

of sanctification and healing, which is bestowed upon the faithful who draw nigh with faith. That such sacred treasures work wonders and many healings is witnessed by the divine Scripture, where it speaks concerning Paul, saying that the Christians in Ephesus had such reverence for him, that his handkerchiefs and aprons, taken up with much reverence, healed the sick of their maladies: "So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them" (Acts 19:12). But not only the Apostles' clothing (which certainly touched the bodies of the sick), but even their shadow alone performed healings. On beholding this, people put their sick on stretchers and beds and brought them out into the streets that, when Peter passed by, his shadow "might overshadow some of them"(Acts 5:15). From this the Orthodox Catholic Church has learned to show reverence and piety not only to the relics of their bodies, but also in the clothing of God's Saints.

The Holy Martyrs Speusippus, Eleusippus, Meleusippus and their grandmother Leonilla The three brothers, triplets, Speusippus, Eleusippus, Meleusippus all suffered for Christ in France during the reign of Emperor Marcus Aurelius (161 - 180 A.D.). At first only Leonilla was a Christian, while her grandsons were heathens. After prolonged counseling on the part of their pious grandmother and the local priest, these three brothers received baptism. Having been baptized, they began with youthful zeal to live a life devoted to their Faith, and with this fervor they destroyed all the idols in the whole vicinity. Accused and brought before the tribunal, they acknowledged their act and openly confessed their faith in Christ. The judge had them thrown into prison, summoned their grandmother Leonilla, and directed her to go to the prison and counsel her grandsons to deny Christ and worship the idols. Without a word, Leonilla went to the prison--but instead of counseling her grandsons to deny the true Faith, she began to encourage them not to waver, but to endure all torments to the end and to die for Christ. When the judge again questioned them and realized their strengthened steadfastness in the Faith, he condemned them to death. At first, all three of them were hanged on a tree, where they hung "as strings on a harp," after which they were flogged and finally burned in fire. A certain woman, Jovilla, heartened at the courage of these martyrs, cried out: "I too am a Christian!" The pagans immediately apprehended and beheaded her, together with the elderly Leonilla.

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Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

Apostolic Reading: Ephesians 4:7-13

Gospel: St. Matthew 4:12-17

Services: *Sunday*-9 a.m. Orthros and 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy, *Weekdays* 8 a.m. Orthros and 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy when scheduled.

Saints of the Day: 12th Sunday of Luke. The veneration of the precious chains of the Apostle Peter; Peusippos and Neonilla, and the martyrs of Cappadocia; Hieromartyr Damaskinos of Hilandar monastery on Athos; Honoratos, archbishop of Arles and founder of Lerins Monastery; Romil of Ravanica.

Hymns of the Day

Apolytikion of the Resurrection Tone 5

Eternal with the Father and the Spirit is the Word, Who of a Virgin was begotten for our salvation. As the faithful we both praise and worship Him, for in the flesh did He consent to ascend unto the Cross, and death did He endure and He raised unto life the dead through His all glorious resurrection. *Page 85 in the green book.*

Apolytikion for St. Peter Tone 4

Without leaving Rome, you did come to us by the precious chains which you did wear, O foremost of the Apostles. And worshipping them with faith, we pray: By your intercessions with God, grant us great mercy.

Apolytikion of the Archangels Tone 4

Supreme Commanders of the Hosts of the Heavens, we, the unworthy, implore and beseech You that by Your supplications You encircle us in the shelter of the wings of Your immaterial glory, guarding us who now fall down and cry to You with fervor: Deliver us from dangers of all kinds, as the great marshals of the heavenly hosts on high.

Kontakion for the Presentation Tone 1

In the running waters of the Jordan River, on this day the Lord of all cries to John: Be not afraid and hesitate not to baptize Me, for I am come to save Adam, the first - formed man.

Divine Services

Tues. Jan. 18: Orthros 8am and Divine Liturgy 9am for St. Athanasios the Great and St. Cyril Patriarchs of Alexandria.

Wed. Jan. 19: Paraklesis 5pm.

Sat. Jan. 22: Great Vespers 5pm

Holy Communion in the Orthodox Church

Holy Communion of the Orthodox Church is the Holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is *“With the fear of God, faith and love”* that we approach the Divine Mysteries. Therefore, Holy Communion is reserved only for those baptized and chrismated Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves by prayer and fasting, as prescribed by the teachings of the Holy Orthodox Church. We ask that women, before approaching to receive from the Holy Cup, in respect of our Lord, to please remove lipstick.

Memorial Service

This morning we remember in our prayers the departed servant of God +Nadia on the 4th year anniversary of her repose. She is the grandmother of Stephanie Winther. *Everlasting be her memory!*

Bookstore and Library

For those familiar with Pres. Jeannie Constantinou, Ph.D., she has written a new book: Crucifixion of the King of Glory. She is utilizing her podcast on Ancient Faith Radio (Search the Scriptures Live - Monday nights at 6pm) to set the stage for a deep dive into the unknown details behind the arrest, trials, and crucifixion of Christ and this will be the focus of her study throughout the spring. She began last week's podcast by discussing the messianic expectations of the Jewish people and the prophecies God gave to prepare them for the coming of Christ. This is a perfect book for the coming Lenten Season and is due to come out in the middle of March. I will be ordering copies for the bookstore and they will be on sale for \$23. If you would like to guarantee a copy for yourself, please see me or email me at osonnenburg@comcast.net. You may also text me at (719) 322-5012.

Parish Council Elections

Congratulations to Val Petrov, Jake Topakas, Connie Leonard and Stephen Ziegunfuss who were elected to the Parish Council.

Coffee Hour Signup

Please consider sponsoring a coffee hour. Donations are welcome!

Jan. 16: Winther Family

Jan. 23: Sponsor Needed

Jan. 30: Sponsor Needed

Feb. 6: Sponsor Needed

Olive Oil Needed

We are in need of olive oil for our oil lamps. Please bring in 100% pure olive oil. Thank-you!

Christians Around the World

Please remember to keep Christians around the world in your prayers. Many are being persecuted and even killed for their faith in Jesus Christ. Remember also the two kidnapped Orthodox bishops from Syria.

Stewardship 2022

Please pick up your 2022 stewardship packet at the candle stand. and support our parish with your time, talent and treasure. See Ruxandra Georgescu for more information.

Capital Campaign

Amazon Smile: You may support Archangel Michael GOC through Amazon Smile. Please make sure you sign in at: <https://smile.amazon.com/> **King Soopers Cards** has established a new program by using their Loyalty Program. Please see Demetria Greenwood and she will link your King Soopers card with the new giving program. You will no longer need a separate King Soopers gift card.

Greek School

Future Greek learners: Classes are held each Thursday from 5-7pm in the Church hall. Classes will resume in January 2022. If you have questions, please contact Alex Ellis at 719-471-0157. There is no cost for the classes and all are welcome to attend.

Home Blessings

It is a tradition to have our homes and/or our business blessed by the priest every year following the celebration of Theophany on January 6. This practice allows us to bring the feast to our homes and have them sanctified (made holy) with the sprinkling of the Great Blessing of Water. You may schedule a convenient time with Fr. Dennis.

Saints of the Day

Veneration of Apostle Peter's Precious Chains Herod Agrippa, the grandson of Herod the Great and king of the Jews, grew wroth against the Church of Christ, and slew James, the brother of John the Evangelist. Seeing that this pleased the Jews, he took Peter also into custody and locked him up in prison, intending to keep him there until after the feast of the Passover, so that he could win the favour of the people by presenting him to them as a victim. But the Apostle was saved when he was miraculously set free by an Angel (Acts 12:1-19). The chains wherewith the Apostle was bound received from his most sacred body the grace