

Stewardship 2024

Remember to be current with your stewardship. If you did not receive a 2024 packet, please see Ruxandra Georgescu.

Church School

Today is the last day of Church School classes. Many thanks to Sara LaBrie, the parents and the children for making this a wonderful program.

Dates to Remember

June 13: Ascension of the Lord, **June 23:** Pentecost and there is *no Apostle Fast this year*

Orthodox Catechism Class

Class will not be held until after Pascha, date will be announced in the near future. We usually gather following coffee hour. *All are welcomed to attend!*

Saint of the Day

The Holy Hieromartyr Patrick [Patricios], Bishop of Prusa, With Three Presbyters: Acacius, Menander and Polyenus: They suffered for the Christian Faith in Asian Prusa during the reign of Julian the Apostate. Junius the imperial deputy brought these saints to a hot spring and asked Patrick: "Who created these curative waters if not our gods Aesculapius and others whom we worship?" St. Patrick replied: "Your gods are demons and these waters, like everything else, were created by Christ the Lord, our God." Then the deputy asked: "And will your Christ save you if I throw you into this boiling water?" The saint replied: "If He wills, He is able to preserve me whole and unharmed, even though I desire that in these waters I become separated from this temporary life to live with Christ eternally. But let His holy will be done, without which not even a hair from a man's head can fall!" Hearing this, the deputy ordered that Patrick be cast into the boiling water. Drops of boiling water splashed on all sides and cruelly scalded many of those present, but the saint, whose lips were continually in prayer, remained unharmed as though he were standing in cold water. Seeing this, the deputy, deeply embarrassed, became enraged and ordered that Patrick and his three presbyters be beheaded with an ax. Then the innocent followers of Christ recited their prayers and placed their heads under the ax of the executioner. When they were beheaded, their joyful souls ascended to Christ's Kingdom of Light, to reign forever.

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Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen! Χριστὸς Ἀνέστη! Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη!

Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

Apostolic Reading: Acts 6:1-7

Gospel: St. Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8

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: 3rd Sunday of Pascha, Myrrh-Bearing Women, Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. Hieromartyr Patrick, bishop of Prusa; Martyrs Menander and Philetairos; Venerable Cornelios of Komelsk; Grand Prince Dimitry Donskoy of Moscow.

Order of Service

Antiphons

From Pascha

Little Entrance 3rd Antiphon we chant the Paschal verses and Christ is Risen

Instead of Come let us worship we chant:

Bless God in the churches, the Lord from the fountains of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

Ἐν Ἐκκλησίαις εὐλογεῖτε τὸν Θεόν, Κύριον ἐκ πηγῶν Ἰσραὴλ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς, Υἱέ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστάς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.

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 Joseph of Arimathea Tone 2

When he took down Your immaculate Body from the Cross, the honorable Joseph wrapped it in a clean linen shroud with spices and laid it for burial in a new tomb. But on the third day You arose, O Lord, and granted the world Your great mercy.

Apolytikion Myrrh-Bearers Tone 2

The Angel who had come to the sepulcher said to the Myrrh-bearing women, Ointments are appropriate for mortal men; but Christ is indeed a stranger to decay. Now go proclaim that the Lord has risen and granted the world His 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 for Pascha Tone 8

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out Rejoice to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection.

Instead of "Axion Estin" Tone 1

The Angel cried aloud to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, O pure Virgin; and again I say Rejoice. Your Son has truly risen from the grave on the third day.

Shine! Shine, O new Jerusalem!! * For the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. * Zion, exult and be glad now. * O pure Mother of God, rejoice, celebrating * the resurrection of Christ your Son!

Communion Hymn

Receive the Body of Christ; taste from the immortal fount.

Instead of *We have seen the true light...* Christ is Risen

Divine Services

Tuesday, May 21: Orthros 8am/ Liturgy 9am for Ss. Constantine & Helen.

Wed., May 22: Small Paraklesis 5pm

Sat. May 25: Great Vespers 5pm

Axios to our New Metropolitan Constantine!

We are overjoyed at the news that Bishop Constantine was elected as our new Metropolitan of Denver. The enthronement ceremony will take place on Saturday, June 22, 10am at the Assumption Cathedral in Denver.

Paschal Greetings to All!

Fr. Dennis and the Parish Council extend their best wishes and prayers to all of the faithful and friends of our community for a joyous celebration of our Lord's Holy Resurrection. May our Lord bless all who have prepared our church by cleaning, decorating and cooking or donated toward the ongoing

work at Archangel Michael. *Christ is Risen!*

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.

During the Paschal Season

We do not kneel during any church services from Pascha until Pentecost and the prayer of "*Heavenly King...*", is not said until Pentecost as it is replaced with triple singing of Christ is Risen for the forty days.

Tradition relates that in Italy Mary Magdalene visited Emperor Tiberias (14-37 A.D.) and proclaimed to him Christ's Resurrection. According to Tradition, she took him a red egg as a symbol of the Resurrection, a symbol of new life with the words: "Christ is Risen!" Then she told the emperor that in his Province of Judea the unjustly condemned Jesus the Galilean, a holy man, a miracle worker, powerful before God and all mankind, had been executed at the instigation of the Jewish High Priests, and the sentence confirmed by the procurator appointed by Tiberias, Pontius Pilate.

Other saints of our Orthodox Church not named in the Gospels or writings of the Scriptures are: The wife of Pontius Pilate is St. Prokla (feast day Oct. 27) and the soldier at the foot of the cross who said: "Truly this was the Son of God" the martyr Longinus (feast day Oct. 16).

Memorial Service

This morning we remember in our prayers the departed servants of God +Zorka Corley (40 days) and +Lillian Natali Falko (16 years). *Everlasting be their memory!*

Bookstore and Library

I'll be placing an order for new books soon. Please see me if you are interested in anything in particular and I'll see about ordering it for you. *You will not see anyone who is truly striving after his spiritual advancement who is not given to spiritual reading. ~Saint Athanasios*

Coffee Hour Signup

Please consider sponsoring a coffee hour. Donations are welcome!

May 19: Winther/Falko Families

May 26: Sponsor Needed

June 2: Sponsor Needed

June 9: Sponsor Needed