

Saints of the Day

The Priestly Martyr Therapontus, Bishop of Sardis: Therapontus converted many Hellenes [Greeks] to the Faith of Christ and for that he was cruelly tortured by the pagans through starvation, imprisonment and flogging. Naked, they placed him on the ground and tied him to four dry stumps and whipped him unmercifully until his flesh was ripped from his bones. But the martyr remained alive and those four stumps turned green and grew into tall trees from which many who were ill received healing. Finally, St. Therapontus was slaughtered like a lamb during the reign of Valerian about 259 A.D. and with his soul took up habitation in the kingdom to behold the glory of God in eternity. He suffered honorably in the year 259 A.D.

The Holy Martyrs Theodora and Didymus: During the reign of the nefarious Emperor Maximilian there lived in Alexandria a virgin Theodora, of noble descent and upbringing. As a Christian, Theodora was brought to trial before the pagans. After a prolonged period of torture for the Faith of Christ, the prince-torturer ordered that she be brought to a place of ill repute and permitted the soldiers to enter and to approach her for the satisfaction of their carnal passions. St. Theodora fervently prayed to God to save her from defilement and while she was praying, a soldier by the name of Didymus came to her and told her that he also is a servant of Christ, dressed her in his military attire and he, in her female attire. Then, he permitted her to leave and he remained in the house of ill repute. Later, he was arrested, brought to trial, admitted that he is a Christian, that he saved Theodora and that he is ready to die for Christ. Didymus was sentenced to death and led to the scaffold. Theodora ran up to him and cried out: "Even though you saved my honor, I did not ask you to save me from death. Yield to me, a martyr's death!"

St. Didymus said to her: "My beloved sister, do not prevent me to die for Christ and, by my blood, to wash away my sins!" Hearing this discussion, the pagans sentenced them both to death and both were beheaded and their bodies incinerated. They honorably suffered and both obtained the wreath of eternal glory in the year 304 A.D. at Alexandria.

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Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

Apostolic Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Gospel: St. John 7:37-52, 8:12

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: 8th Sunday of Holy Pentecost Hieromartyrs Heladios and Therapont, bishop of Sardis; Martyr Alypios; uncovering of the relics of Neilos the Younger, stylite of Seliger Lake; John the Russian, the confessor.

Order of Service

First Antiphon with festal verses

Second Antiphon with festal verses

Save us, O Good Comforter, we sing to You. Alleluia

Σῶσον ἡμᾶς, Παράκλητε ἀγαθέ, ψάλλοντάς Σοι· Ἀλληλούια.

Third Antiphon (The Little Entrance)

Εὐλογητός εἶ, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός ἡμῶν, ὁ πανσόφους τοὺς ἀλιεῖς ἀναδείξας, καταπέμψας αὐτοῖς τό Πνεῦμα τό ἅγιον, καί δι' αὐτῶν τήν οἰκουμένην σαγηνεύσας. Φιλάνθρωπε, δόξα σοι.

Blessed are You, • O Christ our God, • Who has shown forth • the fishermen as all wise • by sending down upon them • the Holy Spirit, • and through them • did draw the world into Your net • O Lover of mankind glory to You.

Instead of "Come let us worship . . ."

Be exalted, O Lord in Your strength; we will sing and chant of Your mighty acts. Save us, O Good Comforter, we sing to You. Alleluia.

After the Entrance

Apolytikion of Pentecost Tone 8

Blessed are You, O Christ our God....

Kontakion for Pentecost Tone 8

Once, when He descended and confounded the tongues, the Most High

divided the nations; and when He divided the tongues of fire, He called all men into unity; and with one accord we glorify the All-holy Spirit.

Instead of Holy God: “Those who have been baptized...” (pg. 109)

Instead of “Axion Estin” we chant Tone 4

O Mother who did not know man, who conceived without experiencing corruption, giving flesh to the creating Word: we magnify you, the virgin Mother of God, receptacle of the uncontainable and abode of the infinite Creator.

The Communion Hymn

Your good Spirit shall lead me in the land of uprightness. Alleluia.

Instead of Εἰδομεν το φως The Apolytikion for Pentecost

Divine Services

Mon. May 28: Orthros 8am Liturgy for Monday of The Holy Spirit 9am

Wed. May 30: Paraklesis 6pm

Sat. June 2: 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.

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

June 4-29-Apostles Fast.

Coffee Hour Signup

Please sponsor a coffee hour. Donations are welcome to help provide treats following services. **May 27** Pentecost and Territory Days: no coffee hour, **June 3** Dora Archer and Anna Hansen. **June 10** Sponsor Needed **June 17** 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 osonenburg@comcast.net. Comments and/or suggestions are welcome.

Greek Dance Lessons/Youth Group

We welcome your children, ages 4 and older, and adults to join our parish **Greek Dance Group**. For more information please contact Constadina Vasilades 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.

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.

Aim High!

Congratulations to Nico Rainford on graduating from Officer Training School, OTS, and getting promoted as a 2LT in the Air Force on May 24th. He is the son of Wayne and Maria Rainford. His first duty station for pilot school is Columbus AFB in Columbus, Mississippi. May our Lord continue to bless Nico and protect him.