# Take Steps to Help Others Hear

Sertoma, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization is over 110 years old, providing Service to Mankind in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Locally, we have Sertoma chapters helping the community, primarily focused on hearing health. A HEARS 5k fundraiser was held at Bear Creek Park on August 2<sup>nd</sup> with 16 parishioners participating in the event, contributing \$450 to this worthwhile cause. Proceeds are for hearing aids for low-income residents in our community. Thank you to everyone!

#### Greek Festival 26!

Our Festival is on the weekend of **August 22, 23, and 24**. Volunteer signup opportunities has gone out via email this week. Here is the QR code to signup: Please see Courtney Parmer for more information.



# Volunteers for Cleaning at Holy Protection Monastery

We have another opportunity to lend a hand at Mother Cassiana's – this time it's for window cleaning! We are looking for about 10 volunteers to help out on Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. If you are available and willing to help, please reach out to Stephanie Winther or Olga Sonnenburg in person or you may contact them on their cell at (719) 238-7590 for Stephanie and (719) 322-5012 for Olga. Thank you in advance for your support!

# Special General Assembly

Following services, next Sunday, August 17, we will hold a Special General Assembly regarding the purchase of a property for a new location. Please make sure you are current with your stewardship and that you have filled out Stewardship Card. One is one vote.

## Capital Campaign

**King Soopers Cards** has established a new program by using their Loyalty Program. You may sign up online and our parish will receive 5% of you purchase.

# An Elder said...

At times prayer seems over-slow in bringing results, and life is so short. Instinctively we cry, "Make haste unto me." But He does not always respond at once. Like fruit on a tree, our soul is left to scorch in the sun, to endure the cold wind, the scorching wind, to die of thirst or be drowned in the rain. But if we do not let go of the hem of His garment, all will end well. *Prayer by the Elder Sophrony* 

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# August 10, 2025

**Sunday Holy Scripture Reading** 

**Apostolic Reading:** 1 Corinthians 3:9 – 17

**Gospel:** St. Matthew 14:22 – 34

**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: 8th Sunday of Matthew.** Martyr and Archdeacon Laurence of Rome; Hieromartyr Sixtus, bishop of Rome.

#### Hymns of the Day

First Antiphon with Festal verses: By the prayers...

#### Second Antiphon with verses

Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἐν τῷ ὅρει τῷ Θαβὼρ μεταμορφωθείς, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.

Save us, O Son of God, who was transfigured on Mount Tabor, we sing to You. Alleluia

#### Third Antiphon with verses

# Apolytikion for the Transfiguration Tone 7

You were transfigured upon the mountain, O Christ our God, showing to Your disciples Your glory as much as they could bear. Do also in us, sinners though we may be, shine Your everlasting light, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Giver of light. Glory to You.

#### 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 the Transfiguration Tone 7

You were transfigured. . .

#### 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 the Transfiguration Tone 7

Upon the mountain were You transfigured, and Your disciples beheld Your glory as far as they were able, O Christ our God; so that when they would see You crucified they might understand that Your Passion was deliberate, and declare to the world that in truth You are the Father's radiance.

#### **Divine Services**

Mon. Aug. 11-13: Paraklesis to the Theotokos 5pm

**Thurs. Aug. 14:** Great Vespers for the Dormition at Assumption Cathedral in Denver 6pm

Fri., August 15: Orthros 8am & Liturgy 9am for the Dormition of the Theotokos (fish, wine and oil permitted)

Sat. Aug. 16: 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.

#### Bookstore and Library

There is something for everyone in our Church Bookstore! New books, Icons, beautiful Orthodox gifts and items for your home are available. We are ordering from various publishers, Orthodox websites, and even Etsy! Beautifully handmade items from Edward and Rose Lewis are available for sale too! If you can't find what you are looking for, I'm more than happy to place a special order. See you at our bookstore! A little spiritual reading or study, when carried out before prayer, is very helpful because the soul is warmed and the mind is transported to the spiritual realm. ~Saint Paisios the Athonite

# 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.

# Festival Donation Request

The AMGOC Greek Festival Committee is seeking donations to defer the costs of increased off-hour security at this year's festival. The committee has

decided to hire an extra-duty CSPD officer with a police car presence to protect our equipment and supplies overnight during the festival. Please make checks payable to AMGOC and add "Festival Security" on the memo line. Thank you for your assistance.

#### Orthodox Catechism Class

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

#### **Greek Dance Practice**

The next Greek Dance Practice will be on Tuesday, August 12, 6pm at the church. Please see Dina Vasiliades for more information.

# Coffee Hour Signup

Please consider sponsoring a coffee hour. Donations are welcome! All are invited to participate in the Parish Community Coffee Hours, no signup needed. Please see Rose Timora to coordinate food items with her.

Aug. 10: Parish Community (fast) Aug. 17: Dabeet Family

Aug. 24: Festival Aug. 31: LaBrie Family

## Philoptochos Outreach

The next meeting will be on Saturday, in September 13, 2025 at 10am. All women are invited to attend.

Ronald McDonald House Pull Tabs: During the months of June - August, Philoptochos asks for participation in "Pulling for the Ronald McDonald House." The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southern Colorado keeps families together when their child needs medical care. Beverage tabs can be placed in the "Ronald McDonald Houses" available in the Church Hall. Please take one and return the pull tabs throughout the summer, that are to be placed in the large Ronald McDonald House, also located in the Church Hall. The pull tabs will be taken to the Ronald McDonald House in early September for recycling.

# Welcome Fr. Michael Azar and His Family

Let us warmly welcome Fr. Michael Azar, Khouria Erin and their children Elias, Sophia and Gabriel to parish. Fr. Michael was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on July 20, 2025 by Metropolitan Constantine in Casper, WY, his home parish. *May our Lord grant them many years!* 

## The Dormition Fast

The Dormition (Falling Asleep) of the Theotokos is celebrated on August 15. A two-week fast beginning on August 1 precedes this feast. During this period we abstain from meat, dairy products, fish, oil (olive) and wine. On the Feast of the Transfiguration (August 6) fish, wine and oil are permitted. On Saturdays and Sundays only wine and oil are permitted. The Small Paraklesis will be offered weekdays at 5pm.