

Bishop Constantine to Visit AMGOC

His Grace Bishop Constantine will preside at the Holy Friday Lamentation Service on May 3. More details to follow.

Saints of the Day

The Holy Martyrs Eutropius, Cleonicus and Basiliscus: They were companions of St. Theodore the Tyro. When the righteous Theodore had gloriously reposed, they remained behind in prison. For a long time they were not sentenced, due to the replacement of the emperor's governor in the city of Amasea. When the new governor arrived, more inhuman than his predecessor, he ordered that these three be brought before him. All three were youths. Eutropius and Cleonicus were brothers, and Basiliscus was a kinsman of St. Theodore. All three were like blood brothers in their fraternal love. As such, they said before the governor: "As the Holy Trinity is undivided, so also are we undivided in our faith and inseparable in our love." In vain was all the flattery on the part of the governor, and in vain were his attempts to bribe Eutropius. First of all, the governor invited Eutropius to dine with him. Eutropius refused, quoting from the Psalms: *Blessed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked* (Psalm 1:1). After that, the governor offered him a large amount of money --150 litres of silver—which Eutropius also refused, reminding the governor that because of silver Judas lost his soul. After all attempts at interrogation and torture had failed, the first two were sentenced to be crucified, and Basiliscus was sentenced to be beheaded. And so it was, two brothers were crucified on two crosses, for which they gave thanks to Christ that He had made them worthy of the same death to which He Himself submitted. The third, Basiliscus, was beheaded. They all entered the Kingdom of Joy where St. Theodore, their commander, awaited them, having been glorified before them by Christ the Lord and Victor. They suffered honorably in the year 308 A.D.

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Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

Apostolic Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Gospel: St. Luke 15:11-32

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: Prodigal Son. Martyrs Eutropios, Kleonikos, and Basilikos of Amasea; Hieromartyr Theodoretos of Antioch. Martyrs Eutropios, Kleonikos, and Basilikos of Amasea; Hieromartyr Theodoretos of Antioch.

Hymns of the Day

Apolytikion of the Resurrection Tone 6

When the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary, who was seeking Your immaculate body. Unassailed by Hades, You divested it of spoils. Then You met the Virgin. You granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory to You!

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 for the Prodigal Son Tone 6

I revolted senselessly * out of Your fatherly glory; * I have squandered sinfully * all of the riches You gave me.* Hence to You, using the Prodigal's words, I cry out,* I have sinned before You, merciful loving Father.* O receive me in repentance, * I pray, and treat me * as one of Your hired hands.

Divine Services

Wed. March. 6: Paraklesis 5pm

Sat. March 9: Orthros 8am Liturgy 9am for the first Saturday of Souls. 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.

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 March 10, 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*

Welcome Fr. Constantine!

We are grateful to Fr. Constantine Blizzard USAFA Orthodox Chaplain for offering services this morning. *Thank you Father!*

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!

March 3: Kaloroumakis Family **March 10:** Rainford Family
March 17: Toader Family **March 24:** Sponsor Needed

Saturday of Souls

We will need someone to make koliva for Saturday, March 9, March 16 and March 23. Please let Fr. Dennis know.

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.

Souper Bowl

We had 50 lbs of food for the Souper Bowl effort. The volunteers at the Care and Share Center gave the impression that the food bank is going through inventory fast, so all donations were much appreciated.

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 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. <https://www.denver.goarch.org/>

Lenten Retreat

The weekend of April 5-6, we will have presentations by Fr. Dan Suciu from San Antonio, TX to speak to our community. More details will follow soon.

Dates to Remember

Feb. 25: Triodion Period Begins
March 16: 2nd Saturday of Souls
March 23: 3rd Saturday of Souls
May 5: Pascha
June 23: Pentecost

March 9: 1st Saturday of Souls
March. 18: Great Lent Begins
April 29: Palm Sunday
June 13: Ascension of the Lord
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.