Portions of Saint Anna’s holy relics may be found on Mount Athos: Stavronikita Monastery (part of her left hand), Saint Anna’s Skete (part of her incorrupt left foot), Koutloumousiou Monastery (part of her incorrupt right foot). Fragments of her relics may also be found in her Monastery at Lygaria, Lamia, and in the Monastery of Saint John the Theologian at Sourota. Part of the saint’s incorrupt flesh is in the collection of Saints’ relics of the International Catholic Crusaders. The church of Saint Paul Outside the Walls in Rome has one of the saint’s wrists. Saint Anna is also commemorated on September 9.

The Venerable Female Martyr Paraskeve: Parasceve was born in Rome of Christian parents, and from her youth was instructed in the Faith of Christ. With great fervor, St. Parasceve endeavored to fulfill all the commandments of God in her life. Believing firmly and living according to her faith, Parasceve directed others on the path of salvation and in the pious life. When her parents died, Parasceve distributed all of her property to the poor, and was tonsured a nun. As a nun, she preached the Christian Faith with an even greater zeal, not hiding from anyone, even though at that time the Roman authorities were conducting a bloody persecution against the Christian Faith. Then, the pernicious Jews denounced St. Parasceve for preaching forbidden faith, and she was brought to trial before Emperor Antoninus. All the flatteries of the emperor did not shake the faith of this handmaiden of God. They then subjected her to torture by fire, and placed a red-hot helmet on her head. The Lord miraculously saved her, and Parasceve was freed, and left Rome. She continued traveling from city to city to convert pagans to the True Faith. She was brought before princes and judges in two more cities, and was tortured for her Lord, at which time she worked great miracles and, by the power of God, quickly recovered from her pains and wounds. The pagans, as always, ascribed her miracles to magic and her swift recoveries to the mercy of their gods. St. Parasceve once said to the prince who was torturing her: “O prince, it is not your gods who have healed me, but my Christ, the True God.” Finally, a certain Prince Tarasius beheaded her with the sword. Thus, this saint gloriously ended her fruitful life. Her relics were later translated to Constantinople. She suffered honorably for Christ in the second century.
as we fervently cry aloud: Be You with us, O Lord our God, Whose pleasure it was to glorify them both.

Divine Services
Mon. July 26: Orthros 8am and Liturgy 9am for St. Paraskeve.
Tues. July 27: Orthros 8am and Liturgy 9am for St. Panteleimon
Wed. July 28: Paraklesis to the Theotokos 5pm (please note new time)
Sat. July 24: 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.

Coffee Hour Signup
Please consider sponsoring a coffee hour. Donations are welcome!
July 25: Beverly Foster
Aug. 1: Stephen Ziegenfuss
Aug. 8: Olga Sonnenburg

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.

St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church in Lubbock, TX Vandalized
Thank you to all who contributed to help St. Andrew Church. We collected $1,000 to help defray the cost of damages to their church. God bless your generosity!

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.

Greek Festival
We are planning to have our festival on the weekend of August 20, 21, 22, 2021, please mark the dates and kindly volunteer. OPA!

Greek School
Future Greek learners: Classes are held each Thursday (beginning September 9) at 5pm in the Church hall. If you have questions, please contact Alex Ellis at 719-471-0157. There is no cost for the classes and all are welcome to attend.

Stewardship 2021
Please support our parish with your time, talent and treasure. Remember to send in your stewardship card. See Ruxandra Georgescu for more information.

Bookstore and Library
We have close to forty new books in the bookstore; there is something for everyone! Please come by and feel free to browse. If you have any questions, please see Olga Sonnenburg or email her at osonnenburg@comcast.net. All that are careful for this life, procure books that will be medicine for the soul. -St. John Chrysostom

Greek Store
Visit our Greek Store in the church hall. We have food items for sale and specialty items can be ordered. Please see Connie Leonard for more information.

The Dormition Fast
The Dormition (Falling Asleep) of the Theotokos is celebrated on August 15. A two-week fast beginning on August 1 precedes this feast. During this period we abstain from meat, dairy products, fish, oil (olive) and wine. On the Feast of the Transfiguration (August 6) fish, wine and oil are permitted. Saturdays and Sundays only wine and oil are permitted.

Saints of the Day
Saint Anna was the daughter of the priest Matthan and his wife Mary. She was of the tribe of Levi and the lineage of Aaron. According to Tradition, she died peacefully in Jerusalem at age 79, before the Annunciation to the Most Holy Theotokos.

During the reign of Saint Justinian the Emperor (527-565), a church was built in her honor at Deutera. Emperor Justinian II (685-695; 705-711) restored her church, since Saint Anna had appeared to his pregnant wife. It was at this time that her body and maphorion (veil) were transferred to Constantinople.