

## Greek School

Alex Ellis offering Greek language classes free of charge. Classes resume on September 5, 2023 at 4:30 pm. 719.471.0157

## 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](mailto:ecladis@comcast.net)

## Church School

Church School will resume next Sunday, Sept. 10. Please see Sara LaBrie for more information.

## Saints of the Day

**The Holy Martyrs Menodora, Metrodora and Nymphodora:** They were sisters by birth and grew up somewhere in Asian Bithynia. Reared in the spirit of Christianity, they withdrew from the city to the wilderness, wishing to elevate their minds to God and to free themselves of everything in this deceitful world, and to live this life in purity and virginity as true brides of Christ. They dedicated themselves to great labor, fasting and prayer, until God adorned them with the gift of miracle-working. When people began to bring the sick to them for healing, they became well known against their will. A certain governor, Fronton, heard of them and brought them to trial. Upon seeing them, the governor was amazed at the beauty of their faces. For, even though they were great fasters and their bodies were withered, their faces were radiant, illumined by inward peace and the grace of God. At first, the governor flattered them and promised to send them to the emperor, who would give them in marriage to his noblemen. But when he was convinced that all of his flattery and promises had no effect on these brides of Christ, he ordered that Menodora be tortured first, and her sisters thrown into prison. After cruel tortures, the governor cried out to Menodora, who was wounded and bloody: "Offer sacrifice to the gods!" To this the holy martyr replied: "Do you not see that I am offering my entire self as a sacrifice to my God?" When St. Menodora was slain by the tortures, the governor then brought out the remaining two sisters, and stood them by the dead body of Menodora. Pointing to the body of their sister, he counseled them to deny Christ. Since they remained steadfast, he slew them by harsh tortures. Just then, a thunderbolt struck from heaven, and killed the soulless Fronton and his servants. Christians honorably buried the bodies of these holy martyrs of God. They suffered between the years of 305 and 311, during the reign of Maximian Galerius, and found rest in the Kingdom of Christ.

## Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church Bulletin

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## September 10, 2023

### Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

**Apostolic Reading:** Galatians 6:11-18

**Gospel:** St. John 3:13-17

**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: Sunday before the Elevation of the Cross.** Martyrs Menodora, Metrodora and Nymphodora; Empress Pulcheria.

### Hymns of the Day

#### Apolytikion of the Resurrection Tone 5

As the Father and Spirit are unoriginate, \* so the Word, who was born from the Virgin for us. \* Let us praise Him, O believers, and let us worship Him. \* For our salvation He was pleased \* to be crucified in the flesh, \* and to undergo death, \* and to resurrect the dead, by His glorious resurrection.

#### Apolytikion for the Nativity of the Theotokos Tone 4

Your Nativity, O Theotokos, imparted joy to the entire earth, for out of you has risen the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God. He nullified the curse and instead gave His blessing; and causing death to be neutralized, He granted us eternal life.

#### 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

**Wed. Sept. 13:** Great Vesper for the Elevation of the Cross **5pm**

**Thurs. Sept. 14:** Orthros 8am and Liturgy 9am for the Elevation of the Holy Cross. (*This is a strict fast day*)

**Sat. Sept. 16:** 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

The 2024 Daily Lives, Miracles, and Wisdom of the Saints & Fasting calendar is available from the Orthodox Calendar Company ([www.livesofthesaintscalender.com](http://www.livesofthesaintscalender.com)). I will be taking orders for the next 4 weeks, so if you are interested in a copy, let me know in person by October 8<sup>th</sup>. The cost of this calendar is \$23.00 (includes shipping costs) and I will need payment up front. You can also place an order by emailing me at [osonnenburg@comcast.net](mailto:osonnenburg@comcast.net) or texting me at (719) 322-5012. *All that are careful in this life, procure books that will be medicine for the soul. -St. John Chrysostom*

## Coffee Hour Signup

Please consider sponsoring a coffee hour. Donations are welcome!

**Sept. 10:** Group effort

**Sept. 17:** Group effort

**Sept. 17:** Sponsor Needed

**Sept 24:** 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!

## Holy Illumination

Yesterday, the servant of God Matthew Ziegenfuss was received into the Orthodox Church through the Mysteries of Baptism and Chrismation. He is the son of Steve and Ann and his sponsor is Mark Ziegenfuss. *God grant them many years!*

## Memory Eternal!

We are sad to hear the falling asleep of the servant of God +Evan Caracostas last Tuesday. Funeral Services will be held in Florida. *Everlasting be his memory!*

## Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology

This Sunday we will take a collection to benefit our seminary students from the Metropolitan of Denver. Please be generous!

## 11th Annual Greek Night

Our sister parish, St. John the Baptist will be holding their Annual Greek Night on October 7, 2023. This event will be held at Pueblo's Historic Union Depot, 132 West B Street, 5:30 p.m. Cocktail Hour, 6:30 Greek Banquet, 7:30 Greek Dancing. Also, Authentic Greek Desserts, Greek Music, Greek Dancing, Door Prizes, and Cash Drawings. Adults - \$75 Children (12 and under) -\$15. **Please RSVP by Oct. 1, [pjacoben647@gmail.com](mailto:pjacoben647@gmail.com)** or 719-252-9446, there will be a \$10/person charge for late reservations.