

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.

This Week at Holy Apostles...

Monday, 2/1 – 8:45 Orthros, 9:30 Liturgy – Presentation of our Lord
5:30pm – Conversing with the Fathers
Wednesday, 2/4 – 6:30pm Paraklesis
Friday, 2/6 – 9:30 Liturgy – St. Photius the Great (at SCH)
Saturday, 2/7 – 9:00am – Orthodox Reading Group
6:00pm – Great Vespers

Thank you...

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

A Word from a Saint or Elder...

"When we hold even the slightest grudge, a small bad thought about anyone, any ascetic discipline we may undertake, such as fasting, vigils and so forth, will be in vain. What will be the use of such ascetic disciplines, if one does not struggle concurrently to prevent and reject all evil thoughts? Why not first empty the vessel of any impure residue oil, which is only good for making soap, before putting in the good oil; why should we mix good oil with filthy residue?"

"Freedom is good when the person can use it appropriately. Otherwise it is a disaster."

- Venerable St. Paisios of the Holy Mountain (+1994)

Future Dates to Keep in Mind

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

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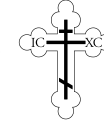
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The Sunday Witness

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Commemorated Today

Forefeast of the Presentation of our Lord & Savior in the Temple
Trypho the Martyr
Perpetua & her Companions
Bridget of Ireland

Today's Hymns

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

Apolytikion for the Resurrection (Appendix 1): The stone had been secured with a seal by the Judeans, and a guard of soldiers was watching Your immaculate body. You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. For this reason were the powers of Heaven crying out to You, O Life-giver: "Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ; glory to Your Kingdom; glory to Your dispensation, only One Who loves mankind."

Apolytikion for the Feast: The choir of heaven's hosts, from the vaults of the heavens, bends forward to the earth and beholds as an infant the first-born of all creation being carried in the embrace of His holy virgin Mother unto the Temple. And with us they sign today a fore-festal anthem, in awe and astonishment.

Apolytikion for the Saint: Your Martyr, O Lord, was worthily awarded by You the crown of incorruption, in that he contested for You our immortal God. Since he possessed Your power, he defeated the tyrants, dashing the demons' powerless displays of defiance. O Christ God, at his fervent entreaties, 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: With our hearts instead of arms today, believers, with the Lord and Master who comes to us, and let us offer our fore-festal hymns of praise.

Today's Epistle Reading

Cantor: Among the saints who are in his land, the Lord has been wondrous.

I see the Lord before me continually.

The Readings is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans (8:28-39)

Brethren, we know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the first-born among many brethren. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, will he not also give us all things with him? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies; who is to condemn? Is it Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For thy sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Reading

The Reading is from the Gospel of Luke (18:10-14)

The Lord said this parable, "Two men went up into the temple to pray,

one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

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 worshipping 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