

After that the earth gave up the bodies of these martyrs so that Christians could find them and honorably bury them. Many miracles occurred over their relics which, when many pagans saw, they converted to the Christian Faith. When the Persian king, upon hearing how Julian inhumanely gave his emissaries over to death, he prepared an army against him. Convinced of victory, Julian set out against the Persian Empire but he was overwhelmingly defeated and perished in shame to the joy and ridicule of the entire world.

The Venerable Pior: Pior was a hermit [Silentary] in Nitria. Inflamed with love for God, Pior, at an early age, renounced the world and withdrew to the Egyptian wilderness where he heroically lived a life of asceticism. It is said that he never sat at the table to eat but that he always ate standing and working. When he was asked why he does this, St. Pior replied: "I do not want to be occupied with eating as an occupation but rather as something marginal." When they called him in council to judge a brother who had committed a sin, Pior arrived carrying a sack of sand on his back and on his chest a small bag of sand. Asked what does that mean, the saint replied: "The sack of sand on my back are my sins which I do not see and the bag of sand on my chest are the sins of my brother which I have to judge." All the brethren were then ashamed and cried out: "This is the path of salvation!" Pior lived to be a hundred years old and reposed in the Lord in the fourth century.



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Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

Apostolic Reading: Romans 5:1-10

Gospel: St. Matthew 6:22-23

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: 3rd Sunday After Pentecost Martyrs Isauros, Basil, Innocent, Hermes, Felix and Peregrinos of Athens; Martyrs Manuel, Sabel and Ismael of Persia; Venerable Joseph and Pior, disciples of Anthony the Great; Martyr Nectan of Hartland. .

Order of Service

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 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.

Apolytikion for St. John the Baptist Nativity Tone 4

O prophet and Forerunner of Christ God's coming to us, * all we who with longing now extol you are at a loss to honor you worthily. * For your mother's barrenness and father's long silence, * by your all-renowned and hallowed birth, were both ended, * and the Incarnation of the Son of God is preached unto all the world.

Kontakion to the Theotokos Tone 4

A protection of Christians unshameable * intercessor to our Holy Maker unwavering * reject not * the prayerful cries of those who are in sin * instead come to us, for You are good * Your loving help bring unto us *

who are crying in faith to you * Hasten to intercede * and speed now to supplicate* as a protection for all time * Theotokos, for those who honor you.
(Sung with long endinga)

Divine Services

Wed. June 20: Paraklesis 6pm

Sat. June 23: 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.

Coffee Hour Signup

Please sponsor a coffee hour. Donations are welcome to help provide treats following services. **June 17** Sponsor Needed (fast day) **June 24** Sponsor Needed (fast day). **July 1** Sponsor Needed **July 8** Sponsor Needed

Bookstore

Thank you for your continued support for the bookstore. We have a variety of books, icons, greeting cards, prayer ropes/bracelets and a small lending library. If you have any items or books you would like specially ordered, please contact Olga at osonnenburg@comcast.net.

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 Vasiliades at: 808-373-0312 or constadina@shaw.ca if interested or for questions. The next practice will be on June 17th.

Stewardship 2018

Please see Ruxandra Georgescu for a stewardship 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.

Greek Festival

The Greek Festival will be held August 17, 18 and 19. Please mark your calendars and also volunteer for this important fundraiser.

Lily Bulbs Available

Feel free to take the potted lilies in the hall, underneath the table as you enter downstairs. The bulbs can be replanted for next year's blooms.

Semi-Annual General Assembly

The next semi-annual General Assembly will be held on July 1st, 2018 immediately following coffee hour in the hall. We highly encourage you to attend this informational session.

Saints of the Day

The Holy Martyrs Manuel and Ishmael: Manuel, Sabel and Ishmael were brothers born in Persia of a pagan father and a Christian mother. They were educated in the spirit of Christianity and were baptized. As Christians they were high-ranking officials at the court of King Alamundar. They were sent to Emperor Julian the Apostate to conduct negotiations and to confirm peace between the Persian and Graeco-Roman empires. The apostate emperor arranged some sort of blasphemous celebration in honor of the idols in Chalcedon. At this celebration, the emperor, with his noblemen, offered sacrifices to the idols. The Persian emissaries absented themselves from this celebration. The emperor summoned them and ordered that they also take part in the celebration and to offer sacrifices to the gods. They declared that they were foreign citizens and that they came as emissaries of the Persian king for the sake of establishing peace between the two empires and not for anything else; that they are Christians and that they consider it unworthy to worship dead idols and to offer them sacrifices. The emperor became enraged and cast them into prison. The next day, he brought them out and again began to dispute with them about faith, but the holy brothers were adamant and unwavering. They were then bound naked to trees, beaten and scraped with an iron brush. During the entire time of torturing they prayed to God with thanksgiving for their tortures: "O sweet Jesus these torments are sweet for the sake of Your love!" An angel of God appeared to them, comforted them and removed every pain from them. Contrary to all international relations, the wicked Emperor Julian finally pronounced judgment that the three brothers be beheaded. When they were beheaded, there was a great earthquake; the earth split and received the bodies of the holy martyrs so that the pagans could not burn their bodies as ordered by the emperor.