

## Mystery of Chrismation

Last Sunday, March 11, the servant of God Angie Topakas was received into the Orthodox Church through the Holy Mystery of Chrismation. Her Godmother is Ruxandra Georgescu. *May our Lord grant them health and many years!*

## Holy Week Books

We have purchased 10 Holy Week Books Greek/English and are available for \$25 each.

## Parish Events

Our parish community has two upcoming events:

- **Territory Days**, held on Memorial Day weekend, May 26, 27 and 28.
- **Greek Festival**, August 17, 18 and 19

*Please mark your calendars and also volunteer for these important fundraisers.*

## Church School During Great Lent

On the following Sundays, the Church School children will remain in the church: Palm Sunday, April 1 and Pascha, April 8

Always remember that even the Son of God and all His friends entered His kingdom through thorns and crosses.

**St. Nikodimos the Athonite**

## During Great Lent

**Fasting:** Orthodox Christians are called to abstain from all meat—(yes, *chicken is meat!*)—dairy products i.e. eggs, milk, etc., fish, wine and olive oil during Great Lent, which begins on February 19, Clean Monday (Καθαρά Δευτέρα). To strengthen ourselves, the Church asks us to increase our prayer life (attending the Lenten Services), flee from sinful behavior, and to give alms. Let us together keep the fast as strictly as possible, increase our daily prayers, approach the Mystery of Holy Confession and forgive one another any offenses that have caused division or anger. If we are unsure about fasting or confession please see Fr. Dennis. May God bless us; grant us strength and faith to complete the course of the fast.

**Liturgy of St. Basil the Great:** During the Great Lenten period we use the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great every Sunday and on Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday mornings.

**Services:** We are called to abstain from certain foods during the Great Fast as we are to abstain from sin. This cannot be achieved without an increased prayer life. The Church in Her wisdom has not only called for us to fast, but gives us more services that will aid us in our Lenten journey. The Great Compline will be offered every Monday evening, the Presanctified Liturgy every Wednesday evening and the Salutations to our Theotokos every Friday evening.

**Coffee Hour/Dinners During Lent:** When bringing treats for the coffee hour during the Great Lenten Fast, please remember we must maintain the fasting practices of the Orthodox Church. While each may not be able to keep the fast as strictly as prescribed, let us nonetheless, keep it when we gather as community and people of God.

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## March 18, 2018

### Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

**Apostolic Reading:** Hebrews 6:13-20

**Gospel:** St. Mark 9:17-31

**Services:** *Sunday*-9 a.m. Orthros and 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy, *Weekdays* 8 a.m. Orthros and 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy when scheduled.

**Saints of the Day: Sunday of St. John of the Ladder.** Cyril, Patriarch of Jerusalem; Martyrs Trophymos and Eukarpos of Nicomedia and those with them; Nikolai (Velimirovic), bishop of Zica in Serbia.

### Hymns of the Day

**Antiphons with verses for the Holy Cross**

### After the Entrance

#### 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 St. John Klimakos Tone 8

With the streams of your tears, you did cultivate the barrenness of the desert; and by your sighing's from the depths, you did bear fruit a hundredfold in labors; and you became a luminary, shining with miracles upon the world, John our righteous Father. 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 Hymn to the Theotokos

To You, the Champion Commander, I, Your City, inscribe victorious anthems of thanksgiving, For deliverance from sufferings, Theotokos. In

as much as you have power unassailable, from all manner of dangers set me free; that I may cry out to you, Rejoice Bride unwedded.

Τῇ ὑπερμάχῳ Στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια, ὡς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν εὐχαριστήρια, ἀναγράφῃ σοι ἡ Πόλις σου Θεοτόκε. Ἄλλ' ὡς ἔχουσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον, ἐκ παντοίων με κινδύνων ἐλευθερωσον, ἵνα κράζῃ σοι· Χαῖρε, Νύμφη ἀνυμφευτε. (*Page 98 in the green book.*)

### Instead of “It is truly right...Axion Estin”

In you rejoices all creation, O you who are full of grace, the hierarchy of the angels, and all mankind, O consecrated temple and paradise endowed with speech, glory of virginity, of whom God, who is our God before the ages, was incarnate and became a little child.

Επὶ σοί χαίρει, Κεχαριτωμένη, πάσα κτίσις. Ἀγγέλων τὸ σύστημα καὶ ἀνθρώπων τὸ γένος, ἡγιασμένε ναεὶ καὶ παράδεισε λογικέ, παρθενικόν καύχημα, ἐξ ἧς Θεός εσαρκώθη καὶ παιδίον γέγονεν, ὁ πρό αἰώνων ὑπάρχων Θεός ἡμῶν, τήν γάρ σὴν μήτραν θρόνον ἐποίησε, καὶ τήν σὴν γαστέρα πλατυτέραν οὐρανῶν ἀπειργάσατο. Ἐπὶ σοί χαίρει, Κεχαριτωμένη, πάσα ἡ κτίσις δόξα σοι.

### Divine Services

**TONIGHT:** Lenten Vespers at St. Mary's, Calhan 6pm. *Lenten meal to follow.*

**Mon., March 19:** Great Compline 6pm

**Tues., March 20:** Lenten Hours 8am

**Wed., March 21:** 9<sup>th</sup> Hour 5:30 pm and Presanctified Liturgy 6 pm *Those preparing to receive Holy Communion are to fast strictly from the noonday meal or sooner from all food and drink (12:00 pm for lunch and should eat very light Lenten meal).*

**Thurs., March 22:** Lenten Hours 8am

**Fri., March 23:** Akathist Hymn V to the Theotokos at 6pm

**Sat., March 24:** Great Vespers 6pm

### 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 sponsor a coffee hour. Donations are welcome to help provide treats following services. **March 18:** Rainford Family (Great Lent); **March 25:** Jake Topakas and others (Great Lent, fish permitted). **April 1:** Palm Sunday Luncheon (volunteers needed). **April 8:** Pascha Church Picnic.

### Stewardship 2018

Stewardship Sunday for 2018 was held on **December 3**. Please see Ruxandra Georgescu for your packet.

### 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.

### Bookstore/Library

Please visit our bookstore for icons, books, etc. You may see Olga Sonneburg for more information.

### Greek Dance Lessons/Group

We welcome your children, ages 4 to 21, to join our parish Greek dance group. Practices take place every two weeks. The goal is to have a group dancing for our Annual Greek Festival. Any interested adults with knowledge of Greek dances are welcome to help teach. Contact Constadina Vasiliades at: 808-373-0312 or [constadina@shaw.ca](mailto:constadina@shaw.ca) if interested or for questions. Next dance practice will be after church on March 18th.

### 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 Cards:** Please pick up your King Soopers card as 5% of every purchase is sent back to AMGOC.

### Food for the Soul During Great Lent

We have a wonderful booklet available (26 pages), *A Worshiper's Guide to the Divine Liturgy*, by Fr. Steven Tsichlis.

### Congratulations!

Well done to Erik Simkins on his recent promotion to Captain U.S. Army. We are proud of you and grateful for your service to our country. *Hooah!*

### Collection for Fallen Deputy Sheriff ☩Micah Flick

We heard of the tragic shooting and death of Det. Micah Flick. Our parish is taking a collection for his family for our Lenten offering, please be generous.

### Red Eggs

We are dying eggs red on Holy Thursday, April 5. We will purchase the 15 dozen brown eggs and cash donations are welcome.

### Donations for Great Lent

Paschal Candle \$275, daffodils \$125, palms for Palm Sunday services \$125. We need the icon of the Bridegroom decorated for Palm Sunday evening \$50, and flowers for the kouvouklion of Holy Friday \$1,000.