

Met. Constantine to Visit AMGOC

Sunday, February 23, His Eminence Metropolitan Constantine will preside at the Divine Liturgy. Also, present will be those who are in the Diaconate program from around the Metropolis. More details to follow. We are cleaning and preparing the church during the week of Feb. 17. Help is needed removing wax from the carpet, cleaning brass candle stands, etc.

Orthodox Catechism Class

Class will meet following coffee hour on Feb. 9. All are welcome to attend.

Home Blessings

You may schedule a convenient time with Fr. Dennis after Jan. 6. **Items to have ready for your home blessing:** Icon on a stand, Candle or Oil Lamp, Censer and incense if you have one.

2025 Souper Bowl

We will participate again in the International Orthodox Christian Charities' "Souper Bowl of Caring" campaign through February 9th, 2025. There will be two donation options: 1) Bring in non-perishable food items and place them in a designated box downstairs, which will be subsequently delivered to the Care and Share Food Bank for Southern Colorado, and/or 2) Place a cash or check donation clearly marked for this campaign in the narthex donation box, which will be pooled together into an Archangel Michael contribution to the IOCC. These donations will support our local community and IOCC's work across the globe to "Score a Victory Against Hunger!" Please see Rose Timora for more information.

Saint of the Day

The Hieromartyr [Priest-Martyr] Peter Damascene: Some think that Peter Damascene lived in the eighth century and others think he lived in the twelfth century. This difference of thought comes from the fact that there were two Peter Damascenes. The one about whom we are speaking was a great ascetic. He was unselfish beyond measure. Peter Damascene did not even possess a single book, but rather borrowed books and read them. He read assiduously, gathering wisdom as a bee gathers honey. For a while he was a bishop in Damascus, but when he spoke out against Islam and the Manichean heresy, the Arabs severed his tongue and banished him into exile deep in Arabia. However, God granted him the power of speech, so that, even in exile, he preached the Gospel and converted many to the Christian Faith. He compiled and bequeathed to posterity a precious book about the spiritual life. He died as a confessor and martyr and took up his habitation in the Kingdom of Christ.

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Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

Apostolic Reading: 2 Timothy 3:10 – 15

Gospel: St. Luke 18:10 – 14

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 Pharisee and Publican, Leave-Taking of the Entrance of the Lord into the Temple. Martyr Nikephoros of Antioch; Hieromartyrs Markellos, bishop of Sicily, Pankratios, bishop of Taormina, and Philagrios, bishop of Cyprus; translation of the relics of Innocent, first bishop of Irkutsk.

Hymns of the Day

First Antiphon: with verses

Second Antiphon: with verses

Σᾶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἐν ἀγκάλαις τοῦ δικαίου Συμεὼν βασταχθεὶς, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.

Save us, O Son of God, who were held in the arms of righteous Symeon. We sing to You, Alleluia.

Third Antiphon Tone 1 with verses: The Little Entrance

Rejoice, O Theotokos Virgin full of grace: for from you has shone forth the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, giving light to those in darkness. Be glad also, O righteous Elder, for you have received in your arms the Deliverer of our souls, who bestows upon us resurrection.

Hymn for the Entrance

The Lord made known His salvation in the sight of all the Gentiles. Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

After the Entrance

Apolytikion of the Resurrection Tone 8

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and consented to a three-day burial, to free us from the passions. O Lord, our life and resurrection, glory to You!

Apolytikion of the Entrance Tone 1

Kontakion for the Entrance of the Lord into the Temple Tone 1

You sanctified the womb of the Virgin by Your birth, and by Your presentation You blessed the hands of Symeon, when You came, and You saved us, O Christ our God. Now we pray You give peace to Your world at war, and let love for Your people prevail in all, O only benevolent Lord.

Hymn to the Theotokos Tone 3

*Theotokos, as the hope of us Christians, one and all, * guard and shelter and protect those who put their hope in you.*

In the shadow and the letter of the Law, * we the faithful perceive the decree: * Consecrate to God every male, the first-born opening the womb. * Now the unoriginate Father's first-born Logos and Son * is also first-born of a virgin Mother, and we magnify Him.

Divine Services

Mon. Feb. 10: Orthros 8am and Liturgy 9am for St. Charalampos

Wed. Feb. 12: Paraklesis 5pm

Sat. Feb. 15: Great Vespers 5pm

Memorial Service

This morning we remember the departed servant of +God Doina Haidau (16 years) She is the mother of Ruxandra Georgescu.

Also, we remember the departed servant of God +Dennis Schutte on the 40th day of his repose. *Everlasting be their her memory!*

Front Range GOYA Lenten Retreat

The Assumption Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Denver is sponsoring this youth retreat for middle and high school ages, April 4-6, 2025, at the Ponderosa Retreat Center. Teens from our sister parishes will be participating! For more information: please contact Tianna at tainna20@gmail.com

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.

Bookstore and Library

Great Lent is around the corner - - starting on March 3! Get in early for some great books for the Paschal Season. More books are on their way as

well as beautiful Orthodox items, gifts and greeting cards. See you at our Church Bookstore! *All that are careful in this life, procure books that will be medicine for the soul.* -St. John Chrysostom

Coffee Hour Volunteer Clean Up Schedule

For those who would like to volunteer in helping in the church hall, we now have a sign up sheet for assisting in cleaning up after coffee hour. The sheet is posted downstairs in the kitchen next to coffee hour sign up sheet. *Also, parents please make sure you cleanup after your children during coffee hour.*

Coffee Hour Signup

Please consider sponsoring a coffee hour. Donations are welcome!

Feb. 9: Johnson Family

Feb. 16: Sponsor Needed

Feb. 23: Met. Constantine visit

March 2: Sponsor Needed

Capital Campaign

King Soopers Cards has a Loyalty Card Program that offers 5% of your purchase sent to a designated charity which Archangel Michael is an eligible recipient. You may sign up online or go to the customer service desk.

AMGOC Philoptochos

The next Philoptochos meeting will be held on Saturday, February 22, at 10 am. Philoptochos Member Hannah Portuesi will be leading a Psalter group to read the Book of Psalms during Great Lent, beginning March 3rd. Please contact AMGOCPhiloptochos@gmail.com, or see Hannah directly for more information or to sign up.

Church School

Classes meet following Holy Communion. Please allow the Church School students receive Holy Communion first. Classes resume today.

Greek School

Alex Ellis offering Greek language classes free of charge. Classes began on September 7, 2024. For more information call him at 719.471.015.7

AMGOC Online Giving

Our parish is now offering online giving as a means to make offering for stewardship, Capital Campaign, memorial donations and more. Please use the scan the QR code with your smart phone or <https://giving.servantkeeper.com/AMGOC>



Stewardship 2025

The 2025 Stewardship Sunday was on Sunday December 22nd and a presentation was offered by Ruxandra Georgescu and Nathan Pesch co-chairs. Stewardship Packets are available today. Please see Ruxandra Georgescu for more information. You may return your filled out card in the offering box.