

This Week at Holy Apostles...

Monday, 1/12 – 5:30pm Fundraising meeting (at church)
Tuesday, 1/13 – 7:00am Men's Group
Wednesday, 1/14 – 6:30pm Paraklesis
Saturday, 1/17 – 9:30 Liturgy – St Anthony the Great (at SCH)

Thank you...

Fay, Kathy, and Kelly for your offerings of Prosfora, Olga, Irina, & Jenni for hosting today's fellowship, Zoe for greeting, and all of the chanters who helped today and throughout the week!

A Word from a Saint or Elder...

"It is written, 'You shall love God with all your mind,' and not, 'You shall know and understand God with all your mind.' What is most important here is love. Saint Paul says, 'If I have not love, I am nothing, even if I do miracles...' The demons know and can understand just as well as we can, but they do not love."

- Elder Sergei of Vanves

Future Dates to Keep in Mind

Sunday, 1/18 – PC swearing-in (tentative)
Thursday, 1/22 – Family Night
Sunday, 1/25 – General Assembly (tentative)
Saturday/Sunday, 3/21, 22 – Guest Speaker – Joy Corey
Sunday, 4/12 – Great and Holy Pascha
Saturday, 7/11 – WB&AR

**Please contact Fr. Paul ASAP to set up
a time for your annual house blessing!**

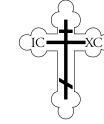
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The Sunday Witness

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Commemorated Today

Righteous Theodosius the Cenobiarch

Vitalis of Gaza

Afterfeast of the Theophany of our Lord, God, & Savior Jesus Christ

Note: On pages 9-10, we chant: *Save us, O Son of God, Who were baptized in the Jordan by John. We sing to You, Alleluia.*

Today's Hymns

(to be chanted for pages 16 & 17 of the Liturgy Book)

Apolytikion for the Resurrection (Appendix 6): When the angelic powers appeared at Your grave, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary who was seeking Your immaculate body. You devastated Hades, not afflicted by it. You went to meet the virgin, and granted eternal life. You resurrected from the dead. O Lord, glory to You.

Apolytikion for the Feast: When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan river, the worship of the Holy Trinity was manifested, for the voice of the Father bore witness to You, calling You His beloved Son; and the Spirit in the form of a dove, confirmed the sureness of these words. You Who appeared, O Christ God, and have enlightened the world, glory to You.

Apolytikion for the Saint: With the rivers of your tears you made the barren desert bloom; and with your sighs from deep within, you made your labors bear their fruits a hundredfold; and you became a star, illuminating the world by your miracles, O Theodosios our devout Father: Intercede with Christ our God, for the salvation of our souls.

Apolytikion for the Church: O Holy Apostles, intercede with the merciful God, that He grant unto our souls forgiveness of offenses.

Kontakion: You appeared today to us on earth, O Master, and Your light was signed on us who cry aloud to You and say with understanding, O Christ our God: You came and shone forth, O Light unapproachable.

Today's Epistle Reading

Cantor: *Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.*

What shall I render to the Lord for all that he has given me?

The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (4:7-13)

BRETHREN, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (in saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Gospel Reading

The Reading is from the Gospel of Matthew (4:12-17)

At that time, Jesus heard that John had been arrested, He withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth He went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Welcome Visitors!

Holy Apostles Orthodox Christian Church would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our guests and visitors who are with us today. Thank you for worshiping with us, and please stay for Coffee Hour at the conclusion of the Liturgy! If you have any questions about this parish, the service, or the Orthodox Church in general, please feel free to ask a parishioner, look at the pamphlets in the Narthex (the entrance to the church), or ask Fr. Paul after the service. Finally, if this is your first visit to our parish, in order that we may treat you as our honored guest, we ask that you **not** participate in the offering after the service. Again, thank you for joining us, and let us know if we can do anything for you today or in the future!

A Note on Holy Communion

The Orthodox Church invites all to come and participate in the Divine Services. As true communion occurs only when we are wholly united in faith and worship, the Mystery of Holy Communion is reserved for Baptized and/or Chrismated Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared through prayer, fasting, and Holy Confession and who have arrived prior to the Gospel for the day; this is to protect ourselves against receiving Communion to our condemnation, as St. Paul explains (1 Corinthians 11:27-30). If you have not properly prepared or are not an Orthodox Christian, we would like to extend an invitation, if you so desire, to approach Holy Communion with the other parishioners and recite the words, "The blessing of the Chalice," for a blessing from the priest. Further, ALL are welcome to receive the blessed bread given out by the Priest after the conclusion of the Liturgy.

For those receiving Holy Communion, please give the priest your Baptismal name and hold the red Communion cloth with both hands against the bottom of your chin. We also ask that women please remove any lipstick before approaching the Chalice. Finally, to avoid any possibility of hitting the Chalice, we ask that you not venerate the Chalice after receiving.