

Program. Please see Demetria Greenwood and she will link your King Soopers card with the new giving program.

Church School

Church School meets following Holy Communion. Please allow the students receive Holy Communion first. Last day of classes is May 18.

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.

Graduate Announcements

Please submit your family member (s) graduation information so that we may publish it in the upcoming bulletins.

Philoptochos

The next meeting for Philoptochos will be on Saturday, May 31, 10am.

Orthodox Catechism Class

Class will be held on May 18, following coffee hour. *All are welcomed to attend!*

Dates to Remember

May 29: Ascension of the Lord, **June 8:** Pentecost, **June 16-28:** *Apostle Fast*

The Holy Martyr Theodotus and the Seven Maiden Martyrs: Thecusa, Alexandra, Claudia, Falina, Euphrasia, Matrona and Julia: Theodotus was an innkeeper in Ancyra during the reign of Diocletian. Although married, he lived according to the word of the Apostle: *They that have wives be as though they had none* (1 Corinthians 7:29). He maintained the inn in order to help Christians without attracting suspicion. His inn was a shelter for the persecuted faithful. Theodotus secretly sent help to those Christians who fled to the mountains and he secretly gathered the bodies of those who died, and buried them. At that time, seven maidens were brought to trial, tortured for Christ, ridiculed and finally drowned in a lake. One of them, St. Thecusa, appeared in a dream to Theodotus and told to him to remove their bodies from the lake and bury them. In the dark of night Theodotus went out with a companion to fulfill the wish of the martyr. Led by an angel of God, he succeeded in locating all seven bodies and burying them. But this companion betrayed Theodotus to the judge, and the judge subjected him to cruel tortures. Theodotus endured all the sufferings as though he were in someone else's body, keeping his whole mind immersed in the Lord. After the torturer had transformed Theodotus's body into wounds and knocked out his teeth with a stone, he ordered that the martyr be beheaded. When he was led to the scaffold, many Christians wept for him, but St. Theodotus said to them: "Brethren, do not weep for me, but glorify our Lord Jesus Christ, Who helped me to finish my course and overcome my enemy." Having said this, he placed his head on the block under the sword and was beheaded in the year 303 A.D. A priest honorably buried this martyr's body on a hill outside the town. Later a church dedicated to St. Theodotus was built on this spot.

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Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen! Χριστὸς ἀνέστη!

Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

Apostolic Reading: Acts 11:19-30

Gospel: St. John 4:5-42

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: 4th Sunday of Pascha, Samaritan Woman. Martyrs Peter, Dionysios, Andrew, Paul, Christina, Heraklios, Paulinos and Beneditmos; Stephen the New, patriarch of Constantinople.

Order of Service

Antiphons

From Pascha

3rd Antiphon we chant the Paschal verses and Christ is Risen

Instead of Come let us worship we chant:

Bless God in the churches, the Lord from the fountains of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

Ἐν Ἐκκλησίαις εὐλογεῖτε τὸν Θεόν, Κύριον ἐκ πηγῶν Ἰσραήλ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς, Υἱέ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστάς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλουῖα.

After the Entrance

Apolytikion of the Resurrection Tone 4

When the women disciples of the Lord heard the Angel joyously proclaim the resurrection, they cast aside the ancestral verdict, and boasting in glory they said to the Apostles, "Death has been despoiled! Christ God has risen, granting the great mercy to the world!"

Apolytikion for Mid-Pentecost Tone 8

O Lord, midway through the feast, give drink to my thirsty soul from the living waters of right belief. You, O Savior, proclaimed to everyone, "Let whoever is thirsty come to Me and drink." You are the fountain of life, O Christ our God. Glory to You!

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 Pascha Tone 8

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out Rejoice to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection.

Instead of “Axion Estin” Tone 1

*The Angel cried aloud to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, O pure Virgin; and again I say Rejoice. Your Son has truly risen from the grave on the third day. Shine! Shine, O new Jerusalem!! * For the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. * Zion, exult and be glad now. * O pure Mother of God, rejoice, celebrating * the resurrection of Christ your Son!*

Communion Hymn

Receive the Body of Christ; taste from the immortal fount.

Instead of *We have seen the true light...* Christ is Risen

Divine Services

Wed., May 21: Orthros 8am and Liturgy 9am for Sts. Constantine and Helen.
Paraklesis 5pm

Sat. May 24: Great Vespers 5pm

Memorial Service

This morning we remember in our prayers the departed servants of God +Dumitru and Elena Georgescu. They are the grandparents of Bogdan Georgescu. *Everlasting be their memory!*

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.

During the Paschal Season

- We do not kneel during any church services from Pascha until Pentecost and the prayer of *“Heavenly King...”*, is not said until Pentecost as it is

replaced with triple singing of Christ is Risen for the forty days.

- According to tradition, after the Ascension of Jesus, Mary Magdalene traveled to Rome to preach the Gospel. While there, she reportedly had an audience with Emperor Tiberius (14-37 A.D.) and proclaimed to him Christ’s Resurrection. Then she told the emperor that in his Province of Judea the unjustly condemned Jesus the Galilean, a holy man, a miracle worker, powerful before God and all mankind, had been executed at the instigation of the Jewish High Priests, and the sentence confirmed by the procurator appointed by Tiberias, Pontius Pilate. As the story goes, she proclaimed, **“Christ is Risen!”** The emperor laughed and said a man rising from the dead was as likely as the egg in her hand turning red. At that moment, the egg turned a brilliant red—confirming her testimony of the Resurrection.
- Other saints of our Orthodox Church not named in the Gospels or writings of the Scriptures are: The wife of Pontius Pilate is St. Prokla (feast day Oct. 27) and the soldier at the foot of the cross who said: “Truly this was the Son of God” the martyr Longinus (feast day Oct. 16).

Bookstore and Library

Our Bookstore is filled with many excellent books and items for your home prayer corner as well as gifts. Please see Olga Sonnenburg for more information.

Coffee Hour Signup

Please consider sponsoring a coffee hour. Donations are welcome!

May 18: Georgescu Family

May 25: Steier Family

June 1: Ortho Bros

June 8: Sponsor Needed (*Pentecost*)

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