

be two donation options: 1) Bring in non-perishable food items and place them in a designated box downstairs, which will be subsequently delivered to the Care and Share Food Bank for Southern Colorado, and/or 2) Place a cash or check donation clearly marked for this campaign in the narthex donation box, which will be pooled together into an Archangel Michael contribution to the IOCC. These donations will support our local community and IOCC's work across the globe to "Score a Victory Against Hunger!"

The Movie Sacred Alaska

Colorado Springs! The Colorado premiere of my film Sacred Alaska is happening on Monday, January 29, at 6:15 pm, with filmmaker Q&A after the movie. Icon Cinemas is hosting this in their big 400-seat theater and we'd love to fill it up! Tickets are available at <https://www.iconcinemas.com/> You have to select the Colorado Springs location, scroll down to Advance Tickets, and find Sacred Alaska. I hope to see you there! This movie has been a labor of love for Simon Scionka of Holy Theophany Orthodox Church here in Colorado Springs and was assisted by Silas Karbo, the son of Fr. Anthony Karbo. Please make every effort to view this beautiful movie and support Orthodox Christian Filmmakers.

Saints of the Day

The Venerable Ephraim the Syrian: Ephraim was born in Syria of poor parents during the reign of Emperor Constantine the Great. He spent his youth rather tempestuously, but suddenly a change took place in his soul, and he began to burn with love for the Lord Jesus. Ephraim was a disciple of St. James Nisibis (January 13). Due to the great grace of God, wisdom flowed from his tongue like a stream of honey, and ceaseless tears flowed from his eyes. Industrious as a bee, Ephraim continually wrote books, orally taught the monks in the monastery and the people in the town of Edessa, and dedicated himself to prayer and contemplation. Numerous are his books and beautiful are his prayers, the most famous of which is his prayer recited during the season of Great Lent: "O Lord and Master of my life, a spirit of idleness, despondency, ambition and idle talking give me not; but rather a spirit of chastity, humility, patience and love bestow upon me, Thy servant. Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own faults and not condemn my brother; for blessed art Thou unto the ages of ages. Amen." When they wanted to appoint him a bishop by force, he pretended to be insane and began to race through the city of Edessa, dragging his garment behind him. Seeing this, the people left him in peace. Ephraim was a contemporary and friend of St. Basil the Great. St. Ephraim is especially considered to be the apostle of repentance. Even today, his works soften many hearts hardened by sin and return them to Christ. He reposed in extreme old age in the year 378 A.D.

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Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

Apostolic Reading: 1 Timothy 4:9-15

Gospel: St. Luke 19:1-10

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 of the 15th Sunday of Luke. Venerable Ephraim the Syrian; Venerable Palladios of Antioch Martyr Charita; Venerable Theodosios of Totma; Isaac the Syrian bishop of Nineveh.

Order of Services

Apolytikion of the Resurrection Tone

The stone having been sealed by the Pharisees and chief priests, * and Your all-immaculate body being guarded by soldiers, * You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. * Then the powers of the heavens cried out to You, O Giver of Life, and shouted, * "Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! * Glory to Your eternal rule! * Glory to Your plan for saving us, only benevolent God!"

Apolytikion for St. Ephraim Tone 8

With the rivers of your tears you made the barren desert bloom; and with your sighs from deep within, you made your labors bear their fruits a hundredfold; and you became a star, illuminating the world by your miracles, O Ephrem, our devout father. Intercede with Christ our God, for the salvation of our souls.

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 Entrance of the Lord Tone 1

You sanctified the virginal womb by Your birth, O Lord, and blessed the hands of Symeon fittingly, O Christ God; and even now You came and

saved us. Now, give peace to our Nation in time of war, and empower our Leaders, so loved by You, the only one who loves humanity.

Divine Services

Tues. Jan. 30: Orthros 8am and Liturgy 9am for the 3 Hierarchs

Wed. Jan. 31: Paraklesis 5pm

Thurs. Feb. 1: Great Vespers 5pm for the Entry of the Lord into the Temple

Fri. Feb 2. Orthros 8am/Liturgy 9am Entry of the Lord into the Temple

Sat. Feb. 3: 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.

Parish Council Elections

Congratulations to the newly elected Parish Council members: Nathan Pesch, Stephanie Winther and Peter Kaloroumakis. After we receive the Ratification Letter from the Metropolitan, the Affirmation of Office will be held.

Bottle Filling Station

We recently installed a new bottle filling station by the restrooms as approved at our December General Assembly. We are in the process of purchasing reusable plastic cups for the coffee hour. This alleviates the need to bring in water bottles and helps lower more plastic going into landfills.

Women’s Fellowship

Please join us for another Women’s Fellowship on Saturday, **February 3rd**, at **1:00 pm** at Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church. No need to bring anything other than a smile!

Church Bookstore

New books and various orthodox items were ordered last week. Some items have already arrived and others are on their way. The only way to know what’s on offer is to come down and browse our well-stocked bookstore. Look forward to seeing you there! *A little spiritual reading or study, when carried out prior to prayer, is very helpful because the soul is warmed and the mind is transported to the spiritual realm. ~ St. Paisios of Mount Athos*

Stewardship 2024

Following services on Sunday, December 3, our Chairperson Ruxandra Georgescu offered some words of inspiration for us to be faithful stewards of the Church. Please see Ruxandra for a 2024 packet.

Orthodox Catechism Class

Following services and coffee hour on February 4, 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!

Jan. 28: Sponsor Needed

Feb. 4: Maney and Pesch Families

Feb. 11: Sponsor Needed

Feb. 18: Johnson Family

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.

Home Blessings

It is a tradition to have our homes and/or our business blessed by the priest every year following the celebration of Theophany on January 6. This practice allows us to bring the feast to our homes and have them sanctified (made holy) with the sprinkling of the Great Blessing of Water. You may schedule a convenient time with Fr. Dennis after Jan. 6.

Benevolent Fund

We are in need of funds to offer Christmas gifts to our fellow parishioners who are shut-ins and are unable to attend services. We will have a basket in the narthex following services. If you know of anyone in need from our community, please see Fr. Dennis.

“Thank You!” from the Capital Campaign Committee

The final numbers are in, and the Capital Campaign Committee would like to say “Thank You!” to everyone who contributed to the challenge match last year. \$10,115 was donated, which will dollar for dollar be matched by the Festival account. This means we have \$20,230 more available in our search for a new home for our parish and pushes us over the next milestone, giving us more than \$400k in the New Building Fund account. Thank you all for helping us take a good step forward as we begin the process of raising additional funds, and please look for more from your Capital Campaign Committee this year.

2024 Souper Bowl

We will participate again in the International Orthodox Christian Charities’ “Souper Bowl of Caring” campaign through February 11th, 2024. There will