

## Greek School

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

## Home Blessings

It is a tradition to have our homes and/or our business blessed by the priest every year following the celebration of Theophany on January 6. This practice allows us to bring the feast to our homes and have them sanctified (made holy) with the sprinkling of the Great Blessing of Water. You may schedule a convenient time with Fr. Dennis.

## 2026 Church Calendars

The 2026 Church calendars are available on the candle stand at no cost.

## Dates to Remember

**Feb. 1:** Triodion Period Begins

**Feb. 21:** 2nd Saturday of Souls

**Feb. 28:** St. Theodore Saturday

**April 12:** Pascha

**May 31:** Pentecost

**Feb. 14:** 1st Saturday of Souls

**Feb. 23:** Great Lent Begins

**April 5:** Palm Sunday

**May 21:** Ascension of the Lord

**June 8-28:** *Apostle Fast*

## Saint of the Day

**Saint Athanasius the Great, Archbishop of Alexandria:** Athanasius was born in Alexandria in the year 296 A.D., and from his early childhood had an inclination to the spiritual life. He was a deacon to Archbishop Alexander and accompanied him to the First Ecumenical Council [Nicaea, 325 A.D.]. It was at this Council that Athanasius became renowned for his knowledge of, devotion to, and zeal for Orthodoxy. He contributed greatly to the destruction of the heresy of Arius and the strengthening of Orthodoxy. He wrote the Symbol of Faith [The Creed] which was adopted at the Council. Following the death of Alexander, Athanasius was elected Archbishop of Alexandria. He remained in his calling as Archbishop of Alexandria for forty years, although not for the entire time on the archepiscopal throne. With few exceptions, he was persecuted by heretics throughout his life. Of the emperors, he was persecuted the most by Constantius, Julian and Valens; of the bishops, by Eusebius of Nicomedia and many others; and of the heretics in general, by Arius and his followers. Athanasius was forced to hide from his persecutors at various times: once in a well, once in a grave, and sometimes in private homes or in the deserts. Twice he was forced to flee to Rome. Only for a while before his death did he live peacefully, as a good shepherd among his good flock, who truly loved him. Few are the saints who were so mercilessly slandered and so criminally persecuted as was St. Athanasius. His great soul patiently endured all for the love of Christ and, in the end, emerged victorious from this entire terrible and long-lasting struggle. For counsel, for comfort and for moral support, Athanasius often visited St. Anthony the Great, whom he respected as his spiritual father. A man who formulated the greatest truth, Athanasius had much to suffer for that truth—until the Lord gave him repose in His kingdom as His faithful servant, in the year 373 A.D.

## Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church Bulletin

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## January 18 2026

### Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

**Apostolic Reading:** Hebrews 13:7 – 16

**Gospel:** St. Luke 17:12 – 19

**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:** **12th Sunday of Luke:** Athanasios and Cyril, patriarchs of Alexandria; Martyr Theodoulis; Maximos, Serbian despot.

### 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 for Saint Athanasios and Cyril Tone 3

Striving brilliantly for Orthodoxy, and subduing all unorthodoxy, \* you were honored with awards for your victories. \* Enriching all with inspired theology, \* your sacred writings profoundly adorn the Church. \* O Athanasius and Cyril, you are now with Christ our God, \* entreating Him to give to all the great mercy.

### 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 of Entrance of the Lord into the Temple Tone 1

You sanctified the womb of the Virgin by Your birth, and by Your presentation You blessed the hands of Symeon, when You came, and You saved us, O Christ our God. Now we pray You give peace to Your world at war, and let love for Your people prevail in all, O only benevolent Lord.

### Divine Services

**Wed. Jan. 21:** No Service

**Fri. Jan. 23:** Orthros 8am and Liturgy 9am of St. Dionysios of Olympos

**Sat. Jan. 17:** 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.

## Memorial Service

This morning we remember in our prayers the departed servant of God +Tiffany on the 7th year anniversary of her repose. She is the daughter of Connie Stauffer. *Everlasting be her memory!*

## Stewardship 2026

The 2026 Stewardship presentation by Ruxandra Georgescu and Nathan Pesch co-chairs, was held on Sunday, December 7, 2025. Stewardship Packets are available now. Please see Nathan Pesch for a packet 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.

**Jan. 18:** Steier Family

**Feb. 1:** Sponsor Needed

**Jan. 25:** Portuesi Family

**Feb. 8:** Georgescu Family

## Philoptochos

**Save the Date! Philoptochos 2026 Membership Tea:** The Philoptochos invites all Orthodox & catechumen women in Colorado Springs & Pueblo to join us on Saturday, January 24, 2026 at Pavlica Hall, Holy Theophany Orthodox Church, from 11am – 1pm to renew your membership for 2026, or join for the first time! All ladies will be invited to enjoy a traditional afternoon tea while we discuss our 2025 Impact Report and what Philoptochos is all about! This is event is **free** to attend, but we require RSVP for planning. Use the QR code or see a board member to RSVP. *Questions? [AMGOCPhiloptochos@gmail.com](mailto:AMGOCPhiloptochos@gmail.com)*

**Koliva for Memorials:** Koliva is the sweetened wheat berry dish prepared for memorial services in Church, symbolizing resurrection and eternal life. If anyone is planning a memorial and would like someone to help prepare koliva,

Philoptochos can help. If possible, please give us a week's notice to prepare. We also request a \$45.00 donation be made to AMGOC Philoptochos for use in our philanthropic missions. Please contact Penny Johnson, [pavrajohns1985@gmail.com](mailto:pavrajohns1985@gmail.com) or call/text 719-640-6970.

## Bookstore

A sincere thank you to those who purchased books and various items from the Church Bookstore in 2025! The bookstore could not exist without you! We still have a few 2026 calendars available too! As always, there's something for everyone in our Church Bookstore! Items from The Lewis' Etsy site are available for purchase too. Edward and Rose are offering their items at a discount to our bookstore customers. If you can't find what you are looking for, I'm more than happy to place a special order. *See you at our downstairs!!!*

## 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 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.

## \$50,000 Matching Challenge

We have been challenged by two of our faithful families to help raise \$100,000 for our Capital Campaign. Every dollar offered will be matched! Please make checks out to AMGOC with the word CHALLENGE in the memo.

At our General Assembly on Sunday December 14, 2025 the community voted to move forward with making an offer on the proposed property. The seller of the 4925 List Dr. has selected our church and issued a counteroffer. We responded with a full-price offer that includes concessions for property improvements, most notably the removal of the large refrigeration equipment. Additionally, two families have pledged a \$50,000 matching-grant challenge. The capital campaign fundraising goal for the renovation project is \$350,000.

## Orthodox Catechism Class

Class meets today, following coffee hour. *All are welcomed to attend!* Our Lenten reading this year for catechesis will be *The Mystical Marriage: Spiritual Life according to St. Maximos the Confessor* by +Elder Aimilianos of Simonopetra (\$24). If you would like to have your own copy to follow along and mark up (or for personal devotion outside of catechesis), please see Olga.