

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 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!"

Saints of the Day

The Venerable Isidore of Pelusium: Isidore was an Egyptian by birth, the son of a prominent family, and the kinsman of the Alexandrian Patriarchs Theophilus and Cyril. Having studied all the secular disciplines, he renounced worldly riches and glory, and for the love of Christ he devoted himself completely to the spiritual life. He was a great and ardent defender and interpreter of the Orthodox Faith. According to the historian Nicephorus, St. Isidore wrote more than ten thousand letters to various individuals. In these he reproached some, counseled others, and comforted and instructed still others. In one letter St. Isidore wrote: "It is more important to teach by a life of doing good than to preach in eloquent terms." In another, he said: "If one desires that his virtues appear great, let him consider them small, and they will surely manifest themselves as great." The first and basic rule for St. Isidore was this: "First do and then teach, according to the example of our Lord Jesus." At the time of the persecution of St. John Chrysostom, when the entire population was divided into two camps—one for him and one against him—St. Isidore, this great pillar of Orthodoxy, sided with St. John Chrysostom. He wrote to Patriarch Theophilus that Chrysostom was a great light of the Church, and begged him to avoid rancor toward him. Isidore lived long and accomplished much, glorifying Christ God with his life and his writings. Isidore took up habitation in the Kingdom of Christ in about the year 436 A.D.

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February 4, 2024

Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

Apostolic Reading: 2 Corinthians. 4:6-15

Gospel: St. Matthew 22:35-46

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: 15th Sunday of Matthew. Venerable Isidore of Pelusium; Venerable Nicholas the Confessor of Studion; New-martyr Joseph of Aleppo; George, prince of Vladimir; Venerable Cyril, wonder-worker of Novoezersk.

Hymns of the Day

First Antiphon: with verses

Through the prayers. . . (Ταισ πρεσβειασ).

Second Antiphon: with verses

Σωσον υμασ Υιε Θεου, ο εν αγκλαισ του δικαιου Συμεων βασταχθεισ, ψαλλοντασ σοι, Αλληλουια.

Save us, O Son of God, who were held in the arms of righteous Symeon. We sing to You, Alleluia.

Third Antiphon Tone 1 with verses: The Little Entrance

Rejoice, O Theotokos Virgin full of grace: for from you has shone forth the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, giving light to those in darkness. Be glad also, O righteous Elder, for you have received in your arms the Deliverer of our souls, who bestows upon us resurrection.

After the Entrance

Apolytikion of the Resurrection Tone 2

When You descended unto Death, O Lord, You who are immortal Life put Hades to death, by the lightning of Your divinity. And when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the hosts of heaven sang aloud to You, "O Christ God, Giver of life, glory to You!"

Apolytikion of the Entrance Tone 1

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

Wed. Feb. 7: Paraklesis 5pm

Sat. Feb. 10: 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!

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!*

Holy Cross of Crete

This Friday, Saturday and Sunday the Miraculous Holy Cross of Crete is visiting St. Dimitri the New Romanian Orthodox Church in Frederick, CO. An email with more information was sent out last week with links to register to attend.

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.

Coffee Hour Signup

Please consider sponsoring a coffee hour. Donations are welcome!

Feb. 4: Maney and Pesch Families

Feb. 11: Josh Nichols

Feb. 18: Johnson Family

Feb. 25: Zeigenfuss 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