

## 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 26:** Georgescu family

**June 2:** Portiesi family

**June 9:** Sponsor Needed

**June 16:** Sponsor Needed

## Capital Campaign

**King Soopers Cards** has a Loyalty Card Program that offers 5% of your purchase sent to a designated charity which Archangel Michael is an eligible recipient. You may sign up online or go to the customer service desk.

## Semi-Annual General Assembly

On Sunday, June 9, following services we will gather to hold our Semi-Annual General Assembly. Please remember to have your stewardship up to date. If you have not filled out a Stewardship card, please see Bogdan for one.

## 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!*

## Reflection

We should not desire the death of a sinner but his repentance. Nothing so grieves the Lord, Who suffered on the Cross for sinners, than when we pray to Him for the death of a sinner, thereby to remove the sinner from our path. It happened that the Apostle Carpus lost his patience and began to pray that God would send down death upon two sinful men: one a pagan and the other an apostate from the Faith. Then the Lord Christ Himself appeared to Carpus and said: "Strike me; I am prepared to be crucified again for the salvation of mankind." St. Carpus related this event to St. Dionysius the Areopagite, who wrote it down as a lesson to all in the Church that prayers are needed for sinners to be saved and not for them to be destroyed, for the Lord is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9).



Let us be forever grateful for our military who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom, lest we forget the reason for Memorial Day weekend. *May their memory be eternal!*

## Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church Bulletin

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## May 26, 2024

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

### Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

**Apostolic Reading:** Acts 9:32-42

**Gospel:** St. John 5:1-15

**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: 4th Sunday of Pascha, Paralytic.** Apostles Karpos and Alphaios of the Seventy; Sinesios, bishop New-martyr Alexander of Thessalonika; Augustine of Canterbury evangelizer of England.

### 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 Ἰσραήλ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς, Υἱέ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστάς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.*

#### After the Entrance

#### Apolytikion of the Resurrection Tone 3

Let the heavens be glad. Let the earth rejoice exceedingly. For the Lord has shown strength with his arm. He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead. Out of the belly of Hades, He has rescued us, and to the world He has granted 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 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.

O Virgin, with one voice, all we believers call you blessed. \* Metaphorical City and Gate of the Lord, rejoice! \* Light of your Son’s resurrection from the dead \* shines on us today through you, O Lady. \* And therefore we salute you: Rejoice!

### **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**

**Wed., May 29:** Orthros 8am and Liturgy 9am for Mid-Pentecost. Small Paraklesis 4:30pm (*Please note the time change*)

**Sat. June 1:** 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. Metropolitan Constantine has asked the parishes of the Metropolis to help defray expenses for this important event. Therefore, we will take a collection after services for the next few weeks. If using a check, kindly note “**enthronement**” in the memo. A reception will be held following services and all are invited to attend!

### **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!*

### **Memorial Service**

This morning we remember in our prayers the departed servants of God +Elena and Dumitru Georgescu. They are the parents of Mariana and Vali and the grandfather of Bogdan Georgescu. *Everlasting be their memory!*

### **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).

### **Stewardship 2024**

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

### **Graduate Announcements**

Please submit your family member (s) graduation information so that we may publish it in the upcoming bulletins. Congratulations to the following graduates:

- Stellan Rogers graduated from Coronado High School and will attend Yale University in the Fall. He is the son of Jeff and Alexandra Rogers.
- Marie and Michelle Georgescu graduated from Rampart High School. Marie will attend Clemson in South Carolina for Biomedical Engineering and Michelle will attend Ohio State for International Studies.

### **Dates to Remember**

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