

## Dates to Remember

**Feb. 9:** Triodion Period Begins

**March 1:** 2nd Saturday of Souls

**March 8:** 3rd Saturday of Souls

**April 20:** Pascha

**June 8:** Pentecost

**Feb. 22:** 1st Saturday of Souls

**March. 3:** Great Lent Begins

**April 13:** Palm Sunday

**May 29:** Ascension of the Lord

**June 16-28:** *Apostle Fast*

## Pre Meatfare Meat Fest

Next Saturday, February 22, around noon, we will gather in the fellowship hall to enjoy each others company and have a meal. Please see Nathan to offer sides and that you are attending. *All are welcome attend!*

## Affirmation of Office

Following services today, the new Parish Council will take the Affirmation of Office.

## Orthodox Catechism Class

Class will meet following coffee hour on Feb. 16. All are welcome to attend.

## Saint of the Day

**The Twelve Holy Martyrs Who Suffered During the Reign Of Emperor Diocletian:** Pamphilus, the first of these martyrs, was a presbyter of the church at Caesarea in Palestine. He was a learned and devout man, who corrected the text of the New Testament from the errors of the various copiers. He himself recopied this salvific book and gave it to those who desired it. The second was the deacon Valentine—old in years and grey in wisdom. He was an outstanding authority on the Holy Scriptures and knew them completely by heart. The third was Paul, an honorable and distinguished man, who during a previous persecution had been cast into the fire for Christ. Besides these, there were five brothers, according to the flesh and spirit, who had been born in Egypt and were returning to their homeland after being forced to work in the mines of Cilicia. At the gates of Caesarea they declared that they were Christians, for which they were brought to court. When asked what their names were, they responded: “The pagan names which our mother gave to us we discarded, and we call ourselves: Elias, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Samuel and Daniel.” When asked where they were from, they responded: “From the Jerusalem on high.” All of them were beheaded. There also suffered a young man, Porphyrius, who sought the bodies of the martyrs in order to bury them. They burned him in the fire, as well as Seleucus, formerly an officer who had approached and kissed the martyrs before the sword fell on their heads. Also put to death was the aged Theodulus, a servant of a Roman judge, who had embraced one of the martyrs as they were being escorted. Finally Julian, who had kissed and honored the lifeless bodies of the martyrs, was himself martyred. And so they gave little for much, the paltry for the precious, and mortality for immortality. They took up their habitation with the Lord in the year 308 A.D.

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## February 16, 2025

### Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

**Apostolic Reading:** 1 Corinthians 6:12 – 20

**Gospel:** St. Luke 15:11 – 32

**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 the Prodigal Son.** Martyr Pamphilos, priest of Caesarea in Palestine; Ven. Flavian the hermit; Ven. martyr Romanos.

### Hymns of the Day

#### Apolytikion of the Resurrection Tone 1

The stone having been sealed by the Pharisees and chief priests, \* and Your all-immaculate body being guarded by soldiers, \* You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. \* Then the powers of the heavens cried out to You, O Giver of Life, and shouted, \* “Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! \* Glory to Your eternal rule! \* Glory to Your plan for saving us, only benevolent God!”

#### 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 Prodigal Son Tone 3

I revolted senselessly \* out of Your fatherly glory; \* I have squandered sinfully \* all of the riches You gave me.\* Hence to You, using the Prodigal’s words, I cry out,\* I have sinned before You, merciful loving Father.\* O receive me in repentance, \* I pray, and treat me \* as one of Your hired hands.

### Divine Services

**Wed. Feb. 19:** Paraklesis 5pm

**Sat. Feb. 22:** Orthros 8am and Liturgy 9am for the 1st Saturday of Souls. Great Vespers 5pm

## Front Range GOYA Lenten Retreat

The Assumption Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Denver is sponsoring this youth retreat for middle and high school ages, April 4-6, 2025, at the Ponderosa Retreat Center. Teens from our sister parishes will be participating! For more information: please contact Tianna at [tainna20@gmail.com](mailto:tainna20@gmail.com)

## 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

Great Lent is around the corner - - starting on March 3! Get in early for some great books for the Paschal Season. More books are on their way as well as beautiful Orthodox items, gifts and greeting cards. See you at our Church Bookstore! *All that are careful in this life, procure books that will be medicine for the soul. -St. John Chrysostom*

## 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.

**Feb. 16:** Irene Crosby

**Feb. 23:** Vera Dabit

**March 2:** Sponsor Needed

**March 9:** Kendra Christian/Rose Timora

## 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 next Philoptochos meeting will be held on Saturday, February 22, at 11 am. Philoptochos Member Hannah Portuesi will be leading a Psalter group to read the Book of Psalms during Great Lent, beginning March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please contact [AMGOCPhiloptochos@gmail.com](mailto:AMGOCPhiloptochos@gmail.com), or see Hannah directly for more information or to sign up.

## Church School

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

## 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

## 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>



## 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.

## Met. Constantine to Visit AMGOC

Sunday, February 23, His Eminence Metropolitan Constantine will preside at the Divine Liturgy. Also, present will be those who are in the Diaconate program from around the Metropolis. More details to follow. We are cleaning and preparing the church during the week of Feb. 17. Help is needed removing wax from the carpet, cleaning brass candle stands, etc.

## Home Blessings

You may schedule a convenient time with Fr. Dennis after Jan. 6. **Items to have ready for your home blessing:** Icon on a stand, Candle or Oil Lamp, Censer and incense if you have one.

## 2025 Souper Bowl

We will participate again in the International Orthodox Christian Charities' "Souper Bowl of Caring" campaign through February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025. There will be two donation options: 1) Bring in non-perishable food items and place them in a designated box downstairs, which will be subsequently delivered to the Care and Share Food Bank for Southern Colorado, and/or 2) Place a cash or check donation clearly marked for this campaign in the narthex donation box, which will be pooled together into an Archangel Michael contribution to the IOCC. These donations will support our local community and IOCC's work across the globe to "Score a Victory Against Hunger!" Please see Rose Timora for more information.