

Roommate Wanted

Dimitri Johnson is seeking a roommate to split his \$2200 monthly rent in a 3 BR, 2.5 BA house with a finished basement near Powers and Barnes beginning on June 1st for a period of one year (or more). Sorry, no pets allowed. He can be reached via text at (719) 640-8737, if interested.

Saints of the Day

The Holy Martyr Codratus of Corinth and Others with Him: During the time of the persecution of Christians, many of the faithful fled to the mountains and into the caves. So did the mother of Codratus. She was pregnant at the time, gave birth to Codratus in the forest, and died shortly thereafter. Growing up alone in the wilderness, Codratus was nurtured, fed and guided by divine providence and guardian angel. He Who gave manna from heaven to the Israelites in the wilderness dropped from the clouds a sweet dew onto the mouth of the child Codratus. When he was twelve years old, he entered town. There a benevolent man took a liking to him and provided him with an education. He studied medicine and healed the sick with natural cures and, more often, with the spiritual power of prayer, which had been present with him from childhood. When a new persecution arose under Decius, Codratus was brought to trial and cast into prison. Five companions joined him and confessed the name of Christ. They were Cyprian, Dionysius, Anectus, Paul and Crescens. They were all dragged through the streets by the pagans, especially by their children. They were beaten with rods and stoned until they were eventually dragged to the scaffold. There, the martyrs prayed to God and were beheaded. A spring of water gushed out of the ground at that spot, which is called "Codratus" even today and is a reminder of the heroic deaths of these six holy innocents of Christ. They honorably suffered for the truth in the year 250 A.D., in Corinth, during the reign of Emperor Decius and his governor, Jason.

Today is the last day to eat all meat products. All foods, except meat and meat products, are allowed during the week that follows this Sunday. Fish, oil, wine, dairy and eggs are permitted.

Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church Bulletin

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March 10, 2024

Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

Apostolic Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:8-13; 9:1-2

Gospel: St. Matthew 25:31-46

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: Sunday of the Last Judgement/Meatfare Sunday.

Kodratos of Corinth and his five companions; Anastasia the patrician of Alexandria; New-martyr Michael of Thessalonika.

Hymns of the Day

Apolytikion of the Resurrection Tone 7

You destroyed death by Your Cross, You opened Paradise to the Robber. You turned the Myrrh-bearing Women's lament into joy, and You commanded Your Apostles to preach that You rose, O Christ God, granting the world the great mercy.

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 Last Judgment Tone 1

When You come down to the earth, O God, in Your glory, all things will cower tremulous, and a river of fire will draw before Your Judgment Seat; the books shall be opened up, and public knowledge will things hidden be. Rescue me, then, I pray, from unquenchable fire, and count me worthy to stand at Your right hand, O You, the most righteous Judge.

Divine Services

Wed. March. 13: Paraklesis 5pm

Sat. March 16: Orthros 8am Liturgy 9am for the 2nd 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 today, March 10, we will gather in the church for a half hour or so. *All are welcomed to attend!*

Church Bookstore

Many books are available for the Lenten Season including the wonderful book *The Crucifixion of the King of Glory: The Amazing History and Sublime Mystery of the Passion* by Presvetera Jeannie. If you have not purchased this book, you have a great opportunity to do so or reread the existing book you have during Lent. You can also listen to Presvytera’s podcasts about this book at orthodoxbiblestudy.info (starts at episode # 153). *You will not see anyone who is truly striving after his spiritual advancement who is not given to spiritual reading.* ~Saint Athanasios

Women’s Fellowship

Please join us for fellowship, coffee, and light refreshments on Saturday, March 23rd, in the church hall. We will meet right after the Saturday of the Souls service. We hope you can attend!

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 10: Rainford Family

March 17: Toader Family

March 24: Sponsor Needed

March 31: Portuesi Family

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.

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.

“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 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.

Bishop Constantine to Visit AMGOC

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