

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, three families have pledged a \$100,000 matching-grant challenge. The capital campaign fundraising goal for the renovation project is \$500,000.

### 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).

### Greek School

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

### Affirmation of Office

Following services the Parish Council will take the Affirmation of Office.

### Metropolitan to Visit

We received word that His Eminence will be presiding at our Holy Friday evening services. More information to follow.

### Exchange of Forgiveness

We will have the exchange of forgiveness following service today.

## During Great Lent

**Fasting:** Orthodox Christians are called to abstain from all meat—(yes, *chicken is meat!*)—dairy products i.e. eggs, milk, etc., fish, wine and olive oil during Great Lent, which begins on March 18, Clean Monday. To strengthen ourselves, the Church asks us to increase our prayer life (attending the Lenten Services), flee from sinful behavior, and to give alms. Let us together keep the fast as strictly as possible, increase our daily prayers, approach the Mystery of Holy Confession and forgive one another any offenses that have caused division or anger. If we are unsure about fasting or confession please see Fr. Dennis. May God bless us; grant us strength and faith to complete the course of the fast.

**Liturgy of St. Basil the Great:** During the Great Lenten period we use the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great every Sunday and on Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday mornings.

**Services:** We are called to abstain from certain foods during the Great Fast as we are to abstain from sin. This cannot be achieved without an increased prayer life. The Church in Her wisdom has not only called for us to fast, but gives us more services that will aid us in our Lenten journey. The Great Compline will be offered every Monday evening, the Presanctified Liturgy every Wednesday evening and the Salutations to our Theotokos every Friday evening.

**Coffee Hour/Dinners During Lent:** When bringing treats for the coffee hour during the Great Lenten Fast, please remember we must maintain the fasting practices of the Orthodox Church. While each may not be able to keep the fast as strictly as prescribed, let us nonetheless, keep it when we gather as community and people of God.

## Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church Bulletin

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## February 22, 2026

### Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

**Apostolic Reading:** Romans 13:11 – 14; 14:1 – 4

**Gospel:** St. Matthew 6:14 – 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: Sunday of Forgiveness/Cheese Fare, the Expulsion of Adam from Paradise:** The uncovering of the relics of the Martyrs at the gate of Eugenios in Constantinople; Martyr Anthusa.

### 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 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 Tone 6

O guide to wisdom, provider of prudence, disciplinarian of fools, and defender of the poor, fortify and discipline my heart, O Master; You, give me a word, O Word of the Father. For behold, I will not hinder my lips from crying to You: O merciful Lord, have mercy on me who have fallen.

### Divine Services

**Mon., Feb. 23:** Great Compline with canon by St. Andrew of Crete 6pm.

**Tues., Feb. 24:** Great Compline with canon by St. Andrew of Crete 6pm.

**Wed., Feb. 25:** 9<sup>th</sup> Hour 5:30 p.m. and Presanctified Liturgy 6 p.m. *Those who are preparing to receive Holy Communion are to fast strictly from the noonday meal or sooner from all food and drink (12:00 pm for lunch and should eat a very light Lenten meal).* Lenten meal following Presanctified Liturgy.

**Thurs., Feb. 26:** Great Compline, canon by St. Andrew of Crete 6pm.

**Fri., Feb. 27:** Salutations I to the Theotokos at 6pm.

**Sat., Feb. 28:** Orthros 8am and Divine Liturgy 9am for the Miracle of St. Theodore the Recruit. 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.

## 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.

**Feb. 22:** Marzavas Family

**March 1:** Philoptochos

**March 8:** Parish Community

**March 15:** LaBrie/Manesiotis Family

**Parish Community Lenten Coffee Hour:** March 8, open invitation for anyone who: might not feel able to sponsor on their own, or anyone who wants to enjoy Lenten cooking as a parish community. We are soliciting your favorite Lenten recipes, and planning to cook together on Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. If this sounds like fun, contact Rose Timora or Edward Lewis for more details or sign up next to the coffee hour signup.

## Memorial Service

This morning we remember in our prayers the departed servant of God +Sam Marzavas on the 6th month anniversary of his repose. *Everlasting be his memory!*

## Philoptochos

The next Philoptochos monthly meeting will be on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30am. All are welcome to attend!

**Souper Bowl:** The Souper Bowl of Caring Campaign was an overwhelming success with the support from everyone! The non-perishable food items will be delivered to the Care and Share Food Bank for Southern Colorado on Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the Church at 8:30 am to gather the donated food items and will

make the delivery at Care and Share at 9:00 am. Care and Share is located at 2605 Preamble Point. Everyone is invited to assist in making this food delivery. Next week, we'll share our total impact! Thank you to all!

**Pascha Baskets Committee:** The first meeting for this ministry will be held **today** during Fellowship! Please join Penny Johnson if you are interested in helping to determine contents, prepare, assemble, and/or deliver Pascha Baskets this year. We are planning on assembling baskets on Saturday, Apr 4<sup>th</sup> (Saturday of Lazarus). We will hand the baskets out on Sunday, Apr 12<sup>th</sup> (Pascha-after Resurrection) and Monday, Apr 13<sup>th</sup> (Bright Monday), for delivery during Bright Week. Please join us!

**Lenten Psalter Group:** The Philoptochos will be hosting a Psalter group for ALL women of the parish during Lent. Membership of the Philoptochos is not required! A Psalter group is a group of people who read the book of Psalms together (with no in-person meetings) throughout the Lenten season. The deadline to join is **today**. Please contact Hannah Portuesi to join at **(410) 499-5176** or [hannahportuesi@gmail.com](mailto:hannahportuesi@gmail.com). A sign-up sheet will also be available in the back of the church. An introduction email will be sent out February 22, before the fast starts on February 23.

**Koliva for Memorials:** The Philoptochos is now offering to prepare Koliva for anyone planning a memorial and needs assistance. If possible, please give us a week's notice to prepare. We request a \$45.00 donation be made to AMGOC Philoptochos for use in our philanthropic missions. Please contact Penny Johnson at [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

Please remember to help with the hall cleanup following coffee hour. Take out the trash, sweep the floor, wash dishes and pans etc.. *Thank you for doing your part!*

## \$100,000 Matching Challenge

We have been challenged by three of our faithful families to help raise \$200,000 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