

days and Fridays. Please remember to go to Holy Confession during this period. It is always best to seek spiritual guidance from your spiritual father on how to fast. You may contact Fr. Dennis.

Jake and Telly's Block Party

The parking lot for Jake and Telly's will be closed from 11AM-4PM June 21st for the shops to set up outdoor booths, games, face painting and more! *J&T's will of course be doing a gyro stand where we serve gyros, Greek fries, and loukumades.* There is also a live DJ for the event. *All are welcome!*

Saints of the Day

Honoring the friends of God with much reverence, the Prophet-King David says, "But to me, exceedingly honorable are Thy friends, O Lord" (Ps. 138:16). And the divine Apostle, recounting the achievements of the Saints, and setting forth their memorial as an example that we might turn away from earthly things and from sin, and emulate their patience and courage in the struggles for virtue, says, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every burden, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (Heb. 12:1).

This commemoration began as the Sunday (Synaxis) of All Martyrs; to them were added all the ranks of Saints who bore witness (the meaning of "Martyr" in Greek) to Christ in manifold ways, even if occasion did not require the shedding of their blood.

Therefore, guided by the teaching of the Divine Scriptures and Apostolic Tradition, we the pious honor all the Saints, the friends of God, for they are keepers of God's commandments, shining examples of virtue, and benefactors of mankind. Of course, we honor the known Saints especially on their own day of the year, as is evident in the Menologion. But since many Saints are unknown, and their number has increased with time, and will continue to increase until the end of time, the Church has appointed that once a year a common commemoration be made of all the Saints. This is the feast that we celebrate today. It is the harvest of the coming of the Holy Spirit into the world; it is the "much fruit" brought forth by that "Grain of wheat that fell into the earth and died" (John 12:24); it is the glorification of the Saints as "the foundation of the Church, the perfection of the Gospel, they who fulfilled in deed the sayings of the Savior" (Sunday of All Saints, Doxasticon of Vespers).

In this celebration, then, we reverently honor and call blessed all the Righteous, the Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Shepherds, Teachers, and Holy Monastics, both men and women alike, known and unknown, who have been added to the choirs of the Saints and shall be added, from the time of Adam until the end of the world, who have been perfected in piety and have glorified God by their holy lives. All these, as well as the orders of the Angels, and especially our most holy Lady and Queen, the Ever-virgin Theotokos Mary, do we honor today, setting their life before us as an example of virtue, and entreating them to intercede in our behalf with God, Whose grace and boundless mercy be with us all. Amen.

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Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

Apostolic Reading: Hebrews 11:33 – 40; 12:1 – 2

Gospel: St. Matthew 9:36 – 38; 10:1 – 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: 1st Sunday After Pentecost—All Saints. Prophet Amos; Apostles Achaikos, Stephen and Fourtunatos of the Seventy; Venerable Jerome of Stridonium and Augustine, bishop of Hippo; Jonah, metropolitan of Moscow; Martyr Lazarus, Serbian prince.

Order of Service

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 All Saints Tone 4

Your Church is arrayed in the holy blood of Your Martyrs who witnessed throughout the world, as though in purple and fine linen. Through them she cries to You, Christ our God, "Send down to Your people Your tender love, grant peace from above to Your commonwealth, and to our souls Your great mercy."

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 All Saints Tone 8

O Planter of creation, Lord, to You does the entire world bring as an offering the God-bearing martyr Saints, as being nature's first fruits. At their earnest entreaties, keep Your Church in a state of profoundest peace, through the Theotokos, O Lord abundantly merciful.

Communion Hymn

Rejoice greatly in the Lord, O righteous ones; praise is fitting for the upright.
Alleluia.

Divine Services

Wed., June 18: Paraklesis 5pm

Sat. June 21: 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!

June 15: Parish Community

June 22: Parish Council

June 29: Sponsor Needed

July 6: Brawner Family

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.

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. You may sign up online and our parish will receive 5% of you purchase.

Semi-Annual General Assembly

On Sunday, June 22, following services we will gather to hold our Semi-Annual General Assembly. Please remember to have your stewardship up to date. If you have not filled out a Stewardship card, please see Bogdan for one.

Philoptochos Outreach

The next meeting will be on Saturday, July 19 at 10am. *(No meeting in June)*. 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.

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

As we're hoping to offer this event at a low ticket cost for all parishioners to be able to attend, donations 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



Orthodox Catechism Class

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

Happy Father's Day

We are grateful to all of our fathers who have sacrificed and were good examples to us. May our Lord bless them with richly.

Saints Peter and Paul Fast

This fast began June 20, the Fast of the great Apostles Peter and Paul begins. This fast is moveable, in that its length is determined by the date of Pascha. The feast of the Peter and Paul is celebrated on June 29, which is a Wednesday this year. This fast is not as rigorous as the Great Lenten Fast or that of our Panagia, but allows fish, shellfish, vegetables & vegetable products, olive oil, wine, and fruit. Fish, wine and olive oil are **not permitted on Wednes-**