

This Week at Holy Apostles...

Sunday, 1/17 – Chanting Class after Liturgy
Monday, 1/18 – 8:45 Orthros, 9:30 Liturgy – Sts Athanasius & Cyril
5:30pm Media Monday
Tuesday, 1/19 – 7:00am Men's Group
Wednesday, 1/20 – 6:00pm Paraklesis
Thursday, 1/21 – 9:10 Pre-Communion Prayer, 9:30 Liturgy – St.
Maximus the Confessor
6:00pm Fundraising Meeting
Saturday, 1/23 – 4:30pm Orthodoxy 101 (session 2)

Thank you...

Christine for your offerings of Prosfora, Kathy & Angela for hosting today's fellowship, Dave for greeting, and all of the chanters who helped today and throughout the week!

A Word from a Saint or Elder...

"The burdens that God puts on our shoulders, if they are carried out with wisdom, in time, can clean and sanctify our souls. Facing these difficulties, the person then stops complicating life with nonsense and runs through the obstacles of time (with ease)."

"Our modern man puts too much heart into trifles and details, is assaulted by a lot of false things, and does not know how to choose...Our contemporary man has become too materialistic, a subject to the new tyrant: money. Everywhere we look, we hear that money is everything, the master of this world. He, who makes money his master, makes himself a servant to the devil."

- Fr Justin Parvu (+2013)

Future Dates to Keep in Mind

Thursday, 1/28 – 5:30pm Ministry Team Leaders meeting
Thursday, 2/11 – 5:30pm Next PC meeting
Sunday, 5/1 – Great & Holy Pascha
Saturday, 7/9 – WBAR

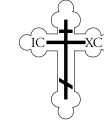
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The Sunday Witness

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Commemorated Today

Anthony the Great
Anthony the New of Berropas Skete
George the New Martyr of Ioannina
Theodosius the Emperor

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: Imitating the manners of Elijah the Zealot, and following the straight paths of John the Baptist, O Father Anthony, you colonized the desert, and you supported the Empire by your prayers. Therefore intercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

For the Parish: 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: *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 Hebrews (13:17-21)

Brethren, obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls, as men who will have to give account. Let them do this joyfully, and not sadly, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Reading

The Reading is from the Gospel of Luke (17:12-19)

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus's feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus: "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him: "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

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.