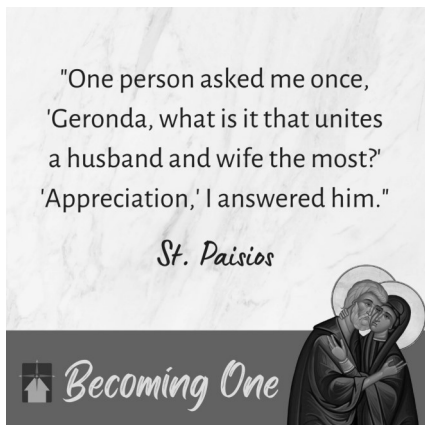


Saints of the Day

The Holy Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council: The heresiarch Arius was a Libyan by race and a protopresbyter of the Church of Alexandria. In 315, he began to blaspheme against the Son and Word of God, saying that He is not true God, consubstantial with the Father, but is rather a work and creation, alien to the essence and glory of the Father, and that there was a time when He was not. This frightful blasphemy shook the faithful of Alexandria. Alexander, his Archbishop, after trying in vain to correct him through admonitions, cut him off from communion and finally in a local council deposed him in the year 321. Yet neither did the blasphemer wish to be corrected, nor did he cease sowing the deadly tares of his heretical teachings; but writing to the bishops of other cities, Arius and his followers requested that his doctrine be examined, and if it were unsound, that the correct teaching be declared to him. By this means, his heresy became universally known and won many supporters, so that the whole Church was soon in an uproar.

Therefore, moved by divine zeal, the first Christian Sovereign, Saint Constantine the Great, the equal to the Apostles, summoned the renowned First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea, a city of Bithynia. It was there that the shepherds and teachers of the Church of Christ gathered from all regions in the year 325. All of them, with one mouth and one voice, declared that the Son and Word of God is one in essence with the Father, true God of true God, and they composed the holy Symbol of Faith up to the seventh article (since the remainder, beginning with "And in the Holy Spirit," was completed by the Second Ecumenical Council). Thus they anathematized the impious Arius of evil belief and those of like mind with him, and cut them off as rotten members from the whole body of the faithful.

Therefore, recognizing the divine Fathers as heralds of the Faith after the divine Apostles, the Church of Christ has appointed this present Sunday for their annual commemoration, in thanksgiving and unto the glory of God, unto their praise and honor, and unto the strengthening of the true Faith.



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June 16, 2024

Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

Apostolic Reading: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

Gospel: St. John 17:1-13

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: 7th Sunday of Pascha, the Holy Fathers. Tikhon the Wonder-worker, bishop of Amathos in Cyprus; Ven. Tikhon of Kaluga.

Order of Service

First Antiphon with Festal Verses for the Ascension

By the prayers...

Second Antiphon with Festal Verses

Save us, O Son of God, who were taken up in glory to heaven from us. We sing to You, Alleluia.

Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἐν δόξῃ ἀναληφθεὶς ἀπ' ἡμῶν εἰς τοὺς οὐρανοὺς, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλοῦϊα.

Third Antiphon with Festal Verses

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, after You filled the Disciples with joy, by promising to send them the Holy Spirit, and You blessed them and established their faith, that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.

After the Entrance:

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 for Ascension Tone 4

You have ascended...

Apolytikion of the Holy Fathers Tone 8

Supremely blessed are You, O Christ our God. You established the holy

Fathers upon the earth as beacons, and through them You have guided us all to the true Faith, O greatly merciful One, glory be 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 for Ascension Tone 6

When You had fulfilled the dispensation for our sake, * and united things on earth with the things in heaven, * You were taken up thither in glory, O Christ our God, * going not away from any place, * but continuing inseparable, * and to them that love You crying out: * “I am with you, and there is, therefore, none against you.”

Instead of Εἶδομεν το φως The Apolytikion for Ascension

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

Divine Services

Wed., June 19: Paraklesis 5pm

Sat. June 22: NO Service

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!

Happy Fathers Day

May our Good Lord grant many years to all the fathers who selflessly give of themselves to their families.

Stewardship 2024

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

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.

Women’s Fellowship

The Women’s Fellowship has put together Blessing Bags with items to support and help others who are in need. These bags will be given to a center that works with the homeless in our community. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause or future charitable works, please see Elaine Cunningham. Thank you!

Bookstore and Library

Come downstairs and browse our wonderful selection of new books, Icons, and Orthodox gift items in our well-stocked bookstore. There is something for everyone! *Read often and insatiably the books of the teachers of the Church...* ~St. Isaac the Syrian

Coffee Hour Signup

Please consider sponsoring a coffee hour. Donations are welcome!

June 16: Vasiliadis Family

June 23: Sponsor Needed

June 30: Dabit Family

July 7: 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.

Greek Dance Group

We welcome children and adults to join our parish Greek dance group. Practice will be for a half hour to prepare for our Annual Greek Festival. We are focusing on Kalamatiano, Hasaposerviko, Zorba and Tsamiko. We will also provide Greek Dance lessons to our festival attendees. Any interested children and adults are welcome to join, as well as help teach. Contact Constadina Vasiliades at: 808-373-0312 or constadina@shaw.ca if interested or for questions.

For the month of **June** we are looking at **every Thursday at 6:30pm** at Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church. We will begin this Thursday June 13, then June 20, then June 27.

Orthodox Catechism Class

Class will meet on Sunday, June 30 following coffee hour. *All are welcomed to attend!*