

Philoptochos

The AMGOC Philoptochos would like to thank everyone for their hard work, support, and dedication to the success of the Pascha Bake Sale. Our gratitude and appreciation is extended to each and every one of you that made this event possible! Thank you to all that supported and assisted with the Philoptochos Coffee Hour. Your support, dedication and generous donations are greatly appreciated!

Pascha Baskets: AMGOC Philoptochos would like to thank everyone who provided donations, helped coordinate, prepare and deliver Pascha Baskets to several families who are unable to attend Church regularly. The baskets and especially the visits were received joyfully. However, the true blessing expressed by everyone involved was the shared fellowship which occurred during the visits. We look forward to continuing this outreach in the future. Please join us!

Holy Illumination

Yesterday the servants of God Alec, Brittany and Penny Bishop were received in the Holy Orthodox Church through the Mysteries of Baptism and Chrismation. Their godparents are Nathan Pesch and April Sheiderer respectively. Also, Eden Sophia Lewis was received into the Holy Orthodox Church through the Mysteries of Baptism and Chrismation Her parents are Edward and Rose and her godmother is Rose Timora. Many years to all!

Greek School

Greek School meets on Tuesday, at 4:30pm. Please contact Alex Ellis at 719.471.0157.

Orthodox Catechism Class

Class will be held on May 4, following coffee hour. *All are welcomed to attend!*

Dates to Remember

April 20: Pascha

June 8: Pentecost

May 29: Ascension of the Lord

June 16-28: *Apostle Fast*

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April 27, 2025

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen! Χριστὸς ἀνέστη!

Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

Apostolic Reading: Acts 5:12-20

Gospel: St. John 20:19-31

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. Thomas. Hieromartyr Simeon, the kinsman of the Lord; Venerable George, John and Eulogios the hospitable; Stephen, bishop of Vladimir; incineration of the relics of Sabbas, first archbishop of Serbia, by Sinan Pasha (1595).

Order of Service

Antiphons: *From Pascha*

Small Entrance we chant the Paschal verses and Christ is Risen

Instead of Come let us worship we chant:

Bless God in the churches, the Lord from the fountains of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

Ἐν Ἐκκλησίαις εὐλογεῖτε τὸν Θεόν, Κύριον ἐκ πηγῶν Ἰσραὴλ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς, Υἱέ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστάς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλουῖα.

After the Entrance

Apolytikion for St. Thomas Tone 7

The tomb being sealed, You rose from the sepulcher, O Christ God, the Life. And the doors being shut, You came to the disciples, O resurrection of all. Through them You renew a right spirit within us, according to Your great mercy. [

Kontakion for Pascha Tone 8

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out “Rejoice” to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection.

Instead of Axion Estin Tone 1

Mother of our God, we praise you * as the brightly shining lamp, * the illustrious glory * of all creation, of which you are the highest. * With sacred hymns we magnify you.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem. Praise your God, O Zion. Alleluia.

Instead of *We have seen the true light...* Christ is Risen 1x

Divine Services

Wed., April 30: Paraklesis 5pm

Sat. May 3: Great Vespers 5pm

Paschal Greetings to All!

Fr. Dennis and the Parish Council extend their best wishes and prayers to all of the faithful and friends of our community for a joyous celebration of our Lord's Holy Resurrection. May our Lord bless all who have prepared our church by cleaning, decorating and cooking or donated toward the ongoing work at Archangel Michael. *Christ is Risen!*

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.

During the Paschal Season

- Memorial Services for the departed are **not** permitted from Lazarus Saturday (*April 12*) to St. Thomas Sunday (*April 27 inclusive*). The church does this so we may focus our attention solely on the Resurrection of our Lord. It also reminds us that death in and of itself, is not final for the true believer. As followers of the Risen Lord, we too shall rise from the dead to live eternally with our Savior.
- Also, we do not kneel during any church services from Pascha until Pentecost and the prayer of "*Heavenly King...*", is not said until Pentecost as it is replaced with triple singing of Christ is Risen for the forty days.
- According to tradition, after the Ascension of Jesus, Mary Magdalene traveled to Rome to preach the Gospel. While there, she reportedly had an audience with Emperor Tiberius (14-37 A.D.) and proclaimed to him Christ's Resurrection. Then she told the emperor that in his Province of Judea the unjustly condemned Jesus the Galilean, a holy man, a miracle worker, powerful before God and all mankind, had been executed at the

instigation of the Jewish High Priests, and the sentence confirmed by the procurator appointed by Tiberias, Pontius Pilate. As the story goes, she proclaimed, "**Christ is Risen!**" The emperor laughed and said a man rising from the dead was as likely as the egg in her hand turning red. At that moment, the egg turned a brilliant red—confirming her testimony of the Resurrection.

- **No Fasting During Bright Week:** All foods are permitted everyday during Bright Week, even on Wednesday and Friday. The Church relaxes the normal fasting rule to celebrate our Lord's Resurrection. Following Bright Week, wine and oil are permitted every Wednesday and Friday until the Ascension.
- Other saints of our Orthodox Church not named in the Gospels or writings of the Scriptures are: The wife of Pontius Pilate is St. Prokla (feast day Oct. 27) and the soldier at the foot of the cross who said: "Truly this was the Son of God" the martyr Longinus (feast day Oct. 16).

Bookstore and Library

Our Bookstore is filled with many excellent books and items for your home prayer corner as well as gifts. Please see Olga Sonnenburg for more information.

Coffee Hour Signup

Please consider sponsoring a coffee hour. Donations are welcome!

April 27: Foster Family

May 4: Falko/Winther Families

May 11: Steier Family

May 18: Sponsor Needed

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.

Capital Campaign

King Soopers Cards has established a new program by using their Loyalty Program. Please see Demetria Greenwood and she will link your King Soopers card with the new giving program.

Inquirers Welcome

Those visiting our parish are welcome to set up a time to speak with Fr. Dennis about the Orthodox faith following .

Church School

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