

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...

Monday, 6/27 – No Adult Catechism Class
Tuesday, 6/28 – 7:00am Men's Group
Wednesday, 6/29 – 8:45 Orthros, 9:30 Liturgy – Sts Peter & Paul
5:30pm Great Vespers – Feastday fish dinner to follow
Thursday, 6/30 – 8:45 Orthros, 9:30 Liturgy – Synaxis of the Holy Apostles
Saturday, 7/2 – 9:00am Canon and Akathist to St John of San Francisco
5:30pm Great Vespers

Thank you...

Sarah for this week's offering of Prosfora, Nick & Alexis for hosting today's fellowship, Dave for greeting, and all of the chanters who helped today and throughout the week!

A Word from a Saint/Elder...

"If a person wants to get an idea about the pyramids of Egypt, he must either trust those who have been in immediate proximity to the pyramids, or he must get next to them himself. There is no third option. In the same way a person can get an impression of God: He must either trust those who have stood and stand in immediate proximity to God, or he must take pains to come into such proximity himself."

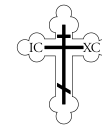
St. Nikolai Velimirovich (+1956)

Future Dates to Keep in Mind

Wednesday, 6/29 – 5:30pm Feastday Great Vespers and fish dinner
Thursday, 6/30 – 8:30 Orthros, 9:30 Liturgy – Synaxis of the Holy Apostles
Saturday, 7/9 – WBAR
Sunday, 8/21 – Parish picnic
Sunday, 10/2 – General Assembly

The Sunday Witness

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Commemorated Today

All Saints, from one end of the earth to the other
Devout Father David of Thessaloniki
John, Bishop of the Goths

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.

Apolytikion for the Saints: Your Church is arrayed in the holy blood of Your Martyrs who witnessed throughout the world, as though in purple and fine linen. Through them she cries to You, Christ our God, "Send down to Your people Your tender love, grant peace from above to Your commonwealth, and to our souls Your great mercy."

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

Kontakion: O Planter of creation, Lord, to You does the entire world bring as an offering the God-bearing martyr Saints, as being nature's first fruits. At their earnest entreaties, keep Your Church in a state of profoundest peace, through the Theotokos, O Lord abundantly merciful.

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Today's Epistle Reading

Cantor: *God is wonderful among his saints.*

Bless God in the congregations.

The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews (11:33-40; 12:1-2)

BRETHREN, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world was not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Gospel Reading

The Reading is from the Gospel of Matthew (10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30)

The Lord said to his disciples, "Every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny him before my Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have

followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

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