

This Week at Holy Apostles...

Monday, 8/4 – 5:30 Fundraising Meeting
6:30pm Parakelsis
Tuesday, 8/5 – 7:00am Men's Group
6:30pm Parakelsis
Wednesday, 8/6 – 8:45 Orthros, 9:30 Liturgy – Holy Transfiguration
6:30pm Parakelsis
Thursday, 8/7 – 6:30pm Parakelsis
Friday, 8/8 – 6:30pm Parakelsis
Saturday, 8/9 – 6:30pm – Parakelsis
Sunday, 8/10 – Greeter training after Liturgy

Thank you...

Fay for your offerings of Prosfora, Angie & Stacey for hosting today's fellowship, Tim for greeting, and all of the chanters who helped today and throughout the week!

A Word from the Saints and Elders...

"Though a man may be found in a weak state, that does not at all mean that he has been abandoned by God. On the cross, the Lord Jesus Christ was in trouble, as the world sees things. But when the sinful world considered Him to be completely destroyed, in fact He was victorious over death and hades. The Lord did not promise us positions as victors as a reward for righteousness, but told us, 'In the world you will have tribulation — but be of good cheer, for I have overcome the world' (Jn. 16:33)."

- St. John Maximovitch (+1966)

"What I see around me would drive me insane if I did not know that no matter what happens, God will have the last word."

- Elder Paisios of Mount Athos (+1994)

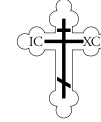
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The Sunday Witness

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Saints of the Day

Isaacius, Dalmatus, & Faustus, Ascetics of the Dalmation
Monastery
Salome the Holy Myrrhbearer
Theoctistus the Wonderworker

Today's Hymns

Apolytikion for the Resurrection: 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.

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: *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.

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 worshipping 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 do invite those who would like to do so 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.