

**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 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.

## Dates to Remember

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

## Graduate Announcements

Please submit your family member (s) graduation information so that we may publish it in the upcoming bulletins.

## Semi-Annual General Assembly

On Sunday, June 25, following services we will gather to hold our Semi-Annual General Assembly. Please remember to have your stewardship up to date. If you have not filled our a Stewardship card, please see Bogdan for one.

## Saints of the Day

**The Holy Martyr Isidore:** During the reign of Decius, Isidore was taken by force into military service from the island of Chios. From childhood Isidore adhered to the Christian Faith and spent his entire life in fasting, prayer and good works. But when in the army Isidore declared himself a Christian, the commander seized him, demanded an explanation, and urged him to deny Christ and offer sacrifices to the idols. The saint replied: "Even if you kill my body, you have no authority over my soul. I possess the True, Living God, Jesus Christ, Who lives in me now and after my death. He will be with me, and I am in Him and will remain in Him, and I will never cease to confess His holy name as long as my soul is in my body." First, the commander ordered that Isidore be whipped with bullwhips, and after that they cut out his tongue. Even without his tongue, Isidore, by the Spirit of God, spoke and confessed the name of Christ. Meanwhile, the punishment of God came upon the commander, who suddenly became mute. Finally, the mute commander gave the sign to behead Isidore. Isidore was elated at this sentence. After praising God, went to the scaffold, where he was beheaded in the year 251 A.D. His companion, Ammon, buried his body and then also suffered and received the martyr's wreath.

## Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church Bulletin

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## May 14, 2023

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

### Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

**Apostolic Reading:** Acts 11:19-30

**Gospel:** St. John 4:5-42

**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: 5th Sunday of Pascha, and the Samaritan Woman.** Martyr Isidore of Chios; Hieromartyr Therapont; New-martyrs John of Bulgaria and Mark of Crete; Venerable Isidore of Rostov, fool-for-Christ.

### 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 Ἰσραήλ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς, Υἱέ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστάς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.*

#### After the Entrance

#### Apolytikion of the Resurrection Tone 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!

#### Apolytikion of Mid-Pentecost Tone 8

O Lord, midway through the feast, give drink to my thirsty soul from the living waters of right belief. You, O Savior, proclaimed to everyone, "Let whoever is thirsty come to Me and drink." You are the fountain of life, O Christ our God. Glory to You!

### **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.

Be glad and exultant, divine gate of the light. \* For your Son, namely Jesus, having set within the tomb, \* rose and is shining more brightly than the sun, \* and He has fully illumined all the faithful, \* O Lady full of the grace of God.

### **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**

**Wed., May 17:** Paraklesis 5pm

**Sat., May 20:** 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!*

### **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).

### **Happy Mother’s Day**

We extend to all mothers our love and gratitude for their never ending and selfless love and care they show us. “In this beautiful world there is nothing more cherished, no duty more honorable, no responsibility more sacred, no task more difficult, than that of motherhood.” *From the dedication plaque at St. Anna’s in Dumont, CO*

### **Bookstore and Library**

We have many brand new titles on offer in our bookstore. One of these books is titled *Orthodox Christian Parenting – Recipes for Raising Children*. This amazing book is a must have for all Orthodox Christian families. It is jam packed with advice from the Church fathers (old and new), saints, monastics, priests, priest families and experienced ‘friends’ to help you to grow your children into loving, faithful, Orthodox Christian adults. Please see Olga Sonnenburg for more information. *Let listening to worldly news be bitter food for you and let the words of saintly men be as combs filled with honey ~ Saint Basil the Great*

### **Coffee Hour Signup**

Please consider sponsoring a coffee hour. Donations are welcome!

**May 14:** Steier Family

**May 21:** Presvytera Sophia

**May 28:** Community

**June 4:** 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**