

for a year and a half and baptizing him and his wife. Burning with zeal for the Faith of Christ, Aquila and Priscilla accompanied Paul to Ephesus and assisted him in his apostolic labors. At Ephesus, Paul wrote his first Epistle to the Corinthians, in which he said: *Aquila and Priscilla salute you much in the Lord, with the Church that is their house* (1 Corinthians 16:19). After the death of Emperor Claudius, the Jews were permitted to return to Italy, and so Aquila and Priscilla returned to Rome. When the Apostle Paul later wrote the Epistle to the Romans from Cornith, he greeted his old friends and co-laborers: *Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus; who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles* (Romans 16: 3-4). We later find Aquila in Ephesus, where he labored with St. Timothy the Apostle. Chained in Rome, Paul wrote to Timothy in Ephesus: *Salute Priscilla and Aquila* (2 Timothy 4:19). As a bishop, Aquila baptized many and enlightened them with the Faith; he destroyed idols, built churches, ordained priests, and spread the glory of the Incarnate Son of God among men. He was finally murdered by wicked heathens, and took up his habitation in the Kingdom of Christ.

Reflection

Christians must arm themselves against the seductions of this world. They must be armed against every attack and every temptation, so that every evil is repelled by them. Such armor is not made in a day or two, but is diligently and laboriously forged by a lengthy process. Of what value is all our virtue if we succumb to the first temptation? Speaking of this, Saint Gregory of Nyssa cites the example of a monkey in Alexandria. He says: "An animal trainer in Alexandria taught a monkey to skillfully impersonate a female dancer on stage. The spectators at the theatre praised the monkey, which was dressed as a female dancer and danced to the beat of the music. But while the viewers were occupied observing such a novel spectacle, some comedian decided to show everyone that a monkey is nothing more than a monkey. While they all shouted and applauded at the skill of the monkey, the comedian threw some sweets onto the stage that monkeys particularly like. As soon as the monkey saw the sweets, it forgot the dance, the applause, and the elaborate costume, and dashed around, groping with its paws for the sweets; and since its dress interfered, it began to tear it apart with its nails, attempting to remove it. And in place of praise and amazement, laughter broke out among the spectators." For behind the torn mask of the "dancer," a monkey was revealed.

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Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

Apostolic Reading: Titus 3:8 – 15

Gospel: St. Matthew 5:14 – 19

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 After Pentecost—Holy Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council. Apostle Aquila of the Seventy; Joseph the Confessor, archbishop of Thessalonika; Peter, bishop of Crete; Venerable Onesimos of Magnesia and Nikodemos of the Holy Mountain (Hagiorite).

Order of Service

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 for 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 to the Theotokos Tone 4

A protection of Christians unshameable * intercessor to our Holy Maker unwavering * reject not * the prayerful cries of those who are in sin * instead come to us, for You are good * Your loving help bring unto us * who are crying in faith to you * Hasten to intercede * and speed now to supplicate* as a protection for all time * Theotokos, for those who honor you.

Divine Services

Wed., July 17: Orthros 8am and Liturgy 9am for the Great Martyr Marina Paraklesis 5pm

Sat. July 20: Orthros 8am and Liturgy 9am for Prophet Elias (Elijah) 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.

Memory Eternal!

This morning we remember in our prayers the newly departed servant of God +Aurelia who fell asleep in the Lord last Sunday. She is the sister of Connie Serbanescu. We will offer a Trisagion Service this morning for her. *Everlasting be her memory!*

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!

July 14: Rasha Khalaf Family **July 21:** Pesch/Bishop Families

July 28: Abdallah and Serna Families **August 4:** Sponsor Needed

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 if interested or for questions. For the month of **July** TBA and meet at Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church.

Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship has put together Blessing Bags with items to sup-

port 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!

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.

Orthodox Catechism Class

Class will meet following coffee hour today. *All are welcomed to attend!*

AMGOC 26th Annual Greek Festival

Please remember our 26th Annual Festival will be held on Aug. 16, 17, and 18. Volunteers are needed and signup sheets are in the hall with a QR code. We will set up the canopies on Saturday, **August 10**. See Stephanie Winther for more details. OPA!



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A4AACAE23A4F94-amgoc#/>

Assumption Cathedral Inaugural Golf Tournament

The Assumption Cathedral is hosting its first golf tournament on Wednesday, July 31st 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

Saints of the Day

Sunday of the Holy Fathers: On the Sunday that falls from the 13th to the 19th of the present month, we chant the Service to the 630 Holy and God-bearing Fathers who came together for the 4th Ecumenical Council who assembled in Chalcedon in 451, to condemn Eutyches, who taught that there was only one nature, the divine, in Christ after the Incarnation, and Dioscorus, Patriarch of Alexandria, who illegally received Eutyches back into communion and deposed Saint Flavian, Patriarch of Constantinople, who had excommunicated Eutyches.

In the Slavic tradition, on this Sunday, the Fathers of the first six Ecumenical Councils are all commemorated.

The Holy Apostle Aquila: Aquila was one of the Seventy Apostles. A Jew, he first lived in Italy with his wife Priscilla. When Emperor Claudius decreed that all Jews be driven from Rome and Italy, Aquila settled in Cornith. There the Apostle Paul met him for the first time, remaining in his home