

moments to assist with cleanup and ensure the hall and kitchen are left in good order. All trash bins, including the large bin by the downstairs exit door, must be emptied every Sunday. Let us continue to enjoy our time together while caring for the beautiful space God has entrusted to us. Thank you for doing your part and supporting one another in this effort.

Annual Appeal for Camp for the Future

Metropolitan Constantine has asked each parish in the Metropolis to take a collection for our Retreat Center that was purchased a few years ago. *We will ask for donations for the next few weeks.*

Metropolis Open House

Metropolitan Constantine is pleased to invite you to the Metropolis of Denver annual Christmas Celebration and Open House and will be held at the Metropolis Center on **Friday, December 12, 2025 from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m.** There is no cost to attend.

All Angels Assisted Living Open House

Our parishioner, Gabriel Banoub is having an open house for his new business. You are invited to attend on Friday, December 12 and Saturday, December 13, from 3-9pm. The address is 4843 Sweetgrass Lane, Colorado Springs, CO 80922.

Thanksgiving

Please remember to offer prayers of thanksgiving and gratitude for all that you have before eating. Look around the parish and see if someone may need an invitation to your home. May you have a most blessed and joyous celebration with your family and friends.

General Assembly Meeting

Following services on Sunday, December 7, we gather to hold our Annual General Assembly Meeting. The agenda will be emailed out, so please make sure you are current with your stewardship.

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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November 23, 2025

Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

Apostolic Reading: Ephesians 2:14 – 22

Gospel: St. Luke 12:16 – 21

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: 9th Sunday of Luke: Gregory, bishop of Agrigentum; Amphilokios, bishop of Iconium; Ischyron, bishop in Egypt and hermit of Sketis; Venerable Sisinius the Confessor of Kyzikos; Dionysios, patriarch of Constantinople; repose of Alexander Nevsky, prince of Novgorod; Metrophanes, first bishop of Voronezh.

Hymns of the Day

Antiphons for the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

Apolytikion for the Resurrection Tone 7

You destroyed death by Your Cross, You opened Paradise to the Robber. You turned the Myrrh-bearing Women's lament into joy, and You commanded Your Apostles to preach that You rose, O Christ God, granting the world the great mercy.

Apolytikion to the Theotokos Tone 4

Today is the prelude of God's good will and the heralding of the salvation of mankind. In the temple of God, the Virgin is presented openly, and she proclaims Christ unto all. To her, then, with a great voice let us cry aloud: Rejoice, O you fulfilment of the Creator's dispensation.

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. 19: NO Service

Sat. Nov. 22: NO Service

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.



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. 23: Irene Crosby

Nov. 30: Sponsor Needed

Dec. 7: Parish Council

Dec. 14: Sponsor Needed

Philoptochos

The next meeting will be on **Saturday, December 13th**, at 10am. All are invited to attend!

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 (these make great gifts!). **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.*



Queen Palmer Angel Tree: The Philoptochos is sponsoring our annual Queen Palmer Elementary Angel Tree event now through December 7th! Parishioners can take a tag off of the Angel Tree in the church hall matching with a child or a family member with a description of gifts requested. **Please make sure you sign up on using the list on the bulletin board by the tree when taking a tag.** 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.

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, pav-rajohns1985@gmail.com

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!

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 today following coffee hour. *All are welcomed to attend!*

Coffee Hour & Parish Cleanliness

Our parish truly enjoys the fellowship of Coffee Hour each Sunday, and we are grateful to everyone who helps make it such a joyful time. However, we kindly remind all parishioners that maintaining our parish home is a shared responsibility. Even if you are not part of the host family, please take a few