

This Week at Holy Apostles...

Monday 6/23 – 6:00pm HAYA meeting at Guadalajara on Lincolnway
(attempt #2!)

Tuesday 6/24 – 8:30 Orthros, 9:30 Liturgy – Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Wednesday 6/25 – 6:30pm Paraklesis

Thursday 6/26 – 5:00pm AHEPA Scholarship BBQ

Friday 6/27 – AHEPA Golf Tournament

Sunday 6/29 – 8:30 Orthros, 9:30 Liturgy
5:00pm Great Vespers & Artoklasia for Feastday –
Dinner to follow

Thank you...

Kathy for your offerings of Prosfora, Stephan & Kay for hosting today's fellowship, Cameron for greeting, and all of the chanters who helped today and throughout the week!

Announcement

Ministry and Organization heads: Please get your paragraph for the July Witness to me this week.

The Great Vespers service on the 29th has been changed from 6:00pm to 5:00pm. Please note that this is a change from the June Witness.

A Word from the Saints...

Abba Ammonas was asked, "What is the "narrow and hard way?" (Mt. 7.14) He replied, "The "narrow and hard way" is this: to control your thoughts, and to strip yourself of your own will, for the sake of God. This is also the meaning of the sentence, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you." (Mt. 19.27)

(And another) There was... an old man called Apollo. If someone came to find him about doing a piece of work, he would set out joyfully, saying, 'I am going to work with Christ today, for the salvation of my soul, for that is the reward he gives.'

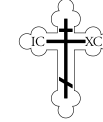
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The Sunday Witness

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Saints of the Day

Eusebius, Bishop of Samosata

Zenon the Martyr & his servant, Zenas of Philadelphia

Anastasios the Serbian

Today's Hymns

Apolytikion for the Resurrection: The stone that had been sealed before Your tomb by the Jews and the soldiers guarding did watch oe'r Your pure and sacred body, O Savior on the third day You arose, and unto all the world did You give life, whereby all the heavenly powers did proclaim that You are the giver of life. Glory unto our resurrected Christ. Glory unto Your Kingdom. Glory to Your dispensation, O You alone who loves all.

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

Kontakion: O Protection of Christians unshamable, mediation with the Creator immovable, we sinners beg you, do not despise the voices of our prayers, but anticipate, since you are good, and swiftly come unto our aid as we cry out to you with faith: Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who defend now and ever those who honor you.

Today's Epistle Reading

Cantor: *Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.*

St. Paul's Letter to the Romans (2:10-16)

Brethren, glory and honor and peace for every one who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified.

When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading

The Reading is from the Gospel of Matthew (4:18-23)

At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

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, we ask that you allow us to treat you as our honored guest and not participate in the offering after the service. Again, thank you for joining us!

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.