

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.

### Holy Cross School Collection

Today and next Sunday we will take a collection for the Metropolis of Denver Seminarians.

### Procession with the Holy Cross

At the end Orthros next week, we will process around the church with the Holy Cross.

### Orthodox Catechism Class

Class will meet after coffee hour today.

### Coffee Hour & Parish Cleanliness

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

### Greek School

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

## 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.

**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.

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## March 8, 2026

### Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

**Apostolic Reading:** Hebrews 1:10 – 14; 2:1 – 3

**Gospel:** St. Markk 2:1 – 12

**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 St. Gregory Palamas:** Theophylaktos, bishop of Nicomedia; Apostle Hermas of the Seventy.

### Apolytikion for the Resurrection Tone 6

When the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary, who was seeking Your immaculate body. Unassailed by Hades, You divested it of spoils. Then You met the Virgin. You granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory to You!

### Apolytikion for St. Gregory Palamas Tone 8

Beacon of Orthodox belief, the strong support of the Church and her teacher inspired by God, you are the ornament of monks, the unassailable champion of theologians, O Gregory the Wonder-worker and the boast of Thessalonica, the messenger of grace. Forever earnestly entreat for the salvation of our souls.

### 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 Tone 8

O Champion General, I your City now inscribe to you, Triumphant anthems as the tokens of my gratitude, Being rescued from the terrors, O Theotokos. Inasmuch as you have power unassailable, From all kinds of perils free me, so that unto you I may cry aloud: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride.

## Divine Services

**Tonight:** Lenten Vespers at St. Mary's Orthodox Church in Calhan 6pm.  
*Lenten meal to follow.*

Sunday, March 15, 6.00pm - Archangel Michael

Sunday, March 22, 6.00pm – St. Michael Pueblo

Sunday, March 29, 6.00pm - St. John the Baptist, Colorado Springs)

**Mon., March 9:** Great Compline 6pm.

**Wed., March 11:** 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.


**Fri., March 13:** Salutations III to the Theotokos at 6pm.

**Sat., March 14:** 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.

**March 8:** Parish Community      **March 15:** LaBrie/Manesiotis Family

**March 22:** Brawner Family      **March 29:** Kendra Christian/Rose Timora

## Bookstore


After managing the Church Bookstore for 8 years, it's time hand over the reins to others and I expect to transition after Pascha. If you are interested to be part of running the bookstore, please see Nathan Pesch as he will lead the charge in building a solid team. Managing the Church Bookstore was truly an honor and a labor of love. This decision is quite bittersweet; however, I believe this is a great opportunity to provide those wanting to volunteer for this

amazing position to shine! I appreciate your help in contributing to a successful bookstore. I couldn't have done it without your encouragement, support, and, of course, your purchases!

## Philoptochos

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

**Philoptochos Aprons:** We are so excited to announce that we are having beautiful aprons embroidered for all to purchase! These royal blue aprons will be embroidered with the Philoptochos logo as well as "Colorado Springs" to personalize it to our chapter. Aprons are available to order **now!** \$35 for current Philoptochos members, \$40 for non-members. Please see a board member to secure yours before they go on sale to the public at the bake sale.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pascha Bake Sale:** The Philoptochos 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pascha Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, from 11am – 3pm. We're excited to double our efforts and reach this year. Our success last year directly contributed to our 2025 impact. We will need assistance, once again, with baked goods donations, prep/setup, volunteers to work the sale, clean up - and *especially help setting up the tents from able bodied volunteers.* If you can help us  with our success by contributing your time and efforts, please see a board member or email [AMGOCPhiloptochos@gmail.com](mailto:AMGOCPhiloptochos@gmail.com)!

**Tsoureki Easter Bread Pre-Sale:** In anticipation of the Bake Sale, the Philoptochos is **taking pre-orders for Tsoureki now through March 22<sup>nd</sup>.** Order early to secure your loaves for Pascha! Pre-orders using cash/check price are *discounted* to \$16 per loaf; credit card purchases and all orders after 3/22 are \$18 per loaf. Please grab an order form in the church hall for cash/check or use the QR code.

**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.

## \$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 seller of the 4925 List Dr. has selected our church and issued a counteroffer.