

which is open to both current and aspiring chanters, will take place November 3rd-5th in Albuquerque, NM, and will feature full days of services, Byzantine Chant instruction by the faculty of the Trisagion School of Byzantine Music, and fellowship with other chanters from around the country. Instruction will be offered at three different levels - beginner, intermediate, and advanced - and will include online supplementary materials (including audio and video recordings) that students will be able to take home and continue to practice from after the workshop is over. The cost for the workshop is \$275, which includes tuition, costs of printing and other supplies, and meals on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Registration deadline is October 15th. If you have any questions, please contact Gabriel Cremeens at (505) 588-0014 or musicministrystgeorgeabq@gmail.com. Co-Founder and Instructor, Trisagion School of Byzantine Music Cell: (505) 588-0014 Personal website: www.englishmenaion.com

Saints of the Day

The Holy Female Protomartyr Thekla, Equal to the Apostles: *Thecla was born in Iconium of eminent but pagan parents. As a girl of eighteen, she was betrothed to a young man at the same time that the Apostle Paul arrived in Iconium with Barnabas to preach the Gospel. Hearing Paul's testimony for three days and nights, Thecla converted to the Christian Faith, and vowed to live in virginity. Her mother, seeing that she was now ignoring her betrothed and no longer thought of marriage, tried to dissuade her, and then beat her and tortured her by starvation. Finally, this wicked mother turned Thecla over to the judge and demanded that Thecla be burned. The judge threw her into the fire, but God preserved her unharmed. Then, Thecla followed the Apostle Paul, and went to Antioch with him. Attracted by Thecla's external beauty, a certain elder of the city wanted to take her for himself by force, but Thecla escaped his grasp. The pagan elder accused her to the eparch as a Christian who disdained marriage. The eparch condemned her to death, and had her thrown to wild beasts, but the wild beasts did not touch the body of this holy virgin. Amazed by this, the eparch asked her: "Who are you and what kind of power is in you, that nothing can harm you?" Thecla replied: "I am a servant of the Living God." The eparch then released her, and she departed to preach the Gospel. She succeeded in converting many to the true Faith, among whom was Tryphena, a prominent and honorable widow. Then, having received the blessing of the Apostle Paul to do so, Thecla withdrew to a secluded place near Seleucia. There she lived a life of asceticism for a long time and, by healing the sick with wonderworking power, she converted many to Christianity. The doctors and soothsayers in Seleucia were envious of her, and sent some young men to defile her, hoping that the loss of her virginity would also mean the loss of her miraculous power. Thecla fled from these arrogant young men, but as they were about to catch her, she prayed to God for help. A large rock opened up and hid this holy virgin and bride of Christ. This rock was her refuge and her tomb. St. John Chrysostom says of this wonderful Christian heroine and saint: "It seems to me that as I see this blessed virgin, in one hand she offers Christ virginity, and in the other hand, martyrdom."*

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September 24, 2023

Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

Apostolic Reading: 2 Timothy 3:10-15

Gospel: St. Luke 5:1-11

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: 1st Sunday of Luke. Proto-martyr Thekla, equal-to-the-Apostles; the commemoration of the wonder-working icon of the Theotokos of the Myrtle Tree; New-martyr Ahmed; Venerable Nicander of Pskov; Venerable Silouan of Athos; the Synaxis of all saints of Alaska.

Hymns of the Day

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 for the Theotokos Tone 4

O come, all you people, and let us in faith clap our hands * and sing sacred songs to her who is the Mother of God, * and longingly cry aloud: * Rejoice, O protection of all those who entreat you; * rejoice, the salvation of those who honor you with longing; * rejoice, O Lady who restored * the paralyzed man to health.

Apolytikion for St. Thekla Tone 3

All aflame with love for your Creator, * from the teachings of the sacred preacher, * you disregarded as fleeting all things mundane. * And being bold in the face of the penalties, * you gave yourself as a beautiful gift to God. * Thecla, glorious companion of the Apostle Paul, * we pray you entreat your Bridegroom, Christ, * and ask Him to grant us His 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 to the Theotokos Tone 4

A protection of Christians unshameable * intercessor to our Holy Maker unwavering * reject not * the prayerful cries of those who are in sin * instead come to us, for You are good * Your loving help bring unto us * who are crying in faith to you * Hasten to intercede * and speed now to supplicate* as a protection for all time * Theotokos, for those who honor you.

Divine Services

Tues. Sept. 26: Orthros 8am and Liturgy 9am for St. John the Theologian

Wed. Sept. 27: Paraklesis 5pm

Sat. Sept. 30: 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). 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 8th. 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 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. 24: Labrie, Manesiotis and Yannias Families **Oct. 1:** Neumann Family

Oct. 8: Melissa Smoot **Oct. 15:** Pesch and Bishop Families

Memorial Service

This morning we remember in our prayers the departed servant of God +Nancy Luther (6 years), +Helen Yannias (4 years) and +Nicholas Yannias (16 years). *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.

Slavic Feast

The Annual Slavic Fest at St. Mary's Orthodox Church in Calhan is back this year, October 14th and 15th. This weekend of fun, old world food, dancing, family, brand new kids activities, bake sale, and fellowship is sure to be a story worth telling. Online Tickets available at <https://holydormition.net/slavic-fest/> Come see us: 19485 Calhan Hwy North, Calhan, CO 80808

Bishop Constantine to Visit AMGOC

His Grace Bishop Constantine will visit our community on Sunday, November 26. More details to follow.

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!

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** or 719-252-9446, there will be a \$10/person charge for late reservations.

Greek School

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

Church School

Church School will resumed on Sunday, Sept. 10. Please see Sara LaBrie for more information. Please allow the Church School students receive Holy Communion first as meets then.

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