

Congratulations!

Please submit your family member graduation information so that we may publish it in the upcoming bulletins.

Christians Around the World

Please remember to keep Christians around the world in your prayers. Many are being persecuted and even killed for their faith in Jesus Christ. Remember also the two kidnapped Orthodox bishops from Syria.

Capital Campaign

Amazon Smile: You may support Archangel Michael GOC through Amazon Smile. Please make sure you sign in at: <https://smile.amazon.com/>

King Soopers Rewards: Please continue to input your King Soopers Rewards number when shopping there. We receive a percentage of the amount you spend. You must register for the program in order to activate this benefit for us.

Stewardship 2021

Please support our parish with your time, talent and treasure. Stewardship packets have been mailed. See Ruxandra Georgescu for more information.

Bookstore and Library

Visit our Bookstore for many books and items that can be given as gifts for upcoming graduations. Please see Olga Sonnenburg.

Important Dates to Remember

- **Ascension:** 40 days after the resurrection and it **always** falls on a Thursday: June 10.
- **Pentecost:** 50 days after the resurrection and it **always** falls on a Sunday: June 20.
- **Saints Peter and Paul Fast** begins on June 28 and ends on their feast day, June 29.

An Elder Said...

When the devil fights us, we ought to fight him back. Our greatest weapon is prayer. Do not be negligent; kneel immediately and pray to God, and quickly you will feel strong. Prayer is conversation with God. When we experience the joy of prayer, then we will feel great exultation. It is a foretaste of the life of Paradise. But you have to struggle, in order to experience that joy. And if you struggle mightily - God will give it to you.
+Elder Ieronymos of Aegina

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Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

Apostolic Reading: Acts 6:1-7

Gospel: St. Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8

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 Pascha, Myrrh-Bearing Women, Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. Venerable Theodore the Sanctified, disciple of Pachomios the Great; Alexander, archbishop of Jerusalem; New-martyr Nicholas of Metsov; Venerable Ephraim of Perekop, wonder-worker of Novogorod.

Order of Service

Antiphons: From Pascha

Small Entrance we chant the Paschal verses and Christ is Risen

Instead of Come let us worship we chant:

In the congregations • bless God, • the Lord from the well-springs of Israel; • save us O Son of God, • who are risen from the dead, • we sing to You: alleluia.

Ἐν Ἐκκλησίαις εὐλογοῦτε τὸν Θεόν, Κύριον ἐκ πηγῶν Ἰσραὴλ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς, Υἱέ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλουῖα.

After the Entrance

Apolytikion of the Resurrection Tone 2

When You descended to the realm of death, You as life immortal rendered to Hades a mortal blow by Your all radiant divinity. And when You from infernal depths and the darkness below did raise the dead, all the hosts of heaven's powers did proclaim and cry out O life-giving Christ and our God we give glory. *Page 81 in the green book.*

Apolytikion Joseph of Arimathea Tone 2

The noble Joseph, taking Your immaculate Body down from the Tree, and having wrapped It in pure linen and spices, laid It for burial in anew tomb. But on the third day You did arise, O Lord, granting great mercy to the world.

Apolytikion Myrrh-Bearers Tone 2

Unto the myrrh-bearing women did the Angel cry out as he stood by the grave: Myrrh- oils are meet for the dead, but Christ has proved to be a stranger to corruption. But cry out: The Lord is risen, granting great mercy to the world. 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 for Pascha Tone 8

Though You did descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet did You destroy the power of Hades, and did arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Your Apostles O You Who does grant resurrection to the fallen.

Instead of "Axion Estin" Tone 1

The angel cried unto her that is full of grace: O pure Virgin, rejoice, and again, I say: Rejoice; for your Son has risen from the grave on the third day.

Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord, has arisen upon you; dance now and be glad O Sion, and do you exult, O pure Theotokos, in the arising of Him Whom You did bear.

Ὁ Ἄγγελος ἐβόα τῇ Κεχαριτωμένῃ· Ἀγνή παρθένε, χαῖρε καὶ πάλιν ἐρῶ χαῖρε, ὁ σὸς Υἱὸς ἀνέστη τριήμερος ἐκ τάφου.

Φωτίζου, φωτίζου, ἡ νέα Ἰερουσαλήμ· ἡ γὰρ δόξα Κυρίου ἐπὶ σὲ ἀνέτειλε. Χόρευε νῦν καὶ ἀγάλλου Σιών, σὺ δὲ Ἀγνή, τέρπου Θεοτόκε, ἐν τῇ ἐγέρσει τοῦ Τόκου σου.

Communion Hymn and during Communion of the Faithful

Receive the Body of Christ, and taste the source of Immortality. Alleluia.

Instead of We have seen the true light . . .

Christ is Risen 1x

Divine Services

Wed. May 19: Small Paraklesis 6pm

Fri. May 21: Orthros 8am and Divine Liturgy 9am for Sts. Constantine and Helen

Sat. May 22: Great Vespers 5pm

Paschal Greetings to All!

Fr. Dennis and the Parish Council extend their best wishes and prayers to all of the faithful and friends of our community for a joyous celebration of our Lord's Holy Resurrection. May our Lord bless all who have prepared our

church by cleaning, decorating, cooking or donated toward the ongoing work at Archangel Michael. *Christ is Risen*

During the Paschal Season

- Memorial Services for the departed are **not** permitted from Lazarus Saturday (*April 24*) to St. Thomas Sunday (*May 9 inclusive*). The church does this so we may focus our attention solely on the Resurrection of our Lord. It also reminds us that death in and of itself, is not final for the true believer. As followers of the Risen Lord, we too shall rise from the dead to live eternally with our Savior.
- Also, we do not kneel during church services from Pascha until Pentecost and the prayer of "*Heavenly King...*", is not said until Pentecost as it is replaced with triple singing of Christ is Risen for the forty days.
- Tradition relates that in Italy Mary Magdalene visited Emperor Tiberias (14-37 A.D.) and proclaimed to him Christ's Resurrection. According to Tradition, she took him a red egg as a symbol of the Resurrection, a symbol of new life with the words: "Christ is Risen!" Then she told the emperor that in his Province of Judea the unjustly condemned Jesus the Galilean, a holy man, a miracle worker, powerful before God and all mankind, had been executed at the instigation of the Jewish High Priests, and the sentence confirmed by the procurator appointed by Tiberias, Pontius Pilate.
- Other saints of our Orthodox Church not named in the Gospels or writings of the Scriptures are: The wife of Pontius Pilate is St. Prokla (feast day Oct. 27) and the soldier at the foot of the cross who said: "Truly this was the Son of God" the martyr Longinus (feast day Oct. 16).

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.

Coffee Hour Signup

Please consider sponsoring a coffee hour. Donations are welcome!

May 16: Pascha Picnic Leftovers

May 23: Sponsor Needed

May 30: Sponsor Needed