

and feeds us of Himself at Holy Communion. It's the ultimate movement of hospitality, and one of our primary sources of God's deifying, life-changing grace. To register, please use the following registration QR code

Olive Oil Needed

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

Greek School

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

REFLECTION

An appearance of the Holy Martyr Varus: When the devout widow Cleopatra built a church to him, she summoned the bishop and priests to consecrate it. A large number of Christians gathered for this celebration, for the entire countryside venerated St. Varus as a great healer and miracle-worker. Following the divine services, this pious benefactress went before the relics of St. Varus and prayed: "I beseech you—you who endured much suffering for Christ—implore God for that which is pleasing to Him; and for me and my only son, ask that which is beneficial." Cleopatra's son John was ready for the army. Just as she left the church, John became ill. He was seized with a burning fever that grew steadily worse until, around midnight, John died. The grief-stricken, furious mother came before the tomb of St. Varus and spoke sharply: "O saint of God! Is this the way you help me?" and she said much more in her bitter lamentation until, utterly exhausted, she fell into a light sleep. St. Varus appeared to her with her son John. Both were radiant as the sun in garments whiter than snow, bound with golden girdles, and had magnificent wreaths on their heads. God's saint said to her: "Did you not pray to me to implore God for whatever was pleasing to Him, and beneficial to you and your son? I prayed to God and He, in His unspeakable goodness, took your son into His heavenly army. If you so desire, here he is: take him and place him in the army of the earthly king." Hearing this, the young John embraced St. Varus and said: "No, my Lord, do not listen to my mother and do not send me back into the world—full of unrighteousness and iniquity—from which you have delivered me." Awakening from the dream, Cleopatra felt great joy in her heart and left the church. She lived near the church for seven years, and St. Varus often appeared to her with John.

Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church Bulletin

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October 19, 2025

Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

Apostolic Reading: 2 Corinthians 11:31 – 12:9

Gospel: St. Luke 7:11 – 16

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: 3rd Sunday of Luke. Prophet Joel; Martyr Varos; Mnasion, bishop of Cyprus; Venerable John of Rila and Prochoros of Pchinja.

Hymns of the Day

Apolytikion for the Resurrection Tone 2

When You descended unto Death, O Lord, You who are immortal Life put Hades to death, by the lightning of Your divinity. And when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the hosts of heaven sang aloud to You, "O Christ God, Giver of life, 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 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. Kontakion for Holy Cross Tone 4

Divine Services

Wed. Oct. 22: Great Vespers 5pm

Thurs. Oct. 23: Orthros 8am and Liturgy 9am for Iakovos (James) the Brother of the Lord

Sat. Oct. 25: 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 (www.livesofthesaintscalendar.com). 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.

Oct. 19: Vanessa, Zelina, Sofia, Connie L., Rasha **Oct. 26:** Eden Lewis/Rose Timora

Nov. 2: Philoptochos **Nov. 9:** Parish Council

Philoptochos Outreach

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

Care & Share Food Drive

Thank you to everyone who participated in and helped make the Philoptochos Care and Share Food Drive a success! On Thursday, 10/16, we delivered our donations to the food bank, totaling an impressive 244 lbs of food and \$732 in monetary donations! That's over 2000 meals provided to our neighbors throughout Southern Colorado! Please continue to support this wonderful organization and their important work year-round.

Nativity Baskets: The first meeting for this Church ministry will be held on Sunday, 10/26 at 11 a.m. during Fellowship. Please join Penny Johnson if you

are interested in helping to determine contents, prepare, assemble, or deliver Nativity Baskets this year. We are planning on assembling and handing out baskets for delivery on Sunday, 12/14, to ensure all baskets are delivered prior to Christmas Day. Please join us!

Philoptochos Sunday Coffee Hour, 11/2: In honor of our Patron Saints, Cosmas and Damianos, the Philoptochos will be hosting Coffee Hour on November 2, 2025 in collaboration with the AMGOC Altar Boys. 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 Boys who faithfully assist Father Dennis each week. We appreciate your generosity in helping us fund this ministry.

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!

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.

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.

Orthodox Catechism Class

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

Capital Campaign

King Soopers Cards has established a new program by using their Loyalty Program. Sign up online and our parish will receive 5% of you purchase.

2025 Good Samaritan Retreat

The upcoming 4th Annual Retreat on October 24, at Holy Theophany Orthodox Church, 2:30-8pm. Retreat Master is Fr. David Lowell former Director of Raphael House Family Shelter will addresses how we live out God's Eucharistic offering through our love of our neighbors. God brings us into His House, seats us at His Table,

