

Arimathea]. Through weeping, the barren Hannah besought from God the child Samuel and dedicated him to God when he was three years of age. Living in Shiloh, near the Ark of the Covenant, Samuel had a true revelation from God in his twelfth year, concerning the punishments that were pending for the house of the high priest Eli because of the immorality of his sons Hophni and Phineas. That revelation soon materialized: the Philistines defeated the Israelites, slew both of Eli's sons, and captured the Ark of the Covenant. When the messenger informed Eli of this tragedy, Eli fell to the ground dead, in the ninety-eighth year of his life. The same thing occurred to his daughter-in-law, the wife of Phineas. For twenty years, the Israelites were the slaves of the Philistines. After that, God sent Samuel to the people to preach repentance—if they desired salvation from their enemies. The people repented, rejected the pagan idols that they served, and recognized Samuel as a prophet, priest and judge. Samuel then set out with an army against the Philistines. With God's help he confused and defeated them, and liberated Israel. After that, Samuel peacefully judged his people until old age. Considering his old age, the people asked him to install a king for them in his place. In vain, Samuel tried to dissuade them from this, saying to them that God was their only true King, but the people stubbornly insisted. Even though this was not pleasing to God, He commanded Samuel to anoint Saul, the son of Kish from the tribe of Benjamin, as their king. Saul reigned for a short time only, before God rejected Saul because of his impudence and disobedience. God then commanded Samuel to anoint Jesse's son, David, as king in Saul's place. Before his death, Samuel gathered the entire people and bid them farewell. When Samuel died, all of Israel mourned for him, and they buried him honorably in his house at Ramatha.

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Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

Apostolic Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:2-12

Gospel: St. Matthew 18:23-35

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: 11th Sunday of Matthew. Prophet Samuel; Martyrs Heliodoros of Persia and Photeini of Blachernae.

Hymns of the Day

Apolytikion of the Resurrection Tone 2

When You descended unto Death, O Lord, You who are immortal Life put Hades to death, by the lightning of Your divinity. And when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the hosts of heaven sang aloud to You, O Christ God, Giver of life, glory to You!

Apolytikion for the Dormition Tone 1

You gave birth yet preserved your virginity. You fell asleep in death yet did not desert the world, O Theotokos. You were transported to life, as you are Mother of Life and, by virtue of your intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

Apolytikion of the Archangels Tone 4

The Theotokos is undying in intercession.* Immovable is our hope in her for protection. * Neither death nor burial prevailed over her. * As she is Mother of Life, she was removed to life by Him, * the Lord who lived in her ever-virgin womb.

Kontakion for the Dormition Tone 6

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Divine Services

Wed. Aug. 23: Small Paraklesis 5pm.

Sat. Aug. 26: 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.

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!

Aug. 20: Rasha Kalaf

Aug. 27: Festival

Sept. 3: Sponsor Needed

Sept. 10: Sponsor Needed

Metropolitan Isaiah

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

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.

Photo Directory

Many thanks to Angie Bode Topakas for organizing our photo directory displayed in the hall. If you would like to have your family photo added please see Angie.

Greek Dance Group

We welcome children and adults to join our parish Greek dance group. Practice for a half hour to prepare for our Annual Greek Festival. 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. Next practice is

on August 24, at 7pm. 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.

Capital Campaign Challenge Match

As we have striven to place God first, He has blessed us with growth. Standing room only on Sundays is no longer a rare phenomenon, as people from all walks of life and backgrounds crowd in to worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In order to better serve the needs of our parish and enable us to play a larger role our community, we need to seek a larger space. To that end, the General Assembly in June 2023 approved the use of \$54,000 of Festival funds this year to serve as a matching campaign for the Capital Campaign...meaning every dollar we donate between now and the end of the year will be matched by the Festival up to \$54,000. Please prayerfully consider what you may be able to contribute toward this effort. Thank you!

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. Next Sunday, **August 20**, we need volunteers to help setup the canopies. Please see Jake Topakas. OPA!

Greek School to Resume in the Fall

Alex Ellis offering Greek language classes free of charge. Classes resume on September 5, 2023 at 4:30 pm.

IOCC 5k Run/Walk

Saturday, **September 16, 2023**, registration at 8:00 am and Run/Walk 8:45 am. Blessing of the Five Loaves 10:00 am St. Catherine Greek Orthodox Church 5555 S. Yosemite Street, Greenwood Village, CO 80111. Individuals \$30 and Families \$45 Questions? Contact Elaine Cladis at 303.435.8584 or ecladis@comcast.net

Saints of the Day

The Holy Prophet Samuel: Samuel was the fifteenth and last judge of Israel. He lived eleven hundred years before Christ. Samuel was born of the tribe of Levi, of the parents Elkanah and Hannah, in a place called Ramatha (or Arimathea), where noble Joseph would later be born [Joseph of