

buried at Pike's Peak National Cemetery on Wednesday, November 27, at 10am with military honors. *Everlasting be his memory!*

## 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

## Nativity Fast

On Nov. 15, we begin one of the **four major fast seasons** in the Orthodox Church. For this forty-day period we are called to abstain from meat and dairy products. While many in America have Christmas parties before the Nativity of our Lord, we are called to prepare ourselves for this joyous celebration by prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The proper time for celebration is from Christmas day until Jan. 4, as the Church relaxes the fasting rules. Let us not allow this season to pass by us without making an effort for our spiritual life. Certainly, it is an excellent time to intensify our prayer life at home and at church. Let us also cleanse ourselves from the heavy weight of our sins with the Mystery of Holy Confession. *May our Lord give us strength and faith to accomplish the course of the fast!*

## Saints of the Day

**The Holy Great-Martyr Catherine:** Catherine was the daughter of King Constus. After the death of her father, she lived with her mother in Alexandria. Her mother was secretly a Christian who, through her spiritual father, brought Catherine to the Christian Faith. In a vision, St. Catherine received a ring from the Lord Jesus Himself as a sign of her betrothal to Him. This ring remains on her finger even today. Catherine was greatly gifted by God and was well educated in Greek philosophy, medicine, rhetoric and logic. In addition to that, she was of unusual physical beauty. When the iniquitous Emperor Maxentius offered sacrifices to the idols and ordered others to do the same, Catherine boldly confronted the emperor and denounced his idolatrous errors. The emperor, seeing that she was greater than he in wisdom and knowledge, summoned fifty of his wisest men to debate with her on matters of faith and to put her to shame. Catherine outwitted and shamed them. In a rage, the emperor ordered all fifty of those men burned. By St. Catherine's prayers, all fifty confessed the name of Christ and declared themselves Christians before their execution. After Catherine had been put in prison, she converted the emperor's commander, Porphyrius, and two hundred soldiers to the true Faith, as well as Empress Augusta-Vasilissa herself. They all suffered for Christ. During the torture of St. Catherine, an angel of God came to her and destroyed the wheel on which the holy virgin was being tortured. Afterward, the Lord Jesus Christ Himself appeared to her and comforted her. After many tortures, Catherine was beheaded at the age of eighteen, on November 24, 310 A.D. Milk, instead of blood, flowed from her body. Her miracle-working relics repose on Mount Sinai.

## Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church Bulletin

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## November 24, 2024

### Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

**Apostolic Reading:** Galatians 6:11 – 18

**Gospel:** St. Luke 18:18 – 27

**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: 13th Sunday of Luke:** Clement, pope of Rome; Hieromartyrs Peter, archbishop of Alexandria, and Hermogenes, bishop of Agrigentum; Martyrs Philomenos and Alexander of Corinth.

### Hymns of the Day

**Antiphons for the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple**

### 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 to the Theotokos Tone 4

Today is the prelude of God's good will and the heralding of the salvation of mankind. In the temple of God, the Virgin is presented openly, and she proclaims Christ unto all. To her, then, with a great voice let us cry aloud: Rejoice, O you fulfilment of the Creator's dispensation.

### 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

The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, into the House of the Lord on this day is brought forward and brings with herself the grace of the Most Divine Spirit; her do God's Angels hymn with

songs of praise, for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

## Divine Services

**TONIGHT** Great Vespers 5pm at St. Catherine Greek Orthodox Church in Greenwood Village for their patronal feast day celebration.

Monday, Nov. 25: Orthros 8am and Liturgy 9am for the Great Martyr Catherine at Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church.

**Wed. Nov. 27:** NO SERVICE

**Sat. Nov 30:** Orthros 8am and Liturgy 9am for St. Andrew.

**Sat. Nov. 30:** 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!

**Nov. 24:** Medina, Olson, Serna Families **Dec. 1:** LaBrie Family

**Dec. 8:** MacDonald Family **Dec. 15:** Topakas Family

## 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.*

## Bookstore and Library

The *2025 Daily Lives, Miracles, and Wisdom of the Saints & Fasting Calendar* is available for sale in our bookstore. We have quite a few copies in stock; however, when they're gone, they're gone! So hurry and purchase your copy soon. We also have many new items in our bookstore as well. The only way to know what's available is to come by and have a look. And, Christmas is right around the corner! We have plenty of beautiful gifts for the ones you love. If you can't find that perfect gift in our bookstore, I can help with special orders. Gift certificates are available for purchase too! *All that are careful in this life, procure books that will be medicine for the soul. -St. John Chrysostom*

## 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.

## Orthodox Catechism Class

Class will meet today following coffee hour. *All are welcomed to attend!*

## Church School

Classes meet following Holy Communion. Please allow the Church School students receive Holy Communion first. See Sara LaBrie for more information.

## Archangel Michael Community Christmas Outreach

Many of Queen Palmer Elementary School (District 11) students come from low-income families. This year, Archangel Michael will assist in providing Christmas gifts to 20 families in need. The Christmas Outreach will be conducted until December 1<sup>st</sup>. Details are in the flyer, located at the candle stand. To participate, please check the displays located downstairs. When selecting a gift, please take the ornament and sign the master list nearby. When bringing the gifts to Church, please attach the ornament to the gifts and place in the bins downstairs. Gift cards can be placed in the Christmas stockings, labeled by family number. *Thank you to everyone for your participation!*

## AMGOC Philoptochos

The women of our parish are invited to participate in the newly forming Philoptochos (Friends of the Poor). The Women's Fellowship will now be known as the Philoptochos. Congratulations to the following board members: Courtney Parmer—*President*, Lisa Harr—*Vice-president*, Elizabeth Nissen—*Treasurer*, Sarah LaBrie—*Secretary*, Penny Johnson—*Director*, Maria Rainford—*Director*, Rose Timora—*Director*.

## Metropolis Open House

His Eminence, Met. Isaiah is pleased to invite you to the Metropolis of Denver annual Christmas Celebration and Open House and will be held at the Metropolis Center on **Friday, December 13, 2024 from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m.** There is no cost to attend.

## Stewardship 2024

Remember to be current with your stewardship. If you did not receive a 2024 packet, please see Ruxandra Georgescu.

## 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>



## Memory Eternal!

On Thursday, November 14, +Otis Corley fell asleep in the Lord. He will be