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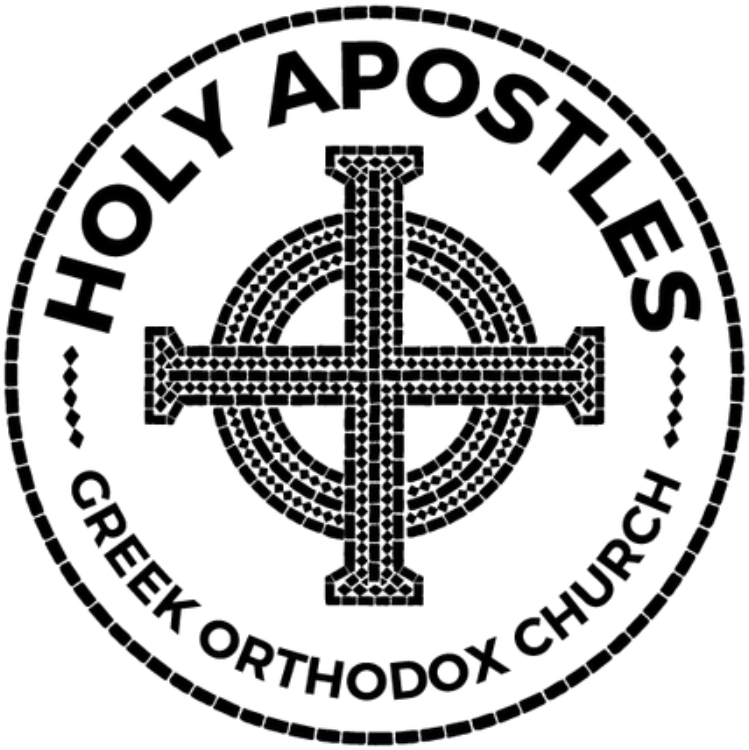

November 29, 2026

13th Sunday of Luke

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Sunday, November 29

Holy Apostles is pleased to welcome His Grace Bishop Dionysios and Deacon Antonios.

- **8:15 am Orthros**
- **9:30 am Divine Liturgy (No Sunday School)**
- **Memorials: Stanley & Antonia Malleris, Elene Kosmopoulos**
- **No Fellowship Hour host this week. Be sure to sign up on our new link on the website!**
- **40 Day Blessing of Ourania, daughter of Alexandra Klementzos**
- **12:30 pm Baptism of Stella, daughter of Bryan Carlat & Maria Avgerinos**
- **2:30 pm Baptism of Eleanor, daughter of Blake Murray & Kristina Clark**

Monday, November 30- Feast Day of St. Andrew

- **8:00 am Orthros**
- **9:00 am Divine Liturgy**

Tuesday, December 1

- **8:00 am Divine Liturgy**
- **4:30 pm Hellenic Academy**
- **6:15 pm Hellenic Academy Staff Meeting**
- **6:15 pm JOY**
- **7:30 pm Metropolis Chanters Practice**

Wednesday, December 2 - Feast Day of St. Porphyrios

- **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, DECEMBER 3

- **8:00 am Divine Liturgy**
- **1:00 pm Bible Study**
- **4:30 pm Hellenic Academy**
- **5:30 pm Hellenic Academy PTO Meeting**
- **7:00 pm Conversational Greek (Ages 13+)**
- **7:30 pm YAL Bible Study (Offsite)**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4 - FEAST DAY OF ST. BARBARA

- **8:00 am Orthros**
- **9:00 am Divine Liturgy**
- **7:00 pm Small Paraklesis – for the sick**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

- **8:00 am Divine Liturgy**
- **8:30 am Westchester Food Pantry Volunteer Day**
- **5:00 pm Vespers**

A Special Hierarchical Visit Today

Holy Apostles is pleased to welcome His Grace Bishop Dionysios and Deacon Antonios on Sunday, November 29, as they join us to celebrate and serve the Divine Liturgy. We look forward to this special opportunity to worship together and warmly welcome our distinguished guests to our parish!

Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode 1

The stone having been sealed by the Pharisees and chief priests, * and Your all-immaculate body being guarded by soldiers, * You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. * Then the powers of the heavens cried out to You, O Giver of Life, and shouted, * "Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! * Glory to Your eternal rule! * Glory to Your plan for saving us, only benevolent God!"

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον. Ἦχος α’

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωήν. Διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

Tou LEE-thou sfrah-yee-STHEN-dos ee-POH ton Ee-oo-DHEH-on, keh strah-tee-oh-TON fee-lahs-SON-don toh AH-hrahn-DON soo SOH-mah, ah-NEH-stees tree-EH-meh-ros soh-TEER, thoh-ROO-meh-nos toh KOHZ-moh teen zoh-EEN. Thee-AH TOO-toh eh thee-NAH-mees ton oo-rah-NON eh-VOH-on see zoh-oh-DHOH-tah, DHOH-ksah tee ah-nah-STAH-see soo hree-STEH, DHOH-ksah tee vah-see-LEE-ah soo, DHOH-ksah tee ee-koh-noh-MEE-ah soo, MOH-neh fee-LAHN-throh-pe.

EPISTLE ~ ST. PAUL’S LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS 5:8-19

Brethren, walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

GOSPEL ~THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE 18:18-27

At that time, a ruler came to Jesus and asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.' " And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

A Holy Apostles Ministry

No December meeting!
Please Join Us
on Tuesday, January 11

At 1:00 pm In the Philoptochos Room

For Discussion and Coffee

Save the Date
Tuesday, February 8, 2027

Upcoming Workshop: From Burnout to Balance
Reclaiming Yourself as a Caregiver

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.



Cast your Vote: Parish Council Elections!

Skip the coffee hour rush for just a few minutes and swing by the polling place! We are holding our Parish Council Elections on **Sunday, December 6, 2026, after Divine Liturgy in the Multipurpose Room.**

Serving on the Parish Council is a vital ministry, and choosing our leaders is a responsibility and privilege we all share. Whether you vote in person or cast your ballot early, your participation keeps our community strong and thriving.

Important Voting Details:

- **Election Day and Hours: Sunday, December 6, 2026, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**
- **Absentee Ballots:** Absentee ballots are available from the church office during regular office hours starting **Monday, November 30** through **Friday, December 4.** All absentee ballots must be returned in an unmarked sealed envelope to the church office before **11:30 a.m. on Election Day** to be counted.
- **Voter Eligibility:** Only **stewards in good standing** may vote in the election. A husband and wife each are encouraged to cast their own individual ballot.
- **No Proxies Allow:** All voters must cast their own ballot.

Please prayerfully consider our candidates and make plans to cast your vote. Every ballot counts!

PLEASE DONATE TO THE PHILOPTOCHOS

HOLIDAY

COLLECTION FOR TOYS & GIFTS

to benefit families assisted by the Family Shelter Service ofDuPage

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!

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!

HOLY APOSTLES VOLUNTEERS AT THE WESTCHESTER FOOD PANTRY

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

Sign up deadline
Novemeber 29th

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

Questions?
parishfamily@holyapostleschurch.com




JOINT
SERVICE
PROJECT
Philoptochos & Parish Family Ministry
are hosting a service event to assemble
cold weather kits for
BEDS-Plus in La Grange
Wednesday
December
9
Project
Immediately
Following
Liturgy at
6:00 PM
QUESTIONS?
parishfamily@holyapostleschurch.com

NEW HA SPIRIT WEAR COLLECTION

Get Ready to Support our Church with Stylish new Shirts, Pullovers, Pants, Polos, Hats and More! Perfect for Christmas Gifts! **100% of the profits support our YOUTH!!**



Philoptochos

Christmas Party and General Meeting

Tuesday, December 8th
Holy Apostles
6:30 PM

Dinner and Holiday Cheer

We will collect new hats, gloves, and socks,
for all ages to be donated to
The People's Resource Center.

Please RSVP no later than 12/01 to
Aleka Ernst at (630) 561-1660 or
philotreasurer@holyapostleschurch.com.

evite to follow

Christmas Breakfast with Santa

Please reserve a spot at the Christmas Breakfast, following Liturgy and the Pageant, on **Sunday December 13th.**

Santa will make a special appearance, in spite of his busy schedule.

Cost is $10 for Adults and children 5 and older –
children 4 and under are free.

Please make your reservations November 8th thru December 8th
either by clicking on the QR code here

online at
www.tinyurl.com/haphilo2501

or in person after liturgy
on Sundays, November 22nd, 29th
& December 6th

or contact Leah Brinkmeyer at
(630) 204-0058 or
leahbrinkmeyer@gmail.com





The Metropolis of Chicago
St. John of Damascus
League of Chanters invites
you to celebrate the:

FEAST DAY OF OUR PATRON SAINT, ST.JOHN O DAMASCUS

Thursday, December 3,2026 - 6:30pm

Great Vespers with a homily offered by Fr. Sotirios Malamis

Refreshments to follow

Ascension of Our Lord Church

1207 Riverwoods Road, Lincolnshire, IL



Rev.Fr.Sotirios P. Malamis was born in Elmhurst, the eighth of nine children ofFr. Panagiotis and Presvytera Theodora Malamis. After graduating from York High School, he earned a B.A. in Psychology from DePaul University. He went on to receive his Master of Divinity with high distinction from Holy Cross School of Theology in 2001 and continued his studies in Pastoral Theology and Religious Education at the University of Athens, where he also earned a teaching degree in Byzantine Music. Following his ordination to the Diaconate in 2008 and the Priesthood later that year, Fr. Sotirios served at Holy Trinity, as Spiritual Advisor at the Hellenic American Academy, and as Associate Pastor at St. John the Baptist.

On September 1, 2014, he began serving as Parish Priest of Ascension of Our Lord in Lincolnshire, where he provided spiritual leadership throughout a construction project that culminated in the opening of a new church and community center in 2019. He has also served on the Archdiocesan and Metropolis Councils and has dedicated himself to teaching and expanding Byzantine Music education. On November 5, 2023, Metropolitan Nathanael of Chicago elevated him to the rank of Protopresbyter, the highest distinction attainable for a married priest and bestowed upon him a gold cross. Fr. Sotirios is a long-time member of the League of Chanters and serves as its Spiritual Advisor.

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Christmas Celebration

DECEMBER 6, 2026

4:00PM - 7:00PM

THE CARLISLE

435 E. BUTTERFIELD RD.
LOMBARD, IL 60145

The Metropolis of Chicago Philoptochos is collecting the following items for the:

GREEK AMERICAN REHAB AND CARE CENTER

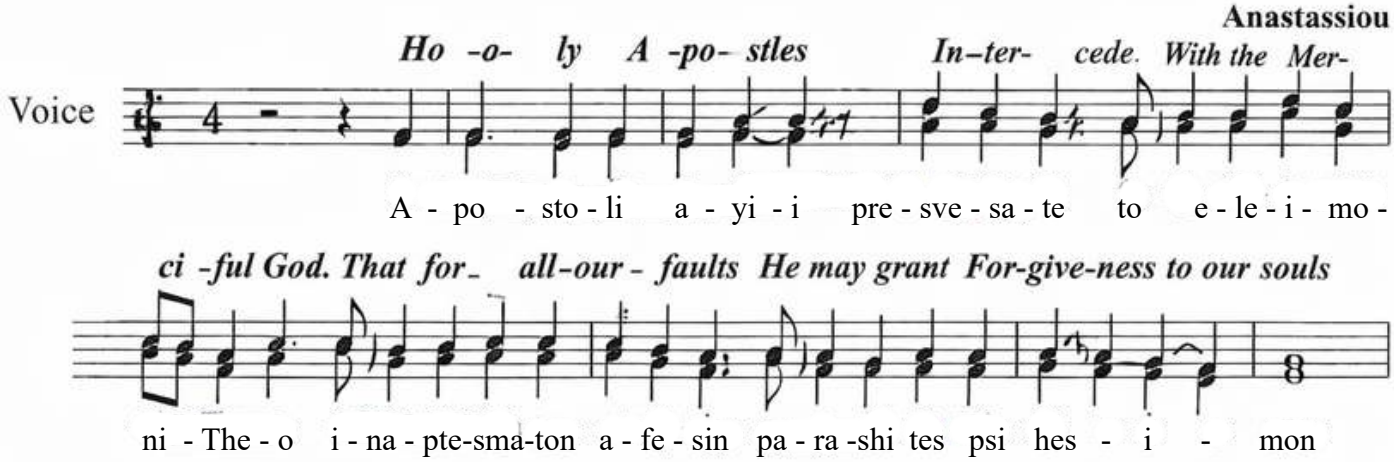
New Items Needed: Shampoo, Leave in Conditioner, Body Wash, Hair Detangler spray for Women, Nail Polish Remover , Body Creams, Winter Scarfs, Winter Hats, Throw Blankets, Grippy Socks—all sizes, Perfume for women, Cologne (body Spray) for men. Cash donations are also welcome.

METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO

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 becme 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



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