

Church School

Classes meet following Holy Communion. Please allow the Church School students receive Holy Communion first. Classes resume today.

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 following link <https://giving.servantkeeper.com/AMGOC>

Stewardship 2025

The 2025 Stewardship Sunday was on Sunday December 22nd and a presentation was offered by Ruxandra Georgescu and Nathan Pesch co-chairs. Stewardship Packets are available today. Please see Ruxandra Georgescu for more information. You may return your filled out card in the offering box.

During Great Lent

Fasting: Orthodox Christians are called to abstain from all meat—(yes, *chicken is meat!*)—dairy products i.e. eggs, milk, etc., fish, wine and olive oil during Great Lent, which began on March 3, Clean Monday (Kaqarav Deutavra). To strengthen ourselves, the Church asks us to increase our prayer life (attending the Lenten Services), flee from sinful behavior, and to give alms. Let us together keep the fast as strictly as possible, increase our daily prayers, approach the Mystery of Holy Confession and forgive one another any offenses that have caused division or anger. If we are unsure about fasting or confession please see Fr. Dennis. May God bless us; grant us strength and faith to complete the course of the fast.

Liturgy of St. Basil the Great: During the Great Lenten period we use the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great every Sunday and on Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday mornings.

Services: We are called to abstain from certain foods during the Great Fast as we are to abstain from sin. This cannot be achieved without an increased prayer life. The Church in Her wisdom has not only called for us to fast, but gives us more services that will aid us in our Lenten journey. The Great Compline will be offered every Monday evening, the Presanctified Liturgy every Wednesday evening and the Salutations to our Theotokos every Friday evening.

Coffee Hour/Dinners During Lent: When bringing treats for the coffee hour during the Great Lenten Fast, please remember we must maintain the fasting practices of the Orthodox Church. While each may not be able to keep the fast as strictly as prescribed, let us nonetheless, keep it when we gather as community and people of God.

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April 6, 2025

Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

Apostolic Reading: Hebrews 9:11-14

Gospel: St. Mark 10:32-45

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: Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt. Eutychios, patriarch of Constantinople; Venerable Platonida of Nisibis; Venerable Gregory Byzantios of the Great Lavra on Athos; Venerable-martyr Gennadios of Dionysiou monastery on Athos; the Martyrs of Samothrace; Methodios, archbishop of Moravia and enlightener of the Slavs.

Hymns of the Day

After the Entrance

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 St. Mary Tone 8

In you, O Mother, is preserved undistorted what was made in the image of God; for taking up the cross, you followed Christ and by example taught, that we should overlook the flesh, since it passes away, and instead look after the soul, since it is immortal. And therefore, O devout Mary, your spirit rejoices with the angels.

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

Sunday Evenings: Lenten Vespers Schedule (*Lenten meal following services*)

This evening: - Holy Dormition, Calhan

Mon., April 7: Great Compline 6pm

Wed., April 9: 9th Hour 5:30 p.m. and Presanctified Liturgy 6 p.m. *Those who are preparing to receive Holy Communion are to fast strictly from the noonday meal or sooner from all food and drink (12:00 pm for lunch and should eat very light Lenten meal).* Lenten meal following Presanctified Liturgy.

Fri., April 11: Small Compline with canon to St. Lazarus at 6 pm.

Sat., April 12: Sat., April 27: Orthros 8am and Liturgy 9am for St. Lazarus. *We will make palm crosses and decorate Paschal Candles following Liturgy. All are welcome to participate.* 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.

Memory Eternal!

This morning we remember in our prayers the departed servants of God +Zorka Corley on the first year anniversary of her repose and +Virginia Schutte (6 months). *Everlasting be their 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

Bookstore and Library

Holy Week books are in stock and available to purchase for \$26.00 each. We also have the Anthologian in Modern English. It is a prayer book unlike any other, enabling you to bring the richness of the Church’s life of prayer and worship to your home. These unique prayer books are beautifully bound in high-quality leather and are for sale at our Church Bookstore for \$65.00 each.

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.*

Coffee Hour Signup

Please consider sponsoring a coffee hour. Donations are welcome! Also, Rose Timora is the coordinator for coffee hour.

April 6: Philoptochos

April 13: Palm Sunday Luncheon

April 20: Pascha Picnic

April 27: Foster Family

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.

AMGOC Philoptochos

The Philoptochos is having a Pascha Bake Sale on Saturday, 4/12, 11am-3pm. We need support in preparation for the sale with baking and setup. Financial donations to help cover costs are appreciated, as well. Please see one of the board members or email AMGOCPhiloptochos@gmail.com for more information. The next Philoptochos meeting will be on Saturday, 4/26, at 10am. All are welcome!

Pascha Baskets: The Philoptochos Group will be assembling seven Paschal baskets for parishioners, identified by Father Dennis, who are more home bound and unable to attend service on a regular basis. The total cost of the baskets will be \$305.00. We are humbly requesting donations to help cover the cost of the baskets and three volunteers to help assemble the baskets on Palm Sunday after liturgy. We would also appreciate 14 volunteers to deliver the baskets (in pairs). We’ll be delivering the baskets during Bright Week (see email from AMGOC Philoptochos for more specifics on the visit). Please message Maria Steier at 303-667-6302 to volunteer, or if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Holy Illumination

Yesterday, the servants of God were received into the Holy Orthodox Church through Baptism and Chrismation: , Brandon Rader, Jacob Issue, Ben Maney and Kendra Christian. *May our Lord grant them many years!*

Dates to Remember

April 13: Palm Sunday

April 20: Pascha

May 29: Ascension of the Lord

June 8: Pentecost

June 16-28: *Apostle Fast*

Orthodox Catechism Class

Following coffee hour TBA, we will gather in the church for class. *All are welcomed to attend!*