

This Week at Holy Apostles...

Monday, 9/8 – 8:45 Orthros 9:30 Liturgy – Nativity of the Theotokos
Tuesday, 9/9 – 7:00am Men's Group
Wednesday, 9/10 – 6:30pm Paraklesis
_____, 9/? – Moving day???
Sunday, 9/14 – First Sunday in new building!

Thank you...

Angie and Lexie for your offering of Prosfora, Tina & Rob 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...

A monk complained to St. Arsenius that while reading Holy Scripture he does not feel, neither the power of the words read nor gentleness in his heart. To that the great saint will reply to him: "My child, just read! I heard that the sorcerers of serpents, when they cast a spell upon the serpents, the sorcerers are uttering the words, which they themselves do not understand, but the serpents hearing the spoken words sense their power and become tamed.

An so, with us, when we continually hold in our mouths the words of Holy Scripture, but even though we do not feel the power of the words, evil spirits tremble and flee for they are unable to endure the words of the Holy Spirit." My child, just read!

- St Nikolai Velimirovich

Future Dates to Keep in Mind...

???, 9/? – Moving Day????
Sunday, 9/14 – First Sunday Liturgy in new building; visit by His Eminence, Metropolitan ISAIAH
Sunday, 9/21 – 1st Day of Sunday School and Fall General Assembly (with Men's Group retreat beginning afterwards)
Saturday, 9/27 – Parish "Open House"

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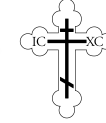
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The Sunday Witness

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Saints of the Day

Forefeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos
Sozon the Martyr
Kassiani the Hymnographer
Euodos and Onesiphoros, Apostles of the 70
John the Wonderworker of Novgorod

Today's Hymns

(to be chanted for pages 16 & 17 of the Liturgy Book)

Apolytikion for the Resurrection (see Appendix 4 in the Liturgy book): When the women Disciples of the Lord had learned from the Angel the joyful message of the Resurrection and had rejected the ancestral decision, they cried aloud to the Apostles triumphantly: Death has been despoiled, Christ God has risen, granting His great mercy to the world.

Apolytikion for the Theotokos: Unto us is born today Mary the child of God, as the branch from Jesse's root, and as the fruit of David's loins, and all creation is re-created and deified. O heaven and the earth, rejoice in unison. Sing praises unto her, O all you Gentile clans. Joachim is exultant, and Anna is keeping festival, crying out: "The barren woman bears the Theotokos, the nourisher of our Life."

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

Kontakion: Today the Virgin and Mother of God, Mary, the

untouched bridal chamber of the heavenly Bridegroom is being brought to birth from barren womb by God's counsel, to be made ready as the chariot of the Word of God; for to this she was predestined, the gate of God and Mother of true life.

Today's Epistle Reading

Cantor: *O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.*

To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.

The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians (6:11-18)

BRETHREN, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

Gospel Reading

The Reading is from the Gospel of John (3:13-17)

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

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, 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 would like to extend an invitation, if you so desire, 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.