

or call him on his cell phone listed on the front of the bulletin.

## Church School

Church School began on, September 25, following Holy Communion. Please see Sara LaBrie for more information.

## Greek School

Greek School classes began on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 every Tuesday and thereafter through June 5, 2023. Please contact Alex Ellis for more information at 719.471.0157.

## Metropolitan Isaiah Name Day

This Tuesday, May 9, is the name day of our Metropolitan. The Assumption Cathedral are holding having services of Orthros and Liturgy beginning at 8:30 am with a brunch to follow.

## Dates to Remember

**May 25:** Ascension of the Lord; **June 3:** Saturday of Souls **June 4:** Pentecost; **June 12-28:** Apostles Fast

## Saints of the Day

**Commemoration of the Appearance of the Honorable Cross over Jerusalem:** During the time of St. Constantine's son, Emperor Constantius, and Patriarch Cyril of Jerusalem, the Honorable Cross appeared about 9:00 a.m. stretching from Golgotha to above the Mount of Olives. This Cross was brighter than the sun and more beautiful than the most beautiful rainbow. All the people, both believing and unbelieving, left their work and observed this heavenly sign in fear and amazement. Many unbelievers converted to the Christian Faith, and many Arian heretics abandoned their evil heresy and returned to Orthodoxy. About this sign, Patriarch Cyril wrote a letter to Emperor Constantius, who had inclinations toward Arianism. This occurred on May 7, 357 A.D. Thus, even on this occasion it was demonstrated that the Christian Faith is not worldly theorizing, according to the sensual understanding of man. Rather it is God's power, demonstrated through numerous miracles and signs.

**The Holy Martyr Acacius:** St. Acacius was a Roman officer during the reign of Emperor Maximian. Answering at his trial for his faith in Christ, he said that he inherited this devout Faith from his parents and was strengthened in it by witnessing the many miraculous healings wrought by the relics of Christian saints. After courageously enduring great tortures in the Thracian city of Pyrrinthus, Acacius was taken to Byzantium. There he endured new tortures until he was finally beheaded. He suf-

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## May 7, 2023

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen! Χριστὸς Ἀνέστη! Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη!

### Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

**Apostolic Reading:** Acts 9:32-42

**Gospel:** St. John 5:1-15

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

**Saints of the Day: 4th Sunday of Pascha, Paralytic.** The commemoration of the apparition of the sign of the Cross over Jerusalem (351 AD); Martyr Akakios the centurion at Byzantium; Venerable Kodratos; Venerable Neilos the myrrh-streaming of the Great Lavra on Athos; Venerable Neilos of Sora Venerable-martyr Pachomios of Athos; repose of Venerable John of Beverly; Priest Alexis, confessor and defender of Orthodoxy in America.

### Order of Service

#### Antiphons

From Pascha

**Little Entrance 3rd Antiphon we chant the Paschal verses and Christ is Risen**

#### Instead of Come let us worship we chant:

Bless God in the churches, the Lord from the fountains of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

*Ἐν Ἐκκλησίαις εὐλογεῖτε τὸν Θεόν, Κύριον ἐκ πηγῶν Ἰσραὴλ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς, Υἱέ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.*

#### After the Entrance

#### Apolytikion of the Resurrection Tone 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.

#### 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 Pascha Tone 8**

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out Rejoice to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection.

#### **Instead of “Axion Estin” Tone 1**

The Angel cried aloud to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, O pure Virgin; and again I say Rejoice. Your Son has truly risen from the grave on the third day.

Shine! Shine, O new Jerusalem!! \* For the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. \* Zion, exult and be glad now. \* O pure Mother of God, rejoice, celebrating \* the resurrection of Christ your Son!

#### **Communion Hymn**

Receive the Body of Christ; taste from the immortal fount.

**Instead of *We have seen the true light...*** Christ is Risen

#### **Divine Services**

**Mon., May 8:** Orthros 8am and Liturgy 9am for St. John the Theologian

**Wed., May 10:** Orthros 8am and Liturgy 9am for Mid-Pentecost.  
Paraklesis 5pm

**Sat., May 13:** 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.

#### **Memory Eternal!**

We are sad to announce the falling asleep of the servant of God +Despina Struck Monday morning. We offer our prayers for +Despina’s repose and strength and courage for her family. Services will be held on Friday, May 26, 10am at the Swan Law Funeral Home. *Everlasting be her memory!*

#### **It’s a Girl!**

Sarah and Ben Zaiser welcomed Riley Elizabeth on April 17th/Bright Monday. She was 8 lbs 8 oz. All are doing well and Ellie is adjusting to being a

Big Sister.

#### **During the Paschal Season**

Also, we do not kneel during any church services from Pascha until Pentecost and the prayer of *“Heavenly King..”*, is not said until Pentecost as it is replaced with triple singing of Christ is Risen for the forty days.

Tradition relates that in Italy Mary Magdalene visited Emperor Tiberias (14-37 A.D.) and proclaimed to him Christ’s Resurrection. According to Tradition, she took him a red egg as a symbol of the Resurrection, a symbol of new life with the words: “Christ is Risen!” Then she told the emperor that in his Province of Judea the unjustly condemned Jesus the Galilean, a holy man, a miracle worker, powerful before God and all mankind, had been executed at the instigation of the Jewish High Priests, and the sentence confirmed by the procurator appointed by Tiberias, Pontius Pilate.

Other saints of our Orthodox Church not named in the Gospels or writings of the Scriptures are: The wife of Pontius Pilate is St. Prokla (feast day Oct. 27) and the soldier at the foot of the cross who said: “Truly this was the Son of God” the martyr Longinus (feast day Oct. 16).

#### **Bookstore and Library**

Mother’s Day is on May 14<sup>th</sup> this year (2 weeks away)! Our Church bookstore has some great Orthodox gifts for the special mother, grandmother, wife and Godmother in your life. We also have an array of beautiful Jerusalem crosses on sale as well. The only way to know what is on offer is to come by and have a look! *You will not see anyone who is truly striving after his spiritual advancement who is not given to spiritual reading. ~Saint Athanasios*

#### **Coffee Hour Signup**

Please consider sponsoring a coffee hour. Donations are welcome!

**May 7:** Topakas Family

**May 14:** Steier Family

**May 21:** Presvytera Sophia

**May 28:** Sponsor Needed

#### **Stewardship 2023**

On Sunday, December 11, 2022, following services, our Chairperson Ruxandra Georgescu offered some words of inspiration for us to be faithful stewards of the Church. Please see Ruxandra for a 2023 packet

#### **Capital Campaign**

**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.

#### **Inquirers Welcome**

Those visiting our parish are welcome to set up a time to speak with Fr. Dennis about the Orthodox faith. Please see Fr. Dennis. Following services