

“Martyr” in Greek) to Christ in manifold ways, even if occasion did not require the shedding of their blood.

Therefore, guided by the teaching of the Divine Scriptures and Apostolic Tradition, we the pious honor all the Saints, the friends of God, for they are keepers of God’s commandments, shining examples of virtue, and benefactors of mankind. Of course, we honor the known Saints especially on their own day of the year, as is evident in the Menologion. But since many Saints are unknown, and their number has increased with time, and will continue to increase until the end of time, the Church has appointed that once a year a common commemoration be made of all the Saints. This is the feast that we celebrate today. It is the harvest of the coming of the Holy Spirit into the world; it is the “much fruit” brought forth by that “Grain of wheat that fell into the earth and died” (John 12:24); it is the glorification of the Saints as “the foundation of the Church, the perfection of the Gospel, they who fulfilled in deed the sayings of the Savior” (Sunday of All Saints, Doxasticon of Vespers).

In this celebration, then, we reverently honor and call blessed all the Righteous, the Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Shepherds, Teachers, and Holy Monastics, both men and women alike, known and unknown, who have been added to the choirs of the Saints and shall be added, from the time of Adam until the end of the world, who have been perfected in piety and have glorified God by their holy lives. All these, as well as the orders of the Angels, and especially our most holy Lady and Queen, the Ever-virgin Theotokos Mary, do we honor today, setting their life before us as an example of virtue, and entreating them to intercede in our behalf with God, Whose grace and boundless mercy be with us all. Amen.

## Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church Bulletin

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### June 30, 2024

#### Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

**Apostolic Reading:** Hebrews 11:33 – 40; 12:1 – 2

**Gospel:** St. Matthew 9:36 – 38; 10:1 – 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: 1st Sunday After Pentecost—All Saints.** The Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles. New-martyr Michael.

#### Order of Service

##### **Apolytikion of the Resurrection Tone 8**

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and consented to a three-day burial, to free us from the passions. O Lord, our life and resurrection, glory to You!

##### **Apolytikion for the Synaxis of the 12 Apostles Tone 3**

O holy Apostles, make intercession to our merciful God, that He grant our souls forgiveness of offenses.

##### **Apolytikion for All Saints Tone 4**

Your Church is arrayed in the holy blood of Your Martyrs who witnessed throughout the world, as though in purple and fine linen. Through them she cries to You, Christ our God, “Send down to Your people Your tender love, grant peace from above to Your commonwealth, and to our souls Your 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 Tone 8**

O Planter of creation, Lord, to You does the entire world bring as an offering the God-bearing martyr Saints, as being nature’s first fruits. At their earnest entreaties, keep Your Church in a state of profoundest peace, through

the Theotokos, O Lord abundantly merciful.

### Communion Hymn

Their proclamation went forth into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world. Alleluia.

### Divine Services

**Wed., July 3:** No Services

**Sat. July 6:** Great Vespers 5pm

### 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.

### Memorial Service

This morning we remember in our prayers the departed servant of God +Andrew Dabit on the first year anniversary of his repose. *Everlasting be his memory!*

### 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 30:** Dabit Family

**July 7:** Kaloroumakis Family

**July 14:** Rasha Khalaf Family

**July 21:** Pesch/Bishop Families

### 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. 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](mailto:constadina@shaw.ca) if interested or for questions. For the month of **July** TBA and meet at Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church.

### Orthodox Catechism Class

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

### Special General Assembly Cancelled

This meeting today is cancelled as our offer was not accepted by the buyer.

### AMGOC 26th Annual Greek Festival

Please remember our 26th Annual Festival will be held on Aug. 16, 17, and 18. Volunteers are needed! OPA!

### Assumption Cathedral Inaugural Golf Tournament

The Assumption Cathedral is hosting its first golf tournament on Wednesday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at Red Hawk Golf Club in Castle Rock. The course is beautiful and serene, and we have many contests and prizes planned. It would be our pleasure to include any parishioners from other communities. The link for registration is: [assumptioncathedral.org](http://assumptioncathedral.org)

### Saints of the Day

Honoring the friends of God with much reverence, the Prophet-King David says, *“But to me, exceedingly honorable are Thy friends, O Lord”* (Ps. 138:16). And the divine Apostle, recounting the achievements of the Saints, and setting forth their memorial as an example that we might turn away from earthly things and from sin, and emulate their patience and courage in the struggles for virtue, says, *“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every burden, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us”* (Heb. 12:1).

This commemoration began as the Sunday (Synaxis) of All Martyrs; to them were added all the ranks of Saints who bore witness (the meaning of