

This Week at Holy Apostles...

Sunday, 8/14 – 6:00pm Great Vespers
Monday, 8/15 – 8:45 Orthros, 9:30 Liturgy – Dormition of the Most-Holy Lady, the Theotokos & Ever-Virgin Mary
6:00pm Pool Party & Picnic
Wednesday, 8/17 – 5:30pm Akathist and presentation at St James
Antiochian Orthodox Church
Thursday, 8/18 – Summer Spirit Day
Saturday, 8/20 – IOCC run/walk and picnic at St Catherine's

Thank you...

Fay for this week's offering of Prosfora, Angie & Stacey for hosting today's fellowship, Jim & Estelle for greeting, and all of the chanters who helped today and throughout the week!

A Word from a Saint/Elder...

"Our wickedness shall not overpower the unspeakable goodness and mercy of God; our dullness shall not overpower God's wisdom, nor our infirmity God's omnipotence."

"Love every man in spite of his falling into sin. Never mind the sins, but remember that the foundation of the man is the same - the image of God."

- St. John of Kronstadt

Future Dates to Keep in Mind

Monday, 8/15 - 6:00-8:00pm - Pool party and picnic with St Mark's
Thursday, 8/18 – Youth retreat – "Summer Spirit Day"
Sunday, 8/21 – Parish picnic
Monday, 8/22 – 5:00pm: Next fundraising meeting
Sunday, 8/28 – Wednesday, 8/31 – Men's Retreat
Thursday, 9/8 – 5:30pm Next PC meeting
Friday, 9/9 – 5:30pm Back to School Bash
Sunday, 10/2 – General Assembly and Stewardship Sunday
Sunday, 11/6 – Stewardship Cards due
Saturday, 11/12 – Annual Open House & Cadillac Chance drawing
Sunday, 11/20 – Budgetary General Assembly

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The Sunday Witness

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Commemorated Today

Forefeast of the Dormition of our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos
and Ever-Virgin Mary
The Holy Prophet Micah
Holy Hieromartyr Marceluus, Bishop of Apameia
Holy New Martyr Symeon of Trapezoundos

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 Forefeast: O people, anticipate and leap for joy now with faith, and longingly congregate today applauding with joy, and all of you cheerfully shout now in exultation; for the Theotokos is preparing for her departure from the earth to the heavens with glory; and we sing hymns to her and glorify her as the Mother of God.

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

Kontakion: On this day, your glorious mem'ry, the whole world by the Holy Spirit's grace has been noetically adorned. With joy and gladness we cry to you, "Rejoice, O Virgin, the pride and joy of Christians all!"

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 First Letter to the Corinthians (1:10-17)

BRETHREN, I appeal to you by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius; lest any one should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any one else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

Gospel Reading

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

At that time, Jesus saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

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.