

Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole Church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; namely, Judas surnamed Barsabas, and Silas, chief men among the brethren (Acts 15:22). After this, Silas traveled with Paul throughout Asia and Macedonia, and was appointed as the bishop in Corinth, where he died peacefully. St. Silvanus assisted both of the Chief Apostles. By Silvanus, a faithful brother unto you, as I suppose, I have written briefly, exhorting, and testifying that this is the true grace of God wherein ye stand (1 Peter 5:12); For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, Who was preached among you by us, even by me and Silvanus and Timotheus, was not yea and nay, but in him was yea (2 Corinthians 1:19). As Bishop of Thessalonica, Silvanus labored much and suffered much, until he finally exchanged this earthly life for the heavenly life. St. Crescens was a companion of the Apostle Paul and then Bishop of Galatia and a missionary in Gaul—where he died as a martyr for Christ during the reign of Emperor Trajan. For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia (2 Timothy 4:10). St. Epaenetus is mentioned by the Apostle Paul and was Bishop of Carthage. Salute my well beloved Epaenetus, who is the first fruits of Achaia unto Christ (Romans 16:5). St. Andronicus, Bishop of Pannonia, is also commemorated separately on May 17. Salute Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen, and my fellow prisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me (Romans 16:7).

The Priestly-Martyr Polychronius, Bishop of Babylon: When Emperor Decius overran Babylon, he captured Polychronius with three presbyters, two deacons and two baptized princes, Abdon and Senin. Polychronius made no reply before the emperor and remained silent, while St. Parmenius, a presbyter, spoke on behalf of all. The emperor took the bishop and priests to Persia, to the city of Kordoba, where they were beheaded. Decius took the princes Abdon and Senin to Rome, and there they were thrown to the wild beasts, then slain by the sword. They all suffered honorably in the year 251 A.D.

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Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

Apostolic Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-17

Gospel: St. Matthew 14:14-22

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: 8th Sunday After Pentecost. Apostles Silas, Silvanos (Silouan), Crescens, Epenetos and Andronikos of the Seventy; Hieromartyr Valentine, bishop of Terni in Italy; John the Warrior; uncovering of the relics of Venerable Herman of Solovky; Venerable Angelina of Serbia.

Order of Service

Apolytikion of the Resurrection Tone 7

You destroyed death by Your Cross, You opened Paradise to the Robber. You turned the Myrrh-bearing Women's lament into joy, and You commanded Your Apostles to preach that You rose, O Christ God, granting the world 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 the Transfiguration of the Lord Tone 7

Upon the mountain were You transfigured, and Your disciples beheld Your glory as far as they were able, O Christ our God; so that when they would see You crucified they might understand that Your Passion was deliberate, and declare to the world that in truth You are the Father's radiance.

Divine Services

Tues and Fri.: Small Paraklesis 6pm

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.

Bookstore and Library

New Orthodox books and various items are available in the bookstore and come in weekly. Recently our Church bookstore received an amazing Icon donation from a parishioner (thank you!). These beautiful Icons are in perfect condition and are available for sale for very reasonable prices. The only way to know what is in offer at our wonderful bookstore is to come downstairs and have a look. *It's not who we are when we read a spiritual book that is most important, but who we are when we close it. ~Monk Simeon the Athonite*

Coffee Hour Signup

Please consider sponsoring a coffee hour. Donations are welcome!

July 30: Sponsor Needed

August 6: Sponsor Needed

Aug. 13: Dabit Family

Aug. 20: Sponsor Needed

Metropolitan Isaiah

Last Sunday His Eminence suffered a broken hip at his residence. Surgery was performed on Monday and our Metropolitan will be going to rehab. It would be a wonderful gesture to a get well card to the Metropolis. We are praying for a complete and quick recovery.

Welcome Fr. Gabriel Bultz

We are grateful to Fr. Gabriel for serving this morning for Fr. Dennis. Fr. Gabriel is a Chaplain in the U.S. Army stationed at Fort Carson.

Memory Eternal

This morning we remember in our prayers the departed servant of God +Fr. Theodore Martynenko (27 years) and +Matoushka Maria Martynenko (14 year) anniversaries of their repose. They are the parents of Olga Sonnenberg. *Everlasting be their memory!*

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.

Blessing of Grapes

Next Sunday, Aug. 6, we celebrate the Transfiguration of Lord Jesus Christ. At the end of the service we will bless grapes. Please let Fr. Dennis know if you plan to bring in grapes. The stems should be cut in portions that can be handed out at the end of the liturgy.

Greek Dance Group

We welcome children and adults to join our parish Greek dance group. Practice begins the week of July 31 for a half hour to prepare for our Annual Greek Festival. We are focusing on Kalamatiano, Hasaposerviko, Zorba and Tsamiko. We will also provide Greek Dance lessons to our festival attendees. Any interested children and adults are welcome to join, as well as help teach. Contact Constadina Vasiliades at: 808-373-0312 or constadina@shaw.ca if interested or for questions.

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 will resume this fall. Many thanks to our teachers and students who participated.

AMGOC 25th Annual Greek Festival

Please remember our 25th Annual Festival will be held on Aug. 25, 26, and 27. Volunteers are needed! OPA!

Greek School to Resume in the Fall

Alex Ellis offering Greek language classes free of charge. Classes resume on September 4, 2023 at 4:30 pm.

Dormition Fast

The Dormition (Falling Asleep) of the Theotokos is celebrated on August 15. A two-week fast beginning on August 1 precedes this feast. During this period we abstain from meat, dairy products, fish, oil (olive) and wine. On the Feast of the Transfiguration (August 6) fish, wine and oil are permitted. Saturdays and Sundays only wine and oil are permitted.

Saints of the Day

The Holy Apostles Silas, Silvanus, Crescens, Epaphroditus and Andronicus: They were numbered among the Seventy Apostles. St. Silas was sent from Jerusalem to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas to settle the dispute between the faithful there regarding circumcision: namely, whether or not it was necessary to circumcise pagans when they convert to Christianity.