

Church School Christmas Caroling

Our Church School children will sing Christmas Carols following services on Sunday, December 15.

Camp for the Future

Metropolitan Constantine has asked each parish to make an offering for the new retreat center. Fr. Dennis will read his letter regarding the camp.

Nativity Fast

On Nov. 15, we begin one of the **four major fast seasons** in the Orthodox Church. For this forty-day period we are called to abstain from meat and dairy products. While many in America have Christmas parties before the Nativity of our Lord, we are called to prepare ourselves for this joyous celebration by prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The proper time for celebration is from Christmas day until Jan. 4, as the Church relaxes the fasting rules. Let us not allow this season to pass by us without making an effort for our spiritual life. Certainly, it is an excellent time to intensify our prayer life at home and at church. Let us also cleanse ourselves from the heavy weight of our sins with the Mystery of Holy Confession. *May our Lord give us strength and faith to accomplish the course of the fast!*

Saints of the Day

The Holy Prophet Nahum: Nahum was born of the tribe of Simeon in a place called Elkosh on the far side of the Jordan. He lived about seven hundred years before Christ and prophesied the destruction of Nineveh about two hundred years after the Prophet Jonah. Because of Jonah's preaching, the Ninevites had repented, and God had spared them and not destroyed them. In time, however, they forgot God's mercy and again became corrupt. The Prophet Nahum prophesied their destruction, and since there was no repentance, God did not spare them. The entire city was destroyed by earthquake, flood and fire, so that its location is no longer known. St. Nahum lived for forty-five years and entered into rest in the Lord, leaving us a small book of his true prophecies.

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Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

Apostolic Reading: Ephesians 2:4 – 10

Gospel: St. Luke 18:35 – 43

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: 14th Sunday of Luke: Prophet Nahum; Venerable Philaretos the merciful of Amnia; Martyr Ananias the Persian; Theoklitos, archbishop of Lakedaimonias.

Hymns of the Day

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 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 Pre-Nativity Tone 3

On this day the Virgin comes to the cave to give birth to God the Word ineffably, Who was before all the ages. Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing the gladsome tidings; with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him Who is willing to be gazed on as a young Child Who before the ages is God.

Divine Services

Wed. Dec. 4: Orthros 8am and Liturgy 9am for Saints Barbara and St. John of Damascus. Paraklesis 5pm

Fri. Dec. 6: Orthros 8am and Liturgy 9am for St. Nicholas.

Sat. Nov. 7: Great Vespers 5pm

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.

Coffee Hour Signup

Please consider sponsoring a coffee hour. Donations are welcome!

Dec. 1: LaBrie Family

Dec. 8: MacDonald Family

Dec. 15: Topakas Family

Dec. 22: Nathan Pesch

Coffee Hour Volunteer Clean Up Schedule

For those who would like to volunteer in helping in the church hall, we now have a sign up sheet for assisting in cleaning up after coffee hour. The sheet is posted downstairs in the kitchen next to coffee hour sign up sheet. *Also, parents please make sure you cleanup after your children during coffee hour.*

Bookstore and Library

The *2025 Daily Lives, Miracles, and Wisdom of the Saints & Fasting Calendar* is available for sale in our bookstore. We have quite a few copies in stock; however, when they're gone, they're gone! So hurry and purchase your copy soon. We also have many new items in our bookstore as well. The only way to know what's available is to come by and have a look. And, Christmas is right around the corner! We have plenty of beautiful gifts for the ones you love. If you can't find that perfect gift in our bookstore, I can help with special orders. Gift certificates are available for purchase too! *All that are careful in this life, procure books that will be medicine for the soul. -St. John Chrysostom*

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.

Archangel Michael Community Christmas Outreach

Many of Queen Palmer Elementary School (District 11) students come from low-income families. This year, Archangel Michael assisted in providing Christmas gifts to 20 families in need. This was an overwhelming success! Every gift was sponsored! The delivery of the gifts to the school will occur on Monday, December 2nd at 11am. Queen Palmer is located at 1921 East Yampa Street. All are welcome to attend the distribution of gifts event to the school liaison. SINCERE THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO EVERYONE THAT PARTICIPATED IN THIS CHRISTMAS OUTREACH!

Orthodox Catechism Class

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

Church School

Classes meet following Holy Communion. Please allow the Church School students receive Holy Communion first. See Sara LaBrie for more information.

AMGOC Philoptochos

The women of our parish are invited to participate in the newly forming Philoptochos (Friends of the Poor). The Women's Fellowship will now be known as the Philoptochos. Congratulations to the following board members: Courtney Parmer—*President*, Lisa Harr—*Vice-president*, Elizabeth Nissen—*Treasurer*, Sarah LaBrie—*Secretary*, Penny Johnson—*Director*, Maria Rainford—*Director*, Rose Timora—*Director*.

Metropolis Open House

His Eminence, Met. Constantine is pleased to invite you to the Metropolis of Denver annual Christmas Celebration and Open House and will be held at the Metropolis Center on **Friday, December 13, 2024 from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m.** There is no cost to attend.

Stewardship 2024

The 2024 year is coming to a close. Please make sure your stewardship is up to date. The 2025 Stewardship Sunday will be on Sunday, December 22. Please see Ruxandra Georgescu for more information.

AMGOC Online Giving

Our parish is now offering online giving as a means to make offering for stewardship, Capital Campaign, memorial donations and more. Please use the scan the QR code with your smart phone or <https://giving.servantkeeper.com/AMGOC>



Annual General Assembly

Following services on Sunday, December 8, we gather for our Annual General Assembly. Please make sure you are current with your stewardship.

Memory Service

This morning we remember in our prayers the departed servant of God +Demetrios Manitzas on the first year anniversary of his repose. He is the father of Presvytera Sophia. *Everlasting be his memory!*

Greek School

Alex Ellis offering Greek language classes free of charge. Classes began on September 7, 2024. For more information call him at 719.471.015.7