

## Archangel Michael Community Christmas Outreach

Queen Palmer Elementary School (District 11) has a high number of low income families. This month, Archangel Michael will assist in providing Christmas gifts to 10 families in need. The Christmas Outreach will be conducted from November 5 - 26. Flyers are at the candle stand. The Display and Sign-up List is located downstairs. For further information, please see Rose Timora, Connie Stauffer or Tami Holmberg.

## 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.

## Greek School

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

## Annual General Assembly

Following services on Sunday, December 10, we gather hold our Annual General Assembly. Please make sure your stewardship is current.

## Saints of the Day

**The Venerable Martyrs Galaction and Episteme:** Both Galaction and Episteme were born in the city of Edessa, in Phoenicia. Galaction's mother was barren until she was baptized. After her baptism, she converted her husband [Cleitophon] to the true Faith, baptized her son Galaction, and raised him in the Christian Faith. When Galaction was old enough to marry, his good mother, Leucippa, entered into rest, and his father betrothed him to a pagan-born maiden named Episteme. By no means did Galaction want to enter into marriage, and convinced Episteme to be baptized, then to be tonsured a nun at the same time that he became a monk. Both of them withdrew to Mount Publion—Galaction to a monastery and Episteme to a convent. They proved to be shining lights in their monasteries. They were first in labor, first in prayer, first in humility and obedience, and first in love. They neither left their monasteries nor did they see one another until just before their death. A fierce persecution began and both of them were brought before the tribunal. When the pagans mercilessly whipped Galaction, Episteme wept. Then they whipped her. After that, they cut off their hands, their feet and then their heads. Their friend Eutolius took their bodies and honorably buried them. Eutolius had been a slave of Episteme's parents, and then a monk with Galaction. He also wrote the life of these wonderful martyrs of Christ who suffered and received their wreaths in heaven in the year 253 A.D.

## Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church Bulletin

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## November 05, 2023

### Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

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

**Gospel:** St. Luke 16:19-31

**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: 5th Sunday of Luke.** Martyrs Galaktion and Epistima of Homs; Apostles Hermas, Linos, Gaios, Patrobas and Philologos of the Seventy; Hieromartyr Pamphilos; Jonah, bishop of Novgorod.

### 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 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. Nov 7:** Great Vespers, Litia and Artoklasia for the Synaxis of the Holy Archangels 6pm

**Wed. Nov 8:** Orthros 8am and Liturgy 9am for the Synaxis of the Holy Archangels. Feast Day Luncheon to follow services in the Church Hall.

**Thurs. Nov. 9:** Orthros 8am and Divine Liturgy 9am for St. Nektarios

**Sat. Nov. 11:** 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.

## Women’s Nativity Fast Psalter Group

Thank you all who signed up for our Nativity Fast Psalter Group. Elaine Cunningham sent an email to the group on November 1 with detailed instructions. If you haven’t received an email, need further information or have any questions, please reach out to Elaine Cunningham (719-964-3590) or Olga Sonnenburg (719-322-5012). Hard copies of the prayer sheets are located in the Narthex by the candle stand.

## Church Bookstore

Many new exciting items have been ordered for the bookstore and will be available next week! *When we read the lives of the saints, we gain two things. Firstly, the example of their struggles makes us from the numbness of negligence and, secondly, when we read the lives of the saints with reverence, the saints intercede to Christ for us.*  
~Blessed Elder Arsenios the Cave-dweller (Co-struggler with St. Joseph the Hesychast)

## Capital Campaign Challenge Match

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!

## Nativity Fast

On Nov. 15, we begin one of the **four major fast seasons** in the Orthodox Church. For this forty-day period we are called to abstain from meat and dairy products. While many in America have Christmas parties before the Nativity of our Lord, we are called to prepare ourselves for this joyous celebration by prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The proper time for celebration is from Christmas day until Jan. 4, as the Church relaxes the fasting rules. Let us not allow this season to pass by us without making an

effort for our spiritual life. Certainly, it is an excellent time to intensify our prayer life at home and at church. Let us also cleanse ourselves from the heavy weight of our sins with the Mystery of Holy Confession. *May our Lord give us strength and faith to accomplish the course of the fast!*

## 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.

## 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.

## Bishop Constantine to Visit AMGOC

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

## Adult Ed Catechism Class

Following services and coffee hour on November 12, we will gather in the church for a half hour or so. *All are welcomed to attend!*

## Coffee Hour Signup

Please consider sponsoring a coffee hour. Donations are welcome!

**Nov. 5:** Vera Dabit

**Nov. 12:** Portuesi Family

**Nov. 19:** Rose Timora

**Nov. 26:** Luncheon for Bishop

## Women’s Fellowship

The women of our community are invited to a fellowship on November 11, 2023 at 2pm at the church. Please see Elaine Cunningham for more information.

## Memory Eternal!

We are sad to hear that the servant of God +Larry Van Wert fell asleep in the Lord on Saturday Oct. 28. Services will be as follows:

Visitation will be held on **Monday, November 6, 2023** from 5:00PM-7:00PM, with the Trisagion Service occurring at **6:30pm** at Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church.

Funeral Services will be held on **Tuesday, November 7, 2023 from 9:00-10:00am** at Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church.

A Graveside Service will follow at **11:00am at Pikes Peak National Cemetery**, 10545 Drennan Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80925