

### This Week at Holy Apostles...

Sunday, 11/22 – General Assembly after Liturgy  
Chanting Class 2 after the GA  
Monday, 11/23 – 5:30pm Media Monday  
Tuesday, 11/24 – 7:00am Men's Group  
Wednesday, 11/25 – 8:45 Orthros, 9:30 Liturgy – St Katherine  
NO Paraklesis

### **Thank you...**

Tina and Christine for your offerings of Prosfora, Tyler & Lexie for hosting today's fellowship, Chris for greeting, and all of the chanters who helped today and throughout the week!

### **Some Words from a Saint/Elder...**

"A man obtains the fear of God if he has the remembrance of his unavoidable death and of the eternal torments that await sinners; If he tests himself every evening as to how he has spent the day, and every morning as to how he has spent the night, and if he is not sharp in his relations with others."

"Who hated sin more than the Saints? But they did not hate the sinners at the same time, nor condemn them, nor turn away from them. But they suffered with them, admonished them, comforted them, gave them remedies as sickly members, and did all they could to heal them."

- St. Dorotheos of Gaza

### **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

**Have a blessed and happy Thanksgiving as we  
show gratitude to God for *all things*!**

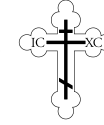
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## **The Sunday Witness**

The Weekly Bulletin of Holy Apostles  
Orthodox Christian Church of Cheyenne  
**November 22, 2015 – 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke**



### Commemorated Today

Archippus the Apostle, Philemon the Apostle & his wife, Onesimos  
the Disciple of Paul  
Holy Martyr Ceclilia and those with her  
Afterfeast of the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple

### 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.

**For the Feast:** Today is the prelude of God's good pleasure, and the proclamation of humanity's salvation. In the temple of God, the Virgin is presented openly, and in herself she announces Christ to all. Let us, then, with a great voice cry aloud to her: "Rejoice, you are the fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation."

**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:** *Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.*

*God is known in Judah; his name is great in Israel.*

### **The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (4:1-7)**

BRETHREN, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

### **Gospel Reading**

### **The Reading is from the Gospel of Luke (12:16-21)**

The Lord said this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As he said these things, he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

### **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 (1 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.