

salvation (I 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.

This Week at Holy Apostles...

Sunday, 8/21 – Church picnic after Liturgy
Monday, 8/22 – 5:00pm fundraising meeting
Wednesday, 8/24 – 6:00pm Paraklesis

Thank you...

Fay and Laura for this week's offering of Prosfora, all who helped and brought things for today's parish picnic, Cameron for greeting, and all of the chanters who helped today and throughout the week!

A Word from a Saint/Elder...

"...God comes into our lives when we invite Him with all our being, opening the gates of our heart from the inside. He will not come uninvited... The moment you are willing to give over your whole self to God- surrendering your life, your loved ones, your health, your victories and defeats- He will come to you and help you in ways you never dreamed possible."

- Fr. Vojislav Dosenovich

Future Dates to Keep in Mind

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

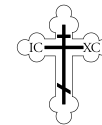
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The Sunday Witness

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Commemorated Today

Holy Apostle Thaddeus
Holy Martyr Vassa and Her Sons: Theognis, Agapius, and Pistus
Afterfeast of the Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos
and Ever-Virgin Mary
Athanasios Patellaros, Patriarch of Constantinople

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: In giving birth you retained your virginity, and in dormition you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos. You were translated unto life, being the Mother of Life. And thus by virtue of your intercessions you deliver our souls from death.

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

Kontakion: The Theotokos, unsleeping in intercession and the immovable hope of protection, could not be retained by any tomb or death. For being Life's own Mother, she was transferred to life by Him who dwelt in the ever-virgin womb.

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.

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