

of St. Anna, the mother of the Theotokos. Suggested donation is \$20/Person
The theme is *Acquiring the Mind of Christ* on September 20, 2025 at Holy Theophany Orthodox Church. To attend, you must register here: <https://holytheophanyorthodoxchurch.breezechms.com/form/c6bd29> Deadline to register is September 14.

Retreat Schedule—September 20, 2025

8.30 am - Moleben to St. Anna

9.00 am - Session 1—6.00 pm - Great Vespers

Orthodox Catechism Class

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

Greek School

Greek school starts the first Saturday on September at 3:30pm. Please contact Alex Ellis at 719.471.0157 for details.

Greek Festival 26

We are grateful for the many volunteers who made our festival a great success. Even though the weather set us back on Friday a bit, we were blessed the next two days with no rain. May our Lord bless you and our patrons!

AMGOC Religious Retreat with Mother Cassiana

The Philoptochos at Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church is sponsoring a half-day retreat with Mother Cassiana, Holy Protection Monastery, on October 4, 2025 from 8:00 - 11:30 a.m. The theme is “How to Live an Orthodox Life”. The retreat is for **adults only**. The retreat will be at AMGOC. Please use the following SignUpGenius link to sign up. If you prefer, you may also email Penny Johnson at pavrajohns1985@gmail.com with the names of adults attending. Thank you! Retreat Schedule: 8:00-9:00 a.m. Coffee and light refreshments 9:00-11:30 a.m. Discussion (10-15 min break included) <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D49AEAE2CA6F8C34-58258768-amgoc>

Elevation of the Holy Cross

The Elevation of the Holy falls on a Sunday this year. We will have the procession with the Cross and the distribution of sweet basil to the faithful. Donations for the basil is \$50. Please see Bogdan or Fr. Dennis.

Window Cleaning

The window cleaning at Holy Protection Monastery was a great success. Thank you to Kendra, Rhea, Stephanie and Olga, for their help.

Holy Illumination

Yesterday, the servant of God Isabella Zaiser was received into the Holy Orthodox Church through Mysteries of Baptism and Chrismation. Her parents are Ben and Sarah Zaiser and grandparents are John and Leslie Neuman. *May our Lord grant them all many years!*

Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church Bulletin

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August 31, 2025

Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

Apostolic Reading: Hebrews 9:1 – 7

Gospel: St. Matthew 19:16 – 26

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: 12th Sunday of Matthew. The commemoration of the placing of the Belt of the Theotokos in the Church of the Virgin in Halkoprateia-Constantinople.

Hymns of the Day

Apolytikion for the Resurrection Tone 3

Let the heavens be glad. Let the earth rejoice exceedingly. For the Lord has shown strength with his arm. He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead. Out of the belly of Hades, He has rescued us, and to the world He has granted the great mercy.

Apolytikion for the Theotokos Tone 8

Ever-virgin Theotokos, the shelter of mankind, you have given to your City as a protective wall the clothing and garment that you wore on your immaculate body. By your seedless childbirth, they have remained incorrupt. For in you both nature and time are made novel. Therefore we implore you, grant peace to your commonwealth, and great mercy to our souls.

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 Theotokos Tone 8

The precious garment that you wore about your body * that hosted God, O all-blessed Theotokos, * truly is power unassailable * for your City and a treasure whose blessings are perpetual, * O only Ever-virgin who bore a child.

Divine Services

Mon. Sept. 1: Orthros 8am and Liturgy 9am for the beginning of the New Ecclesiastical Year.

Wed. Sept. 3: Paraklesis to the Theotokos 5pm

Sat. Sept. 6: 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*

Memorial Service

This morning we remember in our prayers the departed servants of God: +Timothy Luther (1 year), +Anastasia Luther (8 years), +Helen Yannias (6 years), +Nicholas Yannias (18 years), +Eugenia Manesiotis (5 years). Also, we remember the departed servant of God +Constantine Pappas (3 years). *Everlasting be their memory!*

Welcome Deacon John Wise

We welcome to our community Dn. John Wise from the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Houston, TX. Dn. John is visiting his son Robert who is a Cadet at the Air Force Academy. Please offer a warm welcome to him.

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.

Open House Celebration

Our Chancellor, Fr. Lou Christopoulos is retiring after 45 years of faithful service to the Church. On Thursday October 2, 2025 Assumption Cathedral-

Annunciation Room, 4610 E. Alameda Ave. Denver 6-9pm. Cocktail Attire - Adults Only Please R.S.V.P. to MLC2morrow@gmail.com by September 25th

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.

Memory Eternal!

We are sad to hear the falling asleep of +Jim Salapatras this past Monday. Burial Services will be: viewing and Trisagion Service at Swan-Law Funeral Home 6-8pm Wednesday, September 3 and Orthodox Funeral Service at Archangel Michael Thursday, September 4, 9am. *Everlasting be his memory!*

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. 31: LaBrie Family

Sept. 7: Sponsor Needed

Sept. 14: Sponsor Needed (Strict Fast)

Sept. 21: Parish Community

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.

Care and Share Food Drive: The Philoptochos will be conducting a Care and Share Food Drive from September 7-28. Bins to collect non-perishable food items will be located in the hall. The most needed items and further details are coming soon.

Retreat at Holy Theophany Orthodox Church

Holy Theophany Orthodox Church is sponsoring the Fall Retreat with Father Archimandrite Sergius, Abbot of St. Tikhon's Monastery in South Canaan, PA. **There is space, so please make sure that people register for the retreat.** Father Sergius will also bring with him the wonderworking icon