

Orthodox Catechism Class

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

Assumption Cathedral Greek Festival

Today is the last day for the 58th Greek Festival. For times and more information go to www.greekfestival.com

No Fasting This Week

The week following Pentecost is fast free including, all foods are permitted every day.

Saints of the Day

Saint Ephraim, Patriarch of Antioch: During the reign of the Byzantine Emperor Anastasius, Ephraim was governor of the eastern regions. He was known to all for his great piety and charity, and because of this he was greatly respected. When it was necessary to rebuild Antioch, which had been destroyed by earthquake and fire, the emperor assigned the governor Ephraim to direct this task. Ephraim fulfilled his duty with diligence and love. Among the ordinary stone-cutters was a bishop, who for unknown reasons had left his episcopal see and was working as a common laborer, and no one knew that he was a bishop. One day he lay down to rest from the exhausting work with the other laborers, and fell asleep. The governor Ephraim glanced at him and saw a fiery pillar rising from this man to the heavens. Amazed and frightened, Ephraim summoned this man and made him swear to tell him who he was. The man hesitated, but finally acknowledged that he was a bishop and prophesied to Ephraim that he would shortly be consecrated Patriarch of Antioch. (The throne of the patriarchal see was vacant because the aged Patriarch Euphrasius had perished in the earthquake.) Indeed, Ephraim was elected and consecrated patriarch. Because of his goodness, purity and zeal for Orthodoxy, God gave him the great gift of working miracles. One time, in order to convince a heretic that Orthodoxy is true, he placed his pallium in the fire and prayed to God. His pallium stayed in the fire for three hours and remained intact. Seeing this, the heretic was astonished and rejected his heresy. St. Ephraim died in peace in the year 546 A.D. and took up his habitation in the Kingdom of God.

Fear in suffering and fear of not suffering—this is one and the same fear, and it signifies the fear of a spiritual man as to whether or not God has distanced Himself from him. When St. Catherine suffered many difficult tortures, the Lord appeared to her and she asked Him: “Where were You until now, O Lord, to comfort me in so many sufferings?” The Lord answered her: “I was here in your heart.” But as great a fear can come upon a spiritual man when sufferings do not come his way for a long time. A monk once entered a church in Alexandria and saw a woman kneeling before the icon of the Savior, shedding tears and crying out to the Lord: “You have abandoned me, O Lord, O Merciful One, have mercy on me!” Following the prayer the monk asked her: “Who has wronged you that you so bitterly complain to God?” The woman replied: “Up to now no one has wronged me—that is why I am weeping—because God has abandoned me and for three years has not visit me with any sufferings. During this time, neither have I been sick, nor my son, nor have any of my household livestock perished.”

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Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

Apostolic Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Gospel: St. John 7:37-52; 8:12

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: th Sunday of Pascha and Pentecost. The translation of the relics of Great-martyr Theodore the General (Stratelates); Martyrs Nicander and Kalliope; New-martyr Theophanes of Constantinople.

Order of Service

First Antiphon with festal verses

Second Antiphon with festal verses

Save us, O Good Comforter, we sing to You. Alleluia

Σῶσον ἡμᾶς, Παράκλητε ἀγαθέ, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.

Third Antiphon with Festal Verses (The Little Entrance)

Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ πανσόφους τοὺς ἁλιεῖς ἀναδείξας, καταπέμψας αὐτοῖς τὸ Πνεῦμα τὸ ἅγιον, καὶ δι’ αὐτῶν τὴν οἰκουμένην σαγγενεύσας, Φιλάνθρωπε, δόξα σοι.

Blessed are You, O Christ our God. You sent down the Holy Spirit into the fishermen, and You gave them knowledge and wisdom in everything; and through them, as in a net You caught the whole world. O Lord who loves humanity, glory to You!

Instead of “Come let us worship . . .”

Be exalted, O Lord, in Your power; we will sing and praise Your mighty deeds. Save us, O good Comforter. We sing to You, Alleluia.

After the Entrance

Apolytikion of Pentecost Tone 8

Blessed are You, O Christ our God...

Kontakion for Pentecost Tone 8

When the Most High God came down and confused the tongues, * He divided the nations. * When He distributed the tongues of fire, * He called all

to unity. * And with one voice we glorify the all-holy Spirit.

Instead of Holy God we sing “Those who have been baptized . .

Instead of “Axion Estin” we chant Tone 4

When you conceived, you experienced no deflowerment. * You lent your flesh to the Logos, through whom all things were made. * Therefore we magnify you, Virgin Theotokos, * Mother who knew no man, space and holder of your Maker, who is uncontainable and infinite.

The Communion Hymn:

Your good Spirit shall guide me in the land of uprightness. Alleluia.

Instead of Εἰδομεν τὸ φῶς The Apolytikion for Pentecost

Divine Services

Wed., June 4: Paraklesis 5pm

Sat. June 7: 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 8: Lewis/Timora (*Pentecost*)

June 15: Sponsor Needed

June 22: Parish Council

June 29: Sponsor Needed

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

Congratulations to the newly elected Executive Board members: Courtney Parmer -*President*, Lisa Harr -*Vice President*, Elizabeth Nissen -*Treasurer*, Maria Rainford -*Secretary*, Penny Johnson -*Director*, Maria Lafayette - *Director*, Rose Timora *Director*. 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.

Taverna Night: 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. For more information please contact AMGOCPhiloptochos@gmail.com.

Memory Eternal!

We are sad to hear of the falling asleep of +Fr. Thomas Lynch recently. He was laid to rest last Friday in Pueblo. Today, we are taking a collection for his family to help defray the funeral expenses. *Everlasting be his memory!*