

are being persecuted and even killed for their faith in Jesus Christ. Remember also the two kidnapped Orthodox bishops from Syria.

Greek Dance Lessons/Youth Group

We welcome your children, ages 4 and older, to join our parish **Youth Greek Dance Group**. *Practice will continue on Sunday, April 29.* For more information please contact Constadina Vasiliades at: 808-373-0312 or constadina@shaw.ca if interested or for questions.

Stewardship 2018

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

Bookstore/Library

Thank you to all of you who made purchases in recent weeks. Your support for the bookstore is much appreciated. New books and items are on their way and more news to follow shortly. If you have any items you would like to see in the bookstore or would like specially ordered, please contact Olga at osonnenburg@comcast.net. Comments and/or suggestions are welcome.

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.

Upcoming Parish Events

Our parish community has two upcoming events: **Territory Days**, held on May 26, 27 and 28, and the **Greek Festival**, August 17, 18 and 19. *Please mark your calendars and also volunteer for these important fundraisers.*

Archangel Michael Icon Workshop

Once again we are hosting an Icon Painting Workshop on May 3, 4, 5, 6. The first session will be on Thursday, May 3—from 6pm to 9pm (this is an optional date for those that can attend and wish to get an early start) followed by Friday, May 4—from 6pm to 9pm, Saturday, May 5—from 9am. to 6pm., and Sunday, May 6—from 12pm to 6pm. The workshop is open to all levels; no previous painting or Iconography experience is necessary. All materials are included in the workshop. Space is available for 12 participants on a first-come, first-serve basis at a cost of \$275.00 per participant. The workshop will be instructed by Mr. Christopher Gosey, whose studio is in New Hampshire, where he specializes in Russian, Byzantine, and Ethiopian Orthodox Icon-writing. He has lectured in the Harvard Divinity School, the International Society of Guilders, and Harvard's School of Middle Eastern Studies. See his work at <http://holyimagesnh.weebly.com>). Additional information is available on the sign-up sheet or contact Nick Rougas at 719-369-7700 or rougasn@Comcast.net.

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Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen! Χριστὸς Ἀνέστη! Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη!

Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

Apostolic Reading: Acts 6:1-7

Gospel: St. Mark 15:43-16:8

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: **Myrrh Bearing Women**, Theodore Sykeote, bishop of Anastasiopolis; Apostle Nathanael; Martyr Nearchos; Vsevolod, prince of Pskov; Martyr Epipodios of Lyons.

Order of Service

Antiphons: From Pascha

Small Entrance we chant the Paschal verses and Christ is Risen

Instead of Come let us worship we chant:

In the congregations bless God, the Lord from the well-springs of Israel; save us O Son of God, who are risen from the dead, we sing to You: alleluia.

Ἐν Ἐκκλησίαις εὐλογεῖτε τὸν Θεόν, Κύριον ἐκ πηγῶν Ἰσραήλ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς, Υἱέ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλουῖα.

After the Entrance

Apolytikion of the Resurrection Tone 2

When You descended to the realm of death, You as life immortal rendered to Hades a mortal blow by Your all radiant divinity. And when You from infernal depths and the darkness below did raise the dead, all the hosts of heaven's powers did proclaim and cry out O life-giving Christ and our God we give glory. *Page 81 in the green book.*

Apolytikion Joseph of Arimathea Tone 2

The noble Joseph, taking Your immaculate Body down from the Tree, and having wrapped It in pure linen and spices, laid It for burial in anew tomb. But on the third day You did arise, O Lord, granting great mercy to the world.

Apolytikion Myrrh-Bearers Tone 2

Unto the myrrh-bearing women did the Angel cry out as he stood by the grave: Myrrh- oils are meet for the dead, but Christ has proved to be a stranger to corruption. But cry out: The Lord is risen, granting great mercy to the world. mercy to the world.

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 Pascha Tone 8

Though You did descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet did You destroy the power of Hades, and did arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Your Apostles O You Who does grant resurrection to the fallen.

Instead of “Axion Estin” Tone 1

The angel cried unto her that is full of grace: O pure Virgin, rejoice, and again, I say: Rejoice; for your Son has risen from the grave on the third day.

Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord, has arisen upon you; dance now and be glad O Sion, and do you exult, O pure Theotokos, in the arising of Him Whom You did bear.

Ο Ἀγγελος ἐβόα τῇ Κεχαριτωμένῃ· Ἀγνή παρθένε, χαῖρε καὶ πάλιν ἐρῶ χαῖρε, ὁ σὸς Υἱὸς ἀνέστη τριήμερος ἐκ τάφου.

Φωτίζου, φωτίζου, ἡ νέα Ἰερουσαλήμ· ἡ γὰρ δόξα Κυρίου ἐπὶ σέ ἀνέτειλε. Χόρευε νῦν καὶ ἀγάλλου Σιών, σὺ δὲ Ἀγνή, τέρπου Θεοτόκε, ἐν τῇ ἐγέρσει τοῦ Τόκου σου.

Communion Hymn and during Communion of the Faithful

Receive the Body of Christ, and taste the source of Immortality. Alleluia.

Instead of We have seen the true light . . .

Christ is Risen 1x

Divine Services

Mon. April 23: Orthros 8am and Liturgy 9am for the St. George

Wed., April 25: Orthros 8am and Liturgy 9am for S.t Mark. Small Paraklesis 6pm

Sat. April 28: Great Vespers 6pm

Paschal Greetings to All!

Fr. Dennis and the Parish Council extend their best wishes and prayers to all of the faithful and friends of our community for a joyous celebration of our Lord's Holy Resurrection. May our Lord bless all who have prepared our

church by cleaning, decorating and cooking or donated toward the ongoing work at Archangel Michael. *Christ is Risen!*

During the Paschal Season

- We do not kneel during any church services from Pascha until Pentecost and the prayer of “*Heavenly King...*”, is not said until Pentecost as it is replaced with triple singing of Christ is Risen for the forty days.
- Tradition relates that in Italy Mary Magdalene visited Emperor Tiberias (14-37 A.D.) and proclaimed to him Christ's Resurrection. According to Tradition, she took him a red egg as a symbol of the Resurrection, a symbol of new life with the words: “Christ is Risen!” Then she told the emperor that in his Province of Judea the unjustly condemned Jesus the Galilean, a holy man, a miracle worker, powerful before God and all mankind, had been executed at the instigation of the Jewish High Priests, and the sentence confirmed by the procurator appointed by Tiberias, Pontius Pilate.
- The Church relaxes the normal fasting rule to celebrate our Lord's Resurrection. Following Bright Week, wine and oil are permitted every Wednesday and Friday until the Ascension.
- Other saints of our Orthodox Church not named in the Gospels or writings of the Scriptures are: The wife of Pontius Pilate is St. Prokla (feast day Oct. 27) and the soldier at the foot of the cross who said: “Truly this was the Son of God” the martyr Longinus (feast day Oct. 16).

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.

Dates to Remember

May 17—Ascension of the Lord, May 27—Pentecost, June 4-29—Apostles Fast.

Coffee Hour Signup

Please sponsor a coffee hour. Donations are welcome to help provide treats following services. **April 22:** Lynne Meister, **April 29:** Presvytera Sophia, **May 6:** Stephanie Falko, **May 13** Sponsor Needed

Christians Around the World

Please remember to keep Christians around the world in your prayers. Many