

## Saints of the Day

**Saint Leo I, Pope of Rome:** Leo was born in Italy of devout parents. He first served as archdeacon under Pope Sixtus III, and following the death of Sixtus he was elevated against his will to the throne of the Pope of Rome. When Attila, with his Huns, drew near to Rome and was prepared to destroy and burn the city, Leo came out before him in his episcopal vestments. He subdued the wrath of the leader of the Huns and averted the destruction of Rome. Attila allowed himself to be counseled by this holy man, but was also frightened by a vision of the Apostles Peter and Paul, who stood alongside Leo and threatened him with flaming swords. Not only did St. Leo save Rome, but he also contributed much to save Orthodoxy from the heresy of Eutyches and Dioscorus. This heresy consisted in the merging of the divine and human natures of Christ into one and, consequently, the denial of the two wills in the person of the Lord Savior. Because of this, the Fourth Ecumenical Council [Chalcedon, 451 A.D.] was convened, at which time the epistle of St. Leo was read. St. Leo had written this epistle and placed it on the tomb of St. Peter, who corrected it. Before his death, Leo spent forty days in fasting and prayer at the tomb of St. Peter, beseeching him to tell him whether his sins were forgiven. The Apostle Peter appeared to him and said that all of his sins were forgiven except sins committed in the ordination of priests (whence it is evident how grave a sin it is to ordain one who is unworthy). The saint again fell to prayer until he was told that even those sins were forgiven. He peacefully gave up his soul to the Lord. St. Leo reposed in the year 461 A.D.

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## February 18, 2024

### Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

**Apostolic Reading:** 2 Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:16:1-10

**Gospel:** St. Matthew 15:21-28

**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: 17th Sunday of Matthew.** Leo the Great, pope of Rome; Agapitos the Confessor, bishop of Synnada in Phrygia; Venerable Colman, bishop of Lindisfarne.

### Hymns of the Day

#### Apolytikion of the Resurrection Tone 4

When the women disciples of the Lord heard the Angel joyously proclaim the resurrection, they cast aside the ancestral verdict, and boasting in glory they said to the Apostles, “Death has been despoiled! Christ God has risen, granting the great mercy to the world!”

#### 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.  
*(Sung with long ending)*

### Divine Services

**Wed. Feb. 21:** NO Service

**Sat. Feb. 24:** 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. Following services today we will hold the Affirmation of Office.

## 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.

## Orthodox Catechism Class

Following services and coffee hour on February 25, we will gather in the church for a half hour or so. *All are welcomed to attend!*

## Church Bookstore

Holy Week books are due back in stock by the end of the month. If you are interested in securing a copy, I will be taking orders until Sunday, March 3. The books are \$25.00 each and I will only be accepting cash or checks for the preorders. An array of books for the upcoming Lenten Season are available for purchase at our Church bookstore. Please refer to the flyers by the candle stand for more information. *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. 11:** Josh Nichols

**Feb. 18:** Johnson Family

**Feb. 25:** Zeigenfuss Family

**March 3:** Kaloroumakis 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.

## 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 11<sup>th</sup>, 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!”

## 2024 GOYA Front Range Lenten Retreat

Registration for this youth retreat opens this coming Tuesday. It will be held from March 29-31. Please see the Metropolis website.

## Dates to Remember

**Feb. 25:** Triodion Period Begins

**March 9:** 1st Saturday of Souls

**March 16:** 2nd Saturday of Souls

**March. 18:** Great Lent Begins

**March 23:** 3rd Saturday of Souls

**April 29:** Palm Sunday

**May 5:** Pascha

**June 13:** Ascension of the Lord

**June 23:** Pentecost

No Apostle Fast this year

## Greek School

Greek School begins on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 4:30pm. Please contact Alex Ellis at 719.471.0157.