

are being persecuted and even killed for their faith in Jesus Christ. Remember also the two kidnapped Orthodox bishops from Syria.

Church School

Classes have begun for the youth of our parish. Please see Bogdan Georges-cu for more information.

Saints of the Day

The Holy Hieromartyr Dionysius the Areopagite: Dionysius is numbered among the *Seventy Lesser Apostles*. This wonderful man was the scion of a distinguished pagan family in Athens. Having completed the school of philosophy in Athens, he went to Egypt to study further. While he was there the Lord Christ died on the Cross, the sun was darkened, and there was darkness in Egypt for three hours. Then Dionysius cried out: "Either God the Creator of the world is suffering, or this world is coming to an end." Returning to Athens, he married a woman named Damaris and had sons by her. He became a member of the highest court among the Greeks, the Areopagus, and thereafter he was known as the "Areopagite." When the Apostle Paul preached the Gospel in Athens, Dionysius was baptized with his entire household. Paul consecrated him Bishop of Athens. He left his wife, children and his position for the love of Christ. He traveled with Paul for a long time and met all the other apostles of Christ. He traveled to Jerusalem especially to see the Most-holy Theotokos, and described his encounter with her in one of his written works. He was present at the burial of the Holy and Most-pure One. When his teacher, St. Paul, suffered martyrdom, Dionysius also desired such a death for himself, and went to Gaul, with his presbyter Rusticus and the deacon Eleutherius, to preach the Gospel among the barbarians. He suffered much but also succeeded much. By his labors many pagans were converted to the Christian Faith. Dionysius built a small church in Paris, where he celebrated the divine services. (*Some historians believe that Dionysius [Denis] of Paris was someone other than Dionysius the Areopagite*). When he was ninety years old, he, Rusticus and Eleutherius were seized and tortured for Christ; then all three were beheaded. The severed head of St. Dionysius rolled a long distance, to the feet of Catula, a Christian, who honorably buried it with his body. Dionysius suffered during the reign of Dometian in the year 96 A.D. He wrote several famous works: on the Divine Names of God, on the Celestial and Ecclesiastical Hierarchies, on Mystical Theology, and on the Most-holy Theotokos.

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Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

Apostolic Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15

Gospel: St. Luke 6:31-36

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: 15th Sunday After Pentecost. Hieromartyr Dionysios the Areopagite, 1st bishop of Athens; Martyrs Eleutherios and Rustikos.

Order of Service

Apolytikion of the Resurrection Tone 6

When the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb and those who guarded You became as though dead, and standing by Your sepulcher was Mary seeking Your pure and sacred body; for You did vanquish Hades and uncorrupted by its touch You came unto the virgin woman, bestowing the gift of life, O You who rose from the dead, Lord we give glory to You. *Page 86 in the green book.*

Apolytikion for the Hieromartyr Dionysios Tone 4

Since you have been instructed in uprightness thoroughly and were vigilant in all things, you were clothed with a good conscience as befitted one holy. You did draw from the Chosen Vessel ineffable mysteries; and having kept the Faith, you did finish a like course, O Hieromartyr Dionysius. Intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

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 to the Theotokos Tone 4

A protection of Christians unshameable * intercessor to our Holy Maker unwavering * reject not * the prayerful cries of those who are in sin * instead come to us, for You are good * Your loving help bring unto us * who are crying in faith to you * Hasten to intercede * and speed now to

supplicate* as a protection for all time * Theotokos, for those who honor you. (*Sung with long ending*)

Divine Services

Wed. Oct. 6: Paraklesis to the Theotokos 5pm

Sat. Oct. 9: 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!

Oct. 3: Stoyas/Bolish Family

Oct. 10: Sponsor Needed

Oct. 17: Johnson Family

Oct. 24: Val Petrov

Oct. 31: Sponsor Needed

Bookstore and Library

The 2022 Daily Lives, Miracles, and Wisdom of the Saints & Fasting calendar is available from the Orthodox Calendar Company www.livesofthesaintscalendar.com. I will be taking orders for the next 4 weeks, so if you are interested in a copy, let me know by October 3rd. The cost of this calendar is \$21.00 (includes shipping costs). You can place an order by emailing me at osonnenburg@comcast.net or texting me at (719) 322-5012. *All that are careful in this life, procure books that will be medicine for the soul. -St. John Chrysostom*

Memorial Service

This morning we remember in our prayers the departed servant of God +Donna Stoyas on the 6th year anniversary of her repose. She is the mother of Athena Stoyas. *Everlasting be her memory!*

Annual General Assembly

Following services on Sunday, November 21, we will hold our Annual General Assembly. Please make sure your stewardship is current.

10th Annual Greek Night

Our sister parish, St. John the Baptist will be holding their Annual Greek Night on October 9, 2021. This event will be held at Pueblo's Historic Union Depot, 132 West B Street, 5:30 p.m. Cocktail Hour, 6:30 Greek Banquet, 7:30 Greek Dancing. Also, Authentic Greek Desserts, Greek Music, Greek

Dancing, Door Prizes, and Cash Drawings. Adults - \$60 Children (12 and under) -\$15. **Please RSVP by Oct. 3**, pamhoty@comcast.net or 719-252-9446, there will be a \$10/person charge for late reservations.

Stewardship 2021

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

Greek School

Future Greek learners: Classes are held each Thursday (*beginning September 16*) 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.

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 details.

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.

Slavic Feast

The Annual Slavic Fest at St. Mary's Orthodox Church in Calhan is back this year, October 9th and 10th. This weekend of fun, old world food, dancing, family, brand new kids activities, bake sale, and fellowship is sure to be a story worth telling. We are super excited this year to welcome you all back after a tough year. Online Tickets go on sale Sept. 1st at <https://holydormition.net/slavic-fest/> Come see us: 19485 Calhan Hwy North, Calhan, CO 80808

AMGOC Kitchen Remodel Project

Our Parish Council President, Jake Topakas sent out an email the other day, presenting the need to update our kitchen especially, although not exclusively for our Annual Greek Festival. We are seeking donations to fund this necessary project costing \$17,000. This project includes a commercial dish machine, stainless steel shelving, stainless wall backing, stainless tables, electrical, plumbing and demolition. Please make checks out to our parish with a note in the memo: Kitchen Remodel.

Christians Around the World

Please remember to keep Christians around the world in your prayers. Many