

which was discovered in the year 1500 among the ruins of an ancient church on Rhodes, when the Moslems ruled there. Thus he is called “the Newly Revealed.” The faithful pray to Saint Phanurius especially to help them recover things that have been lost, and because he has answered their prayers so often, the custom has arisen of baking a Phaneropita (“Phanurius-Cake”) as a thanks-offering.

The Holy Martyr Nestor: In the time of the suffering of St. Demetrius the Myrrh-gusher, there was a young man of Thessalonica, Nestor, who learned the Christian Faith from St. Demetrius himself. At that time Christ’s enemy, Emperor Maximian, organized various games and amusements for the people. The emperor’s favorite in these games was a Vandal by the name of Lyaeus, a man of Goliath-like size and strength. As the emperor’s gladiator, Lyaeus challenged men every day to single combat and slew them. Thus, the bloodthirsty Lyaeus amused the bloodthirsty, idolatrous Maximian. The emperor built a special stage for Lyaeus’s battles, similar to a threshing floor on pillars. Spears, points upward, were planted beneath this platform. When Lyaeus defeated someone in wrestling, he would throw him from the platform onto the forest of spears. The emperor and his pagan subjects cheered as some poor wretch writhed in torment on the spears until he died. Among Lyaeus’s innocent victims were many Christians: when no one volunteered to duel with Lyaeus, by the emperor’s orders Christians were arrested and forced to duel with him. Seeing this horrifying amusement of the pagan world, Nestor’s heart was torn with pain, and he decided to come forward for a duel with the gigantic Lyaeus. But first, he went to prison to see St. Demetrius and sought a blessing from him to do this. St. Demetrius blessed him, signed him with the sign of the Cross on the forehead and on the chest and prophesied to him: “You will defeat Lyaeus, but you will suffer for Christ.” Thus, young Nestor went to duel with Lyaeus. Maximian was present with a multitude of people; everyone felt pity for the young Nestor, who would surely die, and tried to dissuade him from dueling with Lyaeus. Nestor crossed himself and said: “O God of Demetrius, help me!” and with God’s help, he overcame Lyaeus, knocked him down, and threw him onto the sharp spears, where the heavy giant soon found death. Then all the people cried out: “Great is the God of Demetrius!” But the emperor, shamed before the people and sorrowing for his favorite Lyaeus, was greatly angered at Nestor and Demetrius, and commanded that Nestor be beheaded and Demetrius run through with lances. Thus, the Christian hero Nestor ended his earthly life and took up his habitation in the Kingdom of his Lord in the year 306 A.D.

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Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

Apostolic Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel: St. Matthew 19:16-26

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: 12th Sunday of Matthew. Venerable Pimen the Great and Osios; Martyr Anthonia; Newly-revealed Martyr Phanourios of Rhodes; Caesarios, bishop of Arles; Venerable-confessor Hosios, bishop of Cordoba.

Hymns of the Day

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 for St. Phanourios Tone 4

A heavenly song of praise is brightly sung on the earth; * the hosts of the Angels keep an earthly festival now in splendor and radiant joy; * from on high, they praise with hymns the sufferings and struggles; * and below, the Church doth laud the heavenly glory * thou foundest by thy contests and pains, O glorious Phanurius.

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 Nativity of the Theotokos Tone 4

Both Joachim and Anna from their sterility's stigma, and Adam and Eve from their mortality's ruin have been set free, O immaculate Maid, by your holy nativity. For this do your people hold celebration, redeemed from the

guilt of transgression as they cry to you, The barren one bears the Theotokos, the nourisher of our Life.

Divine Services

Tues. Aug. 29: Orthros 8am and Lit. 9am Beheading of St. John the Baptist

Wed. Aug. 30: Small Paraklesis 5pm.

Sat. Sept. 2: 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. 27: Festival

Sept. 3: Sponsor Needed

Sept. 10: Sponsor Needed

Sept. 17: 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 Metropolitan. 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.

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.

Saints Peter and Paul 50th Anniversary

On Saturday, September 23, 2023, Sts. Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church will have a banquet at the Embassy Suites in Boulder. For reservations and more information call 303.581.1434. Adults are \$100 and children \$25.

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

Today is the third and final day our Greek Festival. Please consider helping especially for the cleanup around 3pm. *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

St. Phanourius the Great Martyr: Little is known of the holy Martyr Phanourius, except that which is depicted concerning his martyrdom on his holy icon,