

This Week at Holy Apostles...

Sunday, 11/15 – Chanting Class 2 after Liturgy
Monday, 11/16 – 9:30 Liturgy – St. Matthew (at SCH)
5:30pm Media Monday
Tuesday, 11/17 – 7:00am Men's Group
Wednesday, 11/18 – 6:00pm Paraklesis
Thursday, 11/19 – 12:30pm Women's Study Group
Saturday, 11/21 – 8:45 Orthros, 9:30 Liturgy – Entrance of the Theotokos
Sunday, 11/22 – General Assembly after Liturgy

Thank you...

Estelle, Presbyteria Lavinia, and Stephan for your offerings of
Prosfora, Nick & Alexis for hosting today's fellowship, Jamie for
greeting, and all of the chanters who helped today and throughout the
week!

Some Words from a Saint/Elder...

"Woe to our times: we now depart from the narrow and sorrowful path
leading to eternal life, and we seek a happy and peaceful path. But
the merciful Lord leads many people from this path, against their will,
and places them on the sorrowful one. Through unwanted sorrows
and illnesses we draw closer to the Lord, for they humble us by
constraint, and humility, when we acquire it, can save us even without
works, according to St. Isaac the Syrian."

- St. Macarius of Optina (1860)

Future Dates to Keep in Mind

Sunday, 11/22 – General Assembly
Sunday, 12/6 – HAYA meeting/Philoptochos meeting
Sunday, 12/13 – PC elections
Sunday, 12/20 – Christmas program
Sunday, 12/27 – 5:00pm Christmas Party
Sunday, 5/1/16 – Great & Holy Pascha
Saturday, 7/9/16 – WBAR

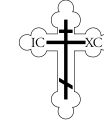
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The Sunday Witness

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Commemorated Today

Guria, Shamuna, & Habib, Martyrs & Confessors of Edessa
Thomas, Archbishop of Constantinople

Today's Hymns

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

Apolytikion for the Resurrection (Appendix 7): By means of Your
Cross, O Lord, You abolished death. To the robber You opened
Paradise. The lamentation of the myrrh-bearing women You
transformed, and You gave Your Apostles the order to proclaim to all
that You had risen, O Christ our God, and granted the world Your
great mercy.

For the Martyrs: You have given us the miracles of Your holy
Martyrs as an impregnable wall, O Christ our God. At their entreaties,
frustrate the plots of enemy nations, and strengthen our government,
for You alone are good and love humanity.

For the Parish: O Holy Apostles, intercede with the Merciful God,
that He grant unto our souls forgiveness of offenses.

Kontakion: The Savior's most pure and immaculate Temple, the very
precious bridal chamber and Virgin, who is the sacred treasure of the
glory of God, on this day is introduced into the House of the Lord, and
with herself she brings the grace in the divine Spirit. She is extolled
by the Angels of God. A heavenly tabernacle is she.

Today's Epistle Reading

Cantor: *The Lord will give strength to his people.*

Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory.

The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (2:14-22)

BRETHREN, Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Gospel Reading

The Reading is from the Gospel of Luke (10:25-37)

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live."

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to

him, "Go and do likewise."

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

For non-Orthodox: Welcome to our parish and the service of the Divine Liturgy! As a point of information, the Orthodox Church invites all to come and participate in the Divine Services. As the fullest communion among people occurs only when we are wholly united in faith and worship, however, please know that the Mystery of Holy Communion is reserved for Baptized/Chrismated Orthodox Christians. If, at the time of Holy Communion, you would like to receive a blessing from the Priest, we welcome you to approach the Chalice with those receiving Communion and recite the words, "The blessing of the Chalice" to the Priest who will then offer a blessing over your head. Further, at the conclusion of the Liturgy, ALL are welcome (Orthodox and non-Orthodox) to receive a piece of the blessed bread given out by the Priest. And please stay for our fellowship hour following the Liturgy!

For Orthodox: Holy Communion is reserved for those who have properly prepared through prayer, fasting, and the Mystery of Holy Confession and have arrived prior to the Gospel for the day, remembering the teachings of St. Paul which tell us that receiving Holy Communion unworthily is to our condemnation rather than salvation (I Cor 11:29). When receiving Holy Communion, please remove any lipstick prior to approaching the Chalice and hold the Communion cloth with both hands against the bottom of your chin. Finally, please refrain from venerating the Chalice after receiving.