## Metropolitan Constantine to Visit AMGOC

On Sunday, November 9, His Eminence will serve the hierarchical liturgy assisted by His Grace Anthony Vrame. We will be cleaning the church the previous week, please see Fr. Dennis to volunteer. Also, the Parish Council is planning a luncheon and volunteers for food items are welcome. Please Jake Topakas to help. **Cleaning includes:** Wax removal from the candelabras, wax removal from the carpet, cleaning oil lamps, wax removal from the narthex floor.

## Feast Day of Archangel Michael

Our Patronal Feast Day is **November 8**. Great Vespers and Lity will be served on **Friday, November 7 at 6pm**. On Saturday the 8th, Orthros 8am Liturgy 9am. Following services on the 8th a luncheon will be offered. Please see Jake Topakas to signup for various food items.

#### Olive Oil Needed

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

### American Hellenic Institute Presentation

Nick Larigakis, President and CEO of American Hellenic Institute will present a lecture on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, 7pm at the Assumption Cathedral in Denver. The topic is *Current Developments in U.S. Relations with Greece and Cyprus and the Impact in the Eastern Mediterranean*. Refreshments to follow the presentation.

## Orthodox Catechism Class

Class will held today following coffee hour. All are welcomed to attend!

## Greek School

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

## **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 2, 2025

**Sunday Holy Scripture Reading** 

**Apostolic Reading:** Galatians 2:16 – 20

**Gospel:** St. Luke 16:19 – 31

**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: 5th Sunday of Luke: Martyrs Akindinos, Pegasios, Aphthonios, Elpidophoros and Anempodistos of Persia.

## Hymns of the Day

## Apolytikion for 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 the Martyrs Tone 4

O victorious Athletes of the Lord, blessed is the ground that was watered with your blood, and holy are the dwellings that received your spirits. You prevailed over the enemy in the stadium, and you openly proclaimed Christ. We pray you will earnestly entreat Him for us, that He save our souls, since He is good.

## 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 to the Theotokos Tone 4

A protection of Christians unshameable \* intercessor to our Holy Maker unwavering \* reject not \* the prayerful cries of those who are in sin \* instead come to us, for You are good \* Your loving help bring unto us \* who are crying in faith to you \* Hasten to intercede \* and speed now to supplicate\* as a protection for all time \* Theotokos, for those who honor you.

#### **Divine Services**

Wed. Nov. 5: Paraklesis 5pm

Fri. Nov. 7: Great Vespers and Litia 6pm for the Synaxis of the Archangels.

**Sat. Nov. 8:** Orthros 8am and Liturgy 9am for the Synaxis of the Archangels.

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

The 2026 Daily Lives, Miracles, and Wisdom of the Saints & Fasting calendar is now available for purchase from the Orthodox Calendar Company (<a href="www.livesofthesaintscalendar.com">www.livesofthesaintscalendar.com</a>). This comprehensive Orthodox Christian resource is designed to guide the faithful through the liturgical year. Let Olga know if you are interested in purchasing a copy by October 26th. The cost of the calendar is \$23.00 (includes shipping costs) and I'll be collecting payment up front. All that are careful in this life, procure books that will be medicine for the soul. ~St. John Chrysostom

## 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.

## 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. 2: PhiloptochosNov. 9: Parish CouncilNov. 16: Rose TimoraNov. 23: Sponsor Needed

## 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.

## Philoptochos Outreach

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

Nativity Baskets: Our first meeting for Nativity Baskets on Oct 26<sup>th</sup> was well attended and very productive. The group agreed on the following gifts to include in each basket: Christmas card, Vasilopita coin with Vasilopita cake piece(s), gingerbread tea, prayer book with bookmark, votive candle, mini poinsettia, small wooden icon, wooden cross and ornament. The gifts will be wrapped in a red basket and decorated with cellophane wrap and a red bow. For those who haven't already volunteered and would like to help, monetary donations are always welcome and appreciated! You're welcome to join us after Liturgy on 12/14 to assemble the baskets. We need help to deliver the baskets prior to Christmas. Please see Penny Johnson or contact at: 719-640-6970, pavrajohns1985@gmail.com.

**Queen Palmer Angel Tree:** The Philophtochos will sponsor their Annual Queen Palmer Elementary School Angel Tree event from November 16-December 7. Please watch for more information coming soon.

Philoptochos Sunday Coffee Hour, 11/2: In honor of our Patron Saints, Cosmas and Damian, the Philoptochos will be hosting Coffee Hour on November 2, 2025 in collaboration with the AMGOC Altar Servers. In keeping with our mission to serve our community and perpetuate the Faith, this coffee hour will be a fundraiser to help purchase new robes for our Altar Servers who faithfully assist Father Dennis each week. We appreciate your generosity in helping us fund this ministry. The parish placed an order for 10 robes that will cost \$2,700.

**AMGOC Veterans Appreciation, 11/9:** Please join us on Sunday, November 9, 2025 as we honor and celebrate the Veterans of our Parish ahead of Veterans Day. Immediately following Divine Liturgy, the Philoptochos will join Father Dennis in recognizing each of our Parish Veterans in the Sanctuary with a token of our appreciation. Please spread the word so all Veterans may attend!

**Psalter Group:** The Philoptochos will be hosting this for the women of the parish during the Nativity fast. Membership of the Philoptochos is not required. A Psalter group is a group of people who read the book of Psalms together (no in person meetings) throughout the Advent season. Each person is assigned a section of the Psalms daily, resulting in the book being read in its entirety each day. This is a wonderful way to add extra prayer into the fasting period and pray alongside fellow women in the church!