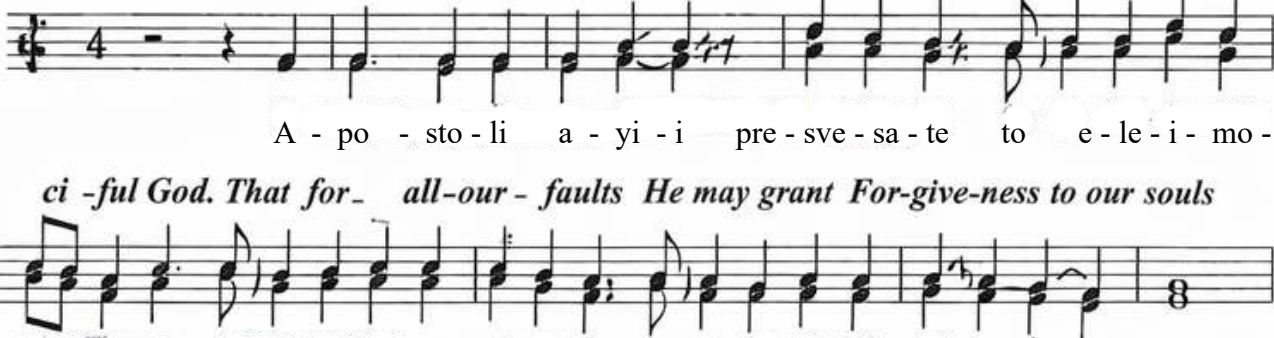
Only begotten Son and Logos of God, being immortal,
You condescended for our salvation to take flesh from the
Holy Theotokos and ever virgin Mary, and without change became man.
Christ our God, You were crucified and conquered death by death.
Being one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and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

The musical notation is written on two staves. The first staff is for the voice and is in 4/4 time. It begins with a whole rest, followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes. The second staff continues the melody with eighth and quarter notes, ending with a final note marked with an '8'.

Sermon Notes

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