

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.

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

Assumption Cathedral Greek Festival

Next weekend, June, 6, 7, and 8, our Cathedral in Denver will host their 58th Greek Festival. For times and more information go to www.greekfestival.com

Urgent Help Needed at Holy Protection Monastery on Sat. May 31st

Mother Cassiana is in urgent need of assistance on Saturday, May 31st. Each year a group of volunteers helps her cut and prepare firewood to heat her home. While she has enough wood for this year, she is working to prepare for next winter – and unfortunately, there aren't enough hands this time around. If you have a chainsaw, please bring it. If not, your help is greatly appreciated with carrying, stacking wood and clearing trees around her property. If more help is needed, an additional day will be scheduled to complete the project. If you're available to lend a hand, please contact Silouan at (719) 964-7161. Thank you for your kindness and support!



Let us be forever grateful for our military who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom, lest we forget the reason for Memorial Day weekend. *May their memory be eternal!*

Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church Bulletin

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Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen! Χριστός ἀνέστη!

Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

Apostolic Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:6 – 15

Gospel: St. John 9:1 – 38

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 Pascha, Blind Man. The third discovery of the honorable head of the Forerunner. Martyr Celestine; Demetrios the myrrh-streaming.

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 Ἰσραὴλ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς, Υἱέ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστάς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.

After the Entrance

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 for the Forerunner Tone 4

Now Christ has revealed to us your sacred head once again, * a most holy treasure hidden underground for so long, * O Prophet and Forerunner. * Therefore we have assembled for the feast of its Finding, * singing our God-inspired hymns in praise of the Savior, * who saves us from destruction, by your earnest prayers to 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 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 28: Orthros 8am and Liturgy 9am for the Leave-Taking of Pascha. Paschal 9th Hour 4:30pm and Great Vespers for the Ascension of the Lord 5pm (*fish, wine and oil permitted*)

Thurs. May 29: Orthros 8am Liturgy 9am for the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord

Sat. June 1: 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.

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

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!

May 25: Steier Family

June 1: Jacob, Brandon and Nathan

June 8: Lewis/Timora (*Pentecost*)

June 15: 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.