

This Week at Holy Apostles...

Tuesday, 1/27 – 7:00am Men's Group
Wednesday, 1/28 – 6:30pm Paraklesis
Friday, 1/30 – NO Orthros/Liturgy (Three Hierarchs)

Thank you...

Angie and Stephan for your offerings of Prosfora, Julie, Kayla, & Kaycee for hosting today's fellowship, Rob for greeting, and all of the chanters who helped today and throughout the week!

A Word from a Saint or Elder...

"God's love for the biggest sinner is greater than the love of the holiest man for God"

"If you will have patience in difficulties, you know the Holy Spirit is within you; if you will also have the strength to be thankful in troubles, that is when the Holy Spirit shines through you."

- Fr. Arsenie Boca (+1989)

"We ought to think about God more often than we breathe."

- St. Gregory the Theologian

Future Dates to Keep in Mind

Sunday, 1/25 – PC swearing-in
Sunday, 2/1 – General Assembly after Divine Liturgy
Monday, 2/9 – Fundraising Meeting at church – 5:30pm
Saturday/Sunday, 3/21, 22 – Guest Speaker – Joy Corey
Sunday, 4/12 – Great and Holy Pascha
Saturday, 7/11 – WB&AR

**Thank you to all who helped with our first family night,
especially Steve and Curtis for your famous chili!**

Today's Memorial: Paul R. Truebenbach (3 years)

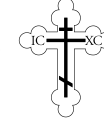
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The Sunday Witness

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Commemorated Today

Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople
Synaxis of the New Martyrs of Russia

Today's Hymns

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

Apolytikion for the Resurrection (Appendix 8): You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and condescended to be buried for three days, so that from the passions You might set us free. Our life and resurrection, O Lord, glory be to You.

Apolytikion for the Saint: The shepherd's pipe of your theology overpowered the trumpets of the orators; for as you delved into the depths of the Spirit, so you were endowed with the power of eloquence. Father Gregory, intercede with Christ God, to save 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 sanctified the virginal womb by Your birth, O Lord, and blessed the hands of Symeon fittingly, O Christ God; and even now You came and saved us. Now, give peace to our Nation in time of war, and empower our Leaders, so loved by You, the only one who loves humanity.

Today's Epistle Reading

Cantor: *My mouth shall speak wisdom and the meditation of my heart shall bring forth understanding.*

Hear this all you nations.

The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews (7:26-28; 8:1-2)

Brethren, it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did this once for all when he offered up himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever. Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man but by the Lord.

Gospel Reading

The Reading is from the Gospel of Luke (19:1-10)

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today."

So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

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.