

Greek Dance Practice

The next Greek Dance Practice will be on Tuesday, July 22, 6pm at the church. Please see Dina Vasiliades for more information.

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.

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.

Collection for Texas Flood Victims

Metropolitan Constantine asks the parishes of the Denver Metropolis to take a collection for those suffering from the terrible flooding in Kerr County, Texas. Please make checks out to AMGOC and in the memo TX Flood Relief. Fr. Dennis will read his letter of appeal following services.

Saint of the Day

The Holy Prophet Samuel: Samuel was the fifteenth and last judge of Israel. He lived eleven hundred years before Christ. Samuel was born of the tribe of Levi, of the parents Elkanah and Hannah, in a place called Ramatha (or Arimathea), where noble Joseph would later be born [Joseph of Arimathea]. Through weeping, the barren Hannah besought from God the child Samuel and dedicated him to God when he was three years of age. Living in Shiloh, near the Ark of the Covenant, Samuel had a true revelation from God in his twelfth year, concerning the punishments that were pending for the house of the high priest Eli because of the immorality of his sons Hophni and Phineas. That revelation soon materialized: the Philistines defeated the Israelites, slew both of Eli's sons, and captured the Ark of the Covenant. When the messenger informed Eli of this tragedy, Eli fell to the ground dead, in the ninety-eighth year of his life. The same thing occurred to his daughter-in-law, the wife of Phineas. For twenty years, the Israelites were the slaves of the Philistines. After that, God sent Samuel to the people to preach repentance—if they desired salvation from their enemies. The people repented, rejected the pagan idols that they served, and recognized Samuel as a prophet, priest and judge. Samuel then set out with an army against the Philistines. With God's help he confused and defeated them, and liberated Israel. After that, Samuel peacefully judged his people until old age. Considering his old age, the people asked him to install a king for them in his place. In vain, Samuel tried to dissuade them from this, saying to them that God was their only true King, but the people stubbornly insisted. Even though this was not pleasing to God, He commanded Samuel to anoint Saul, the son of Kish from the tribe of Benjamin, as their king. Saul reigned for a short time only, before God rejected Saul because of his impudence and disobedience. God then commanded Samuel to anoint Jesse's son, David, as king in Saul's place. Before his death, Samuel gathered the entire people and bid them farewell. When Samuel died, all of Israel mourned for him, and they buried him honorably in his house at Ramatha.

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Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

Apostolic Reading: James 5:10 – 20 (for the prophet)

Gospel: St. Matthew 9:1 – 8

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: 6th Sunday of Matthew. Prophet Elijah (Elias); Righteous Iliya Chavchavadze of Georgia.

Order of Service

Apolytikion of the Resurrection Tone 5

As the Father and Spirit are unoriginate, * so the Word, who was born from the Virgin for us. * Let us praise Him, O believers, and let us worship Him. * For our salvation He was pleased * to be crucified in the flesh, * and to undergo death, * and to resurrect the dead, by His glorious resurrection.

Apolytikion of the Holy Prophet Elias Tone 4

The angel incarnate and the Prophets' pedestal, * the second Forerunner of the coming of Christ, Elias the glorious, * sent down to Elisha the divine grace from heaven. * He drives away diseases and he cleanses lepers. * Therefore he pours out healings to those who honor him.

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

Wed., July 23: Paraklesis 5pm

Sat. July 26: Orthros 8am and Liturgy 9am for St. Paraskevi. 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, and beautiful Orthodox gifts and items for your home are arriving weekly. We are ordering from various publishers, Orthodox websites, and even Etsy! 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!

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.

July 20: Johnson Family

July 27: Philoptochos

Aug 3: Parish Community (fast)

Aug. 10: Sponsor Needed (fast)

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.

Also remember, our Festival is on the weekend of **August 22, 23, and 24**. Volunteer signup opportunities will go out via email this week.

Special General Assembly

Following services, next Sunday, July 27, 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.

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.

Philoptochos Outreach

The next meeting will be on Saturday, July 19 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.

Taverna Night—OPA! The Philoptochos will be hosting Taverna Night on Saturday, August 16th. Please join us for a night of fellowship, food, and Philoxenia to celebrate our vibrant Greek heritage and the AMGOC community we cherish.



Tickets are on sale **NOW** through August 3rd! See the flyer on the candle stand for ways to purchase, or ask a Board Member for details. There will be no ticket sales at the door on the day of the event.

As we're hoping to keep costs low and for all parishioners to be able to attend, donations of any kind are welcome. Please scan the QR code to make a donation directly, or contact us at AMGOCPhiloptochos@gmail.com. We are so appreciative of our generous community.

Holy Illumination

Yesterday, the following servants of God were received into the Orthodox Church through the Mysteries of Baptism and Chrismation:

Rasha Khalaf, taking the name Maryam, Connie Leonard godmother

Russell Medina, taking the name Paisios, Paul Olson godfather

Vanessa Medina, taking the name Elizabeth, Sofia Olson godmother

Russel and Vanessa's children, Ibrahim and Zelina godparents, Aaron, taking the name Michael, Joshua, taking the name Luke, Dalila taking the name Anna. *May our Lord grant them health, salvation and many years!*

Orthodox Catechism Class

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