

tion of the Psalms daily, resulting in the book being read in its entirety each day by our group. This is a wonderful way to add in extra prayer into the fasting period and pray alongside fellow women of the church! To sign up, please contact Hannah Portuesi at hannah.portuesi@gmail.com or use the sign up sheet on the candle stand.

Vasilopita Sale: In anticipation of St. Basil's Feast Day, the Philoptochos is having a Vasilopita Sale and Fundraiser, selling Vasilopita cakes for \$18 and commemorative, gold Vasilopita coins for \$10. This sale is Pre-Order Only, now through November 30th. Pickup will be at AMGOC on Saturday, December 13th. All cakes will be frozen upon pickup to ensure freshness for your celebration. Purchases can be made online using the QR code, or with cash/check via a board member. *Proceeds will be split between the St. Basil's Academy and the Youth/Young Adults Program Fund, coordinated by National Philoptochos, and AMGOC Philoptochos to support our local charitable efforts.*



Nativity Baskets: We are well on our way with procuring items for the Nativity Gift Baskets. For those who are interested in assisting, monetary donations are appreciated! All are welcome to help with basket assembly on 12/14 after Divine Liturgy. We would also appreciate additional volunteers to help with basket deliveries the following week to ensure delivery before Christmas. Please see Penny Johnson or contact her at 719-640-6970, pavrajohns1985@gmail.com

Greek School

Greek school meets on Saturdays at 3:30pm. Please contact Alex Ellis at 719.471.0157 for details.

Orthodox Catechism Class

Class will be held next Sunday following coffee hour. *All are welcomed to attend!*

Nativity Fast

On Nov. 15, we begin one of the **four major fast seasons** in the Orthodox Church. For this forty-day period we are called to abstain from meat and dairy products. While many in America have Christmas parties before the Nativity of our Lord, we are called to prepare ourselves for this joyous celebration by prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The proper time for celebration is from Christmas day until Jan. 4, as the Church relaxes the fasting rules. Let us not allow this season to pass by us without making an effort for our spiritual life. Certainly, it is an excellent time to intensify our prayer life at home and at church. Let us also cleanse ourselves from the heavy weight of our sins with the Mystery of Holy Confession. *May our Lord give us strength and faith to accomplish the course of the fast!*

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Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

Apostolic Reading: Ephesians 5:8 – 19

Gospel: St. Luke 8:41 – 56

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: 7th Sunday of Luke: Martyrs Onesiphoros and Porphyrios of Ephesos; Ven. Matrona of Constantinople; Theoktista of Lesbos; Simeon the Translator; Ven. Euthymios and Neophytos, founders of Docheiariou monastery on Athos; Nektarios of Pentapolis, the wonder-worker.

Hymns of the Day

Apolytikion for 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 St. Nektarios Tone 1

That son of Silybria and guardian of Aegina * was an ardent lover of virtue * and a saint of the modern age, * that God-inspired servant of Christ, * Nektarios. So let us honor him. * He pours out all kinds of healing to those who pray * with faith and cry out reverently, “Glory to Christ who glorified you; * glory to Him for your miracles; * glory to Him who through you gives cures and healing to all.”

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 the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple Tone 4

The Savior's most pure and immaculate temple, the very precious bridal chamber and Virgin, who is the sacred treasure of the glory of God, on this

day is introduced into the House of the Lord, and with herself she brings the grace in the divine Spirit. She is extolled by the Angels of God. A heavenly tabernacle is she.

Divine Services

Wed. Nov. 12: Great Vespers for St. John Chrysostom 5pm

Thurs. Nov. 13: Orthros 8am and Liturgy 9am for St. John Chrysostom

Fri. Nov. 14: Orthros 8am and Liturgy 9am for St. Philip.

Sat. Nov. 15: Great Vespers 5pm

Metropolitan Constantine Visit AMGOC

We welcome this morning our Metropolitan Constantine who will preside at this morning's services. We are also overjoyed that His Grace Bishop Anthony of Synada will also participate in today's services. Please offer a warm welcome and receive the blessing of our hierarchs.

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.

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.

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! 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!

Olive Oil Needed

We are in need of 100% pure oil olive for our oil lamps. It doesn't need to be extra virgin.

Thanksgiving Potluck

The parish will be hosting a Thanksgiving Potluck on Saturday, November 29th at 2pm. Anyone in parish community is welcome to come. We ask that you bring a fast appropriate side, dessert, or drink to share. Fish, wine, and oil

are permitted on that day. We will be providing the main course, bread, and some beverages. If you have any questions, please contact Moses (Alec) Bishop (abishop12002@gmail.com) or Rose Lewis (720- 212-5110) Please let us know if you are interested in coming so that we know how much food to prepare.

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.

Nov. 9: Parish Council

Nov. 16: Rose Timora

Nov. 23: Irene Crosby

Nov. 30: Sponsor Needed

Philoptochos Outreach

The next meeting will be on Saturday, in **November 15**, at 10am . All women are invited to attend.

AMGOC Veterans Appreciation: Today we celebrate and honor our Parish Veterans, and Veterans everywhere, for their dedication to our country ahead of Veterans Day on 11/11. Please join us following Divine Liturgy as we take a moment to recognize each and every Veteran in attendance today.

Philoptochos Sunday Coffee Hour Fundraiser: Thank you to everyone who participated, contributed to, and supported our fundraiser last weekend for the Altar Servers' new robes. *With your help, we raised \$1,124!* This was a fantastic way to celebrate Philoptochos Sunday and our mission.

Ecumenical Patriarchate Fund: Today following Divine Liturgy we will have a tray at the back of the Sanctuary for the Ecumenical Patriarchate Fund, which supports its spiritual, educational, and philanthropic ministries. Your donation helps preserve the sacred mission of the Mother Church, promote education and faith formation, and serve communities with compassion. Together, Philoptochos chapters nationwide strengthen our bond with the Ecumenical Patriarchate and ensure its enduring presence for generations to come.

Queen Palmer Angel Tree: The Philoptochos will sponsor our annual Queen Palmer Elementary Angel Tree event from November 16th – December 7th. We will be setting up the tree immediately following the November 15th Philoptochos meeting; please stay after if you would like to help with setup. Parish members will be able to take a tag off of the Angel Tree matching with a child or a family member with a description of gifts requested. All gift donations are to be delivered, unwrapped and labeled with the tag, no later than December 7th. Monetary donations are also accepted if you would like us to shop for you.

Psalter Group: The Philoptochos will be hosting a Psalter Group for the women of our Parish during the Nativity Fast, beginning on November 15th. A Psalter group is a group of people who read the book of Psalms together daily (no in person meetings) throughout the Advent season. Each person is assigned a sec-