

Graduates

Congratulations to the following graduates:

- Michael Dabit graduated from Rocky Vista Medical School in Denver and he will be a General Surgery Resident at the Swedish Hospital in Denver.
- Linda Botros Dabeet will graduate from CU Boulder, with a Bachelor of Science Degree

If you have a graduate or graduates you want announce, please email it to info@amgoc.org.

Saints of the Day

The Holy Martyr Thalelaeus: Thalelaeus was born in Lebanon. His father was called Berucius and his mother was called Romila. Thalelaeus was an eighteen-year old youth, handsome of countenance, physically tall and with reddish yellow hair. He was a physician by profession. He suffered for Christ during the reign of Numerian. When he bravely confessed his faith in Christ the Lord before his tormenting judge, the judge ordered the two executioners, Alexander and Asterius, to bore through his knees with a drill, to thread a rope through the perforated bones and to hang him from a tree. But God through an invisible power, took away the sight of the executioners. In place of Thalelaeus they bored through a board and hung it from a tree. When the judge-torturer found out, he thought that the executioners did this intentionally and ordered them both to be flogged. Then Alexander and Asterius, in the midst of their flogging, cried out: "The Lord is alive to us and, from now on, we are also becoming Christians. We believe in Christ and suffer for Him." Upon hearing this, the judge-torturer ordered that both be beheaded. Then the judge took the drill to bore the knees of Thalelaeus himself but his hands became paralyzed and he begged Thalelaeus to save him, which the innocent martyr of Christ did, with the help of prayer. Following that, Thalelaeus was thrown into water but appeared alive before his tormentor (for Thalelaeus prayed to God inwardly to prolong his sufferings that he not die immediately). When he was thrown before wild beasts, they licked his feet and were amiable toward him. Finally, Thalelaeus was beheaded and took up his habitation in life eternal in the year 284 A.D.

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Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

Apostolic Reading: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

Gospel: St. John 17:1-13

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: 7th Sunday of Pascha and the Holy Fathers. Sunday After Ascension. Martyrs Thallelaios of Cilicia, Nikostratos and Antiochos; Venerable Nikitas, John and Joseph of Chios; Lydia of Philippisia; uncovering of the relics of Alexis the wonder-worker, metropolitan of Moscow; Venerable Stephen of Piper.

Order of Service

First Antiphon with Festal Verses

By the prayers...

Second Antiphon with Festal Verses

Save us, O Son of God, Who has ascended from us in glory into the heavens, we sing to you . Alleluia.

Σωσον ημας, Υιε Θεου, ο εν δοξη αναληφθεις αφ ημων εις τους ουρανους, ψαλλοντας Σοι. Αλληλουϊα

Third Antiphon with Festal Verses

You have ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Your disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit; and they were assured by the blessing that You are the Son of God and Redeemer of the world.

After the Entrance:

Apolytikion of the Resurrection Tone 6

When the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb and those who guarded You became as though dead, and standing by Your sepulcher was Mary seeking Your pure and sacred body; for You did vanquish Hades and uncorrupted by its touch You came unto the virgin woman, bestowing the gift of life, O You who rose from the dead, Lord we give glory to You. *Page 86 in the green book.*

Apolytikion for Ascension Tone 4

You have ascended...

Apolytikion of the Holy Fathers Tone 8

Most glorified are You, O Christ our God, Who has established our Fathers as luminous stars upon the earth and through them did guide us all to the true Faith. O Most Merciful One, glory be to You.

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 Ascension Tone 6

When You had fulfilled Your dispensation for our sakes, uniting things on earth with the Heavens, You did ascend in glory, O Christ our God, departing not hence, but remaining inseparable from us and crying unto them that love You: I am with you, and no one can be against you.

Instead of Εἰδομεν το φως The Apolytikion for Ascension

Divine Services

Mon. May 21: Orthros 8am Liturgy for the Feasts of Saints Constantine and Helen 9am

Wed. May 23: Paraklesis 6pm

Sat. May 26: Orthros 8am Liturgy 9am for the Saturday of Souls. Great Vespers 6pm

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.

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.

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.

Dates to Remember

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. **May 20** Simkins Family, **May 27** Pentecost and Territory Days: no coffee hour, **June 3** Dora Archer and Anna Hansen. **June 10** Sponsor Needed

Bookstore

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. We have a variety of books, icons, greeting cards, prayer ropes/bracelets and a small lending library. The flyer for May is on the candle stand. If you have any items you would like to see in the bookstore or would like specially ordered, please contact Olga at oson-nenburg@comcast.net. Comments and/or suggestions are welcome.

Greek Dance Lessons/Youth Group

We welcome your children, ages 4 and older, to join our parish **Youth Greek Dance Group**. 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.

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. An email was sent out to sign up online and we have paper signup sheets in our hall for Territory Days. Please contact Demetria Greenwood at (716)860-0830 or by email at demetria.greenwood@gmail.com.

Church School

The last day of classes is today, May 20. We are grateful to our teachers and students for their dedication.