

Sackett Avenue, Salida, CO 81201. A potluck is offered at the above address with a cash bar available for wine and beer. You may drop off your food at the Salida Steam Plant Theater on your way to Monarch at the Crest. Please remember to dress *warm*.

## Orthodox Catechism Class

Class will meet following coffee hour on January 19. All are welcome to attend.

## Home Blessings

It is a tradition to have our homes and/or our business blessed by the priest every year following the celebration of Theophany on January 6. This practice allows us to bring the feast to our homes and have them sanctified (made holy) with the sprinkling of the Great Blessing of Water. 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 Church Calendars

The 2025 Church calendars are available on the candle stand. Please cross your name off the directory. If it is not on it, kindly right it on the last page.

**The Venerable Macarius the Great:** *Macarius was an Egyptian and one of the younger contemporaries of Anthony the Great. His father was a priest. Out of obedience to his parents, Macarius married. However, his wife died shortly thereafter and he withdrew to the wilderness, where he spent sixty years in labor and struggle, both inwardly and outwardly, for the Kingdom of Heaven. When they asked him why he was so thin, both when he ate and when he did not eat, he responded: "From the fear of God." So much did he succeed in cleansing his mind of evil thoughts and his heart of evil desires, that God bestowed upon him the abundant gift of miracle-working, so that he even raised the dead from the graves. His humility amazed both men and demons. A demon once said to him: "There is only one thing in which I am unable to surpass you. It is not in fasting, for I do not eat anything. It is not in vigils, for I never sleep." "But what is it?" asked Macarius. "Your humility," answered the demon. Macarius often told Paphnutius, his disciple: "Do not judge anyone, and you will be saved." Macarius lived to be ninety-seven years old. Nine days before his death, St. Anthony and St. Pachomius appeared to him from the other world and informed him that he would die within nine days; and it came to pass. Before his death, Macarius also had a vision in which a Cherubim revealed to him the blessed heavenly world, commended his effort and his virtue, and told him that he had been sent to take his soul into the Kingdom of Heaven. Macarius reposed in the year 390 A.D.*

## Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church Bulletin

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# January 19, 2025

### Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

**Apostolic Reading:** Colossians 3:4 – 11

**Gospel:** St. Luke 17:12 – 19

**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: 12th Sunday of Luke.** Venerable Makarios the Great; Arsenios, bishop of Kerkyra; venerable Mark Eugenikos, metropolitan of Ephesos, pillar of Orthodoxy.

### Order of Services

#### Apolytikion of the Resurrection Tone 5

As the Father and Spirit are unoriginate, \* so the Word, who was born from the Virgin for us. \* Let us praise Him, O believers, and let us worship Him. \* For our salvation He was pleased \* to be crucified in the flesh, \* and to undergo death, \* and to resurrect the dead, by His glorious resurrection.

#### Apolytikion for St. Makarios Tone 1

As a citizen of the desert and an angel incarnate \* and a wonder-worker you shone forth, O Makarios our God-bearing father. \* Since you received the spiritual gifts \* by fasting and vigilance and prayer, \* you can cure those who are ailing and heal the souls \* of those who run to you with faith. \* Glory to Him who gave His might to you; \* glory to Him who placed a crown on you; \* glory to Him who operates through you, providing cures to all.

#### 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 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.

## Divine Services

**Wed. Jan. 22:** Small Vespers 5pm

**Thurs. Jan. 23:** Orthros 8am and Liturgy 9am for St. Dionysios of Olympos

**Sat. Jan. 25:** 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.

## Bookstore and Library

A big THANK YOU to those who made purchases and supported our Church Bookstore in 2024. We are grateful for your patronage as it helped increase our sales and therefore grow our inventory. Our bookstore continues to be well-stocked consisting of many wonderful books, beautiful Icons, and Orthodox themed items and gifts. We couldn't do this without you! *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.*

## Parish Council Elections

We will hold elections for Parish Council on Sunday, January 19th, 2025. Absentee Ballots are available.

## Coffee Hour Signup

Please consider sponsoring a coffee hour. Donations are welcome!

**Jan. 19:** Kalamas Family

**Jan. 26:** Sponsor Needed

**Feb. 2:** Sponsor Needed

**Feb. 9:** Johnson Family

## 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 AMGOC Philoptochos ladies, after consulting with Father Dennis, recently visited several families who have not been able to attend Church regularly. The families were presented with a Nativity gift basket filled with several goodies and an Icon ornament. The visits were well received and appreciated. Thank you to everyone who contributed their time, talent and treasure to their Church community. We hope to do something similarly during the Paschal season.

## Memorial Service

This morning we remember in our prayers the departed servants of God +Panagiotis Kalamas (3 years). He is the father of Maria Kalamas Hedden.

Also, we remember in our prayers the departed servant of God +Tiffany Yant (6 years) She is the daughter of Connie Stauffer. *Everlasting be their memory!*

## 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.

## 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.

## Blessing of the Waters at the Continental Divide

The Annual Greater Blessing of Waters at Monarch Pass (Continental Divide) will be held on January 20, 2025 at 10:30 am. We gather at the Monarch Crest Visitor Center, 24500 US-50, CO 81201. Luncheon and live entertainment to follow around 12:30 - 2:30 pm at: Salida Steam Plant Theater, 220 W