

Byzantine Music Workshop is officially open! This 3-day event, which is open to both current and aspiring chanters. We are pleased to announce that registration for our 2nd Annual St George Byzantine Music Workshop is officially open! This 3-day event, 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](http://TrisagionSchoolofByzantineMusic.com) Cell: (505) 588-0014 Personal website: www.englishmenaion.com

Saints of the Day

The Protection of the Most-Holy Theotokos: From time immemorial, the Church has celebrated the Most-holy Theotokos as the patroness and protectress of the Christian people, who, by her intercessory prayers, implores God's mercy for us sinners. The help of the Most-holy Mother of God has been clearly shown numerous times, to individuals and to nations, in peace and in war, in monastic deserts and in densely populated cities. The event that the Church commemorates and celebrates today confirms the Theotokos' consistent protection of Christian people. On October 1, 911 A.D., during the reign of Emperor Leo the Wise, there was an All-night Vigil in the Blachernae Church of the Mother of God in Constantinople. The church was full of people. St. Andrew the Fool-for-Christ was standing in the rear of the church with his disciple Epiphanius. At four o'clock in the morning, the Most-holy Theotokos appeared above the people, holding her omophorion outstretched as a protective covering for the faithful. She was clothed in gold-encrusted purple, and shone with an ineffable radiance, surrounded by apostles, saints, martyrs and virgins. St. Andrew said to Blessed Epiphanius: "Do you see, brother, the Queen and Lady of all praying for the whole world?" Epiphanius replied: "I see, Father, and am struck with amazement!" The Feast of the Protection was instituted to commemorate this event, and to remind us that we can prayerfully receive the unceasing protection of the Most-holy Theotokos in any time of difficulty.

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October 1, 2023

Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

Apostolic Reading: Hebrews 9:1-7

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: 2nd Sunday of Luke. The Protection of the Theotokos; Apostle Ananias of the Seventy, first bishop of Damascus; Martyr Domninos; Romanos the Melode; Venerable John Koukouzelis of the Great Lavra on Athos; Venerable Gregory the Domestikos of the Great Lavra on Athos; Venerable Sabbas of Visherá.

Hymns of the Day

Apolytikion of the Resurrection Tone 8

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and consented to a three-day burial, to free us from the passions. O Lord, our life and resurrection, glory to You!

Apolytikion for the Protection of the Theotokos Tone 1

O Virgin, we sing praises of the gifts of your protection, * which you have extended like a bright cloud ineffably, * invisibly protecting us your flock * from enemy invasions and attacks. * We have you as ardent helper and mighty guard, * and therefore we cry out to you: * Glory to your divinely mighty deeds! * Glory to your protective veil! * Glory to the care you have for us, O immaculate one!

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 8

You were observed to be a cloud that, glowing splendidly, * was overshadowing the Church's people, long ago * in the imperial city, O all-pure Vir-

gin. * Inasmuch as you protect us as our champion, * from all kinds of tribulations keep us safe and sound, * as we cry aloud: Rejoice, luminous protective veil!

Divine Services

Wed. Oct. 4: Paraklesis 5pm

Sat. Oct. 7: No Service

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!

Oct. 1: Neumann Family

Oct. 8: Melissa Smoot

Oct. 15: Pesch and Bishop Families

Oct. 22: Sponsor Needed

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.

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!

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

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.

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.

Holy Illumination

Last Sunday the servant of God Yasmine Khalaf Haraga was received into the Holy Orthodox Church through the Mysteries of Baptism and Chrismation. She is the daughter of Rasha Khalaf and her godmother is Vera Dabit. She received the name Photini.

Yesterday the servant of God Riley Zaiser was received into the Holy Orthodox Church through the Mysteries of Baptism and Chrismation. She is the daughter of Ben and Sarah Zaiser and the granddaughter of John and Leslie Neumann. Her godparents are Andy Jaye and Anna Neumann. She received the name Elizabeth. *May our Lord grant all of them many years!*

Greek School

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

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