

This Week at Holy Apostles...

Sunday, 8/10 – Brief Greeter training during fellowship
Monday, 8/11 – 6:30pm Parakelsis
Tuesday, 8/12 – 7:00am Men's Group
6:30pm Parakelsis
Wednesday, 8/13 – 6:30pm Parakelsis
Thursday, 8/14 – 5:30pm Parakelsis
6:30pm Parakelsis
Friday, 8/15 – 8:45 Orthros, 9:30 Liturgy – Dormition of the Theotokos
Saturday, 8/16 – 9:00am – Reading Group

Thank you...

Christine and Stephan for your offerings of Prosfora, Steve & Kelly for hosting today's fellowship, Greg for greeting, and all of the chanters who helped today and throughout the week!

A Word from the Saints and Elders...

"If you want to go straight before God, you need two walls. Not of brick or stone or earth, but two spiritual walls. Have fear of God on the right, because the Prophet Daniel says, 'With fear of God, man is diverted from all evil.' On the left have fear of death because the Son of Sirach says, 'Son, remember your end and you will not sin.' These two good deeds --- fear of God and remembrance of death --- deliver a man from all sin."

Elder Cleopa Ilie (+1998)

Future Dates to Keep in Mind...

Saturday, 8/23 – 1-day retreat – 10:00-2:30pm
Sunday, 8/31 – "Moving Day" after Liturgy
Sunday, 9/21 – General Assembly
Saturday, 9/28 – Parish "Open House"

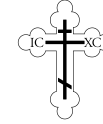
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The Sunday Witness

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Saints of the Day

Laurence, the Holy Martyr & Archdeacon of Rome
Chitus of Athens, Bishop of Rome
Hippolytus the Martyr of Rome

Note: Instead of the usual, "...Who are risen from the dead" at the 2nd Antiphon, today we chant, "Save us, O Son of God, Who were transfigured in glory on Mt. Tabor. We sing to You, Alleluia."

Today's Hymns

Apolytikion for the Resurrection: 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 Feast: You were transfigured upon the mountain, O Christ our God, showing to Your disciples Your glory as much as they could bear. Do also in us, sinners though we may be, shine Your everlasting light, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Giver of light. Glory to You.

Hymn of the Church: O holy Apostles, intercede with the merciful God, that He grant unto our souls forgiveness of offences.

Kontakion: Upon the mountain were You transfigured, and Your disciples beheld Your glory as far as they were able, O Christ our God; so that when they would see You crucified they might understand that Your Passion was deliberate, and declare to the world that in truth You are the Father's radiance.

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 First Letter to the Corinthians (3:9-17)

BRETHREN, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder. I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw - each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If any one destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are.

Gospel Reading

The reading is from the Gospel of Matthew (14:22-34)

At that time, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately he spoke to them, saying "Take heart, it is I; have no fear."

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on

the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they entered the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

For 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, this 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 Holy Communion is not only the partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ but a physical sign of the union of Orthodox Christians in one Body, wholly united in faith and worship, this Mystery is reserved for Baptized and/or Chrismated Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared through prayer, fasting, and Holy Confession; further, it is proper that one receive Communion only if they have arrived prior to the Gospel for the day. 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.

For those receiving Holy Communion, please give the priest your Baptismal name when approaching the Chalice 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 spilling the Precious Body and Blood of our Lord, we ask that you not venerate the Chalice after receiving.