

Holy Illumination

The servant of God Brandon Hinds was received into the Holy Orthodox Church through the Mysteries of Baptism and Chrismation, on October 10, 2021. He is the grandson Mariam Morris and son of Devon and Carol Hinds. His godparents are Nicholas and Brigid Rudolph. *May our Lord grant them all health and many years!*

Saints of the Day

The Commemoration of the Seventh Ecumenical Council: The Seventh Ecumenical Council was held in 787 A.D. at Nicaea during the reign of the devout Empress Irene and her son, Constantine, in the time of Patriarch Tarasius. This Council finally confirmed the veneration of icons, justifying it by Holy Scripture, by the witness of the Holy Fathers, and by the undeniable example of miracles manifested through the holy icons. Adding to examples of miracles previously cited, Bishop Constantine of Cyprus recounted this: One day, a certain shepherd from the town of Constantia drove his flock to pasture, and there saw an icon of the Most-holy Theotokos, all decorated with flowers by the faithful. "Why render so much honor to a rock?" said the shepherd, who had obviously been brought up in iconoclasm. He struck the icon with his iron shepherd's cane, and damaged the right eye of the image of the Mother of God. As soon as he turned away, he stumbled over that same cane and gouged out his own right eye. Thus injured, he returned to the city, crying out tearfully that the punishment of the Theotokos had befallen him. This Council also decreed that the holy relics of a martyr be placed, without fail, in the Antimension.* Three hundred and sixty-seven Fathers participated in this Council. May the Lord also have mercy on us and save us by their prayers. *A cloth which is placed on the holy altar table, and upon which is celebrated the Divine Liturgy.

Saint Lazarus the Four-Days-Dead: Lazarus's principle feasts are on March 17 and Lazarus Saturday during Great Lent. Under today's date is commemorated the translation of his relics from the island of Cyprus to Constantinople. This occurred when Emperor Leo the Wise built the Church of St. Lazarus in Constantinople, and translated Lazarus's relics there in the year 890 A.D. When, after almost a thousand years, Lazarus's grave in the town of Kition on Cyprus was unearthed, a marble tablet was found with the inscription: "Lazarus of the Four Days, the friend of Christ."

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Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

Apostolic Reading: Titus 3:8-15

Gospel: St. Luke 8:5-15

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 the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Fathers. Prophet Hosea; Venerable-martyr Andrew of Crete.

Order of Service

Apolytikion of the Resurrection Tone 8

From on high did You descend, O merciful Lord. For us did You endure, three days in the tomb that we may be, released from passions in this world. You who are our resurrection and our life, Glory unto You, O Lord. *Page 89 in the green book.*

Apolytikion for Holy Fathers Tone 8

Most glorified are You, O Christ our God, Who has established our Fathers as luminous stars upon the earth and through them did guide us all to the true Faith. O Most Merciful One, glory be to You.

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

Mon. Oct. 18: Orthros 8am and Liturgy 9am for St. Luke the Apostle

Wed. Oct. 20: Paraklesis to the Theotokos 5pm

Sat. Oct. 16: NO Service

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. 17: Johnson Family

Oct. 24: Val Petrov

Oct. 31: Winthers/Falko family

Nov. 7: Jake Topakas/Maria Rainford

Bookstore and Library

The 2022 Daily Lives, Miracles, and Wisdom of the Saints & Fasting Calendar order has been placed. They will be shipping these calendars on a first-come, first-serve basis. Those who placed an order, will be notified once I receive these calendars. *All that are careful in this life, procure books that will be medicine for the soul. -St. John Chrysostom*

Annual General Assembly

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

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.

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. You may also use the following link to make donations: <https://archangel-michael-greek-orthodox-church.square.site/>

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.

Church School

Classes have begun for the youth of our parish. Please see Bogdan Georgescu for more information.

Metropolis of Denver Music Ministry Conference

The weekend of November 3-7, 2021, our Metropolis will hold this event at Assumption Cathedral. An email was sent out on Friday with all the details and schedules. The cost is \$150 per person. The flyer is on the bulletin board in the church hall.

It's A Girl!

Congratulations to Ben and Sarah Zaiser on the birth of their daughter Eleanor on September 20, 2021. The proud grandparents are John and Leslie Neumann. *May our Lord grant them health and many years!*

Memory Eternal

We are sad to hear the servant of God +Dimitra Karaboitis of Anamosa, Iowa fell asleep in the Lord on September 28, 2021. She is the mother of Krisoula Miller. +Dimitra received Orthodox Burial Service by Fr. Dennis here in Colorado Springs, on October 6. *Everlasting be her memory!*

Holy Matrimony

The servants of God Daniel Holobeny and Emily Sacks were joined in the Holy Mystery of Marriage, Sat., October 9, 2021. Dan is a graduate of the Air Academy and is a 1st Lieutenant in the USAF. He attended services here during his time at the Academy. *May our Lord grant them health and many years!*