

HOLY APOSTLES ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF CHEYENNE, WY

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Sunday Services: Orthros – 8:30 am Divine Liturgy – 9:30 am

Holy Apostles Updates

Welcome Father Ambrose!

We welcome Father Ambrose back to Holy Apostles to celebrate Divine Liturgy! Please stay and enjoy brunch in honor of Father Ambrose. In addition to today, Father Ambrose will serve Orthros and Divine Liturgy on February 12, February 26, and March 5. On Sundays which we do not have a visiting priest, Holy Apostles will have the Service of Typika beginning at 9:30 am. This is a service which is conducted when there is not a priest available for Liturgy. Please come light a candle, say a prayer, participate in this service, and enjoy fellowship.

Please check the webpage

www.holypostlescheyenne.com often for updates. Emails and texts will be sent with upcoming services and activities.

Holy Apostles Notes

Thank you to everyone who provided the delicious food for the lovely brunch today.

IOCC Kits will be assembled on Sunday, February 5 following the Reader's Service. There are still items needed, so please check the lists in the fellowship hall. Also on February 5, we will attend a Cheyenne Stampede Hockey game beginning at 1 pm. There is a sign-up list in the fellowship hall.

On February 19 following the Reader's Service, we will have a birthday celebration for Jennie Joannides who is celebrating 99 years! God Grant Her Many Years!

Hymns of the Day

Resurrectional Apolytikion

By means of Your Cross, O Lord, You abolished death. * To the robber You opened Paradise. * The lamentation of the myrrhbearing 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.

Apolytikion for Relics of Ignatius the Godbearer

Becoming a partner with the Apostles in way of life and successor to their thrones, O God-inspired Saint, in the active life you found an entrance to contemplation. Hence you rightly expounded the word of truth, and you shed your blood in struggling for the faith, O Hieromartyr Ignatius. Intercede with Christ our God, beseeching Him to save our souls.

Holy Apostles Apolytikion

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

Seasonal Kontakion

You sanctified the virginal womb by Your birth, O Lord, and blessed the hands of Symeon fittingly, O Christ God; and even now You came and saved us. Now, give peace to our Nation in time of war, and empower our Leaders, so loved by You, the only one who loves humanity.

Gospel and Epistle Readings

Epistle Reading

The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:1. BRETHREN, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

Gospel Reading

Sunday of the Canaanite

The Reading is from Matthew 15:21-28

At that time, Jesus went to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly

This Week at Holy Apostles

Sunday, January 29

Sunday of the Canaanite

8:30 am - Orthros - Visiting Priest Fr. Ambrose

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy - Visiting Priest Fr.

Ambrose

11:00 am - Brunch following Liturgy to welcome Fr.

Ambrose

Monday, January 30

Three Hierarchs

Tuesday, January 31

7:00 am - Men's Group Breakfast @ Perkins

Wednesday, February 1

Forefeast of the Meeting of the Lord

11:30 am - Assist @ St. Joseph's Food Pantry

Thursday, February 2

Presentation of Our Lord

Sunday, February 5

Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee: Triodion Begins Today

9:30 am - Service of Typika will be held. Church open to light a candle and enjoy fellowship

10:30 am - Prepare IOCC Health Kits

1:00 pm - Family Day Cheyenne Stampede Hockey

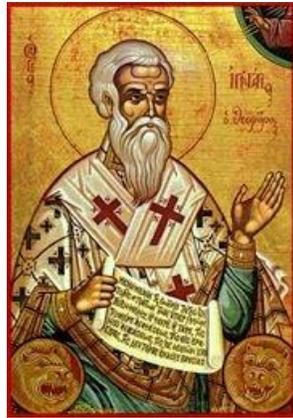
Saints and Feasts

January 29 - Sunday of the Canaanite



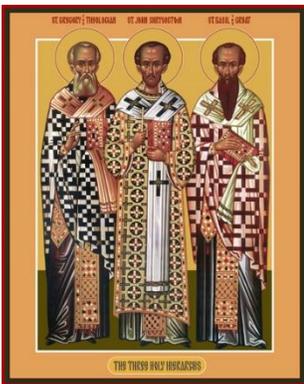
January 29 - Removal of the Relics of Ignatius the God-bearer

Saint Ignatius was a disciple of Saint John the Theologian, and a successor of the Apostles, and he became the second Bishop of Antioch, after Evodus. He wrote many epistles to the faithful, strengthening them in their confession, and preserving for us the



teachings of the Holy Apostles. Brought to Rome under Trajan, he was surrendered to lions to be eaten, and so finished the course of martyrdom about the year 107. The remnants of his bones were carefully gathered by the faithful and brought to Antioch. He is called God-bearer, as one who bare God within himself and was aflame in heart with love for Him. Therefore, in his Epistle to the Romans (ch. 4), imploring their love not to attempt to deliver him from his longed-for martyrdom, he said, "I am the wheat of God, and am ground by the teeth of the wild beasts, that I may be found to be the pure bread of God."

January 30 - Synaxis of The Three Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, & John Chrysostom



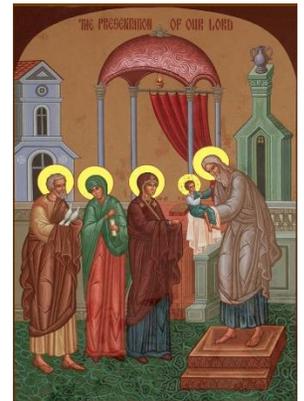
This common feast of these three teachers was instituted a little before the year 1100, during the reign of the Emperor Alexis I Comnenus, because of a dispute and strife that arose among the notable and virtuous men of that time. Some of them preferred Basil,

while others preferred Gregory, and yet others preferred John Chrysostom, quarreling among themselves over which of the three was the greatest. Furthermore, each party, in order to distinguish itself from the others, assumed the name of its preferred Saint; hence, they called themselves Basilians, Gregorians, or Johannites. Desiring to bring an end to the contention, the three

Saints appeared together to the saintly John Mavropous, a monk who had been ordained Bishop of Euchaita, a city of Asia Minor, they revealed to him that the glory they have at the throne of God is equal, and told him to compose a common service for the three of them, which he did with great skill and beauty. Saint John of Euchaita (celebrated Oct. 5) is also the composer of the Canon to the Guardian Angel, the Protector of a Man's Life. In his old age, he retired from his episcopal see and again took up the monastic life in a monastery in Constantinople. He reposed during the reign of the aforementioned Emperor Alexis Comnenus (1081-1118).

February 2 - The Presentation of Our Lord and Savior in the Temple

When the most pure Mother and Ever-Virgin Mary's forty days of purification had been fulfilled, she took her first-born Son to Jerusalem on this, the fortieth day after His birth, that she might present Him in the temple according to the Law of Moses, which teaches that



every first-born male child be dedicated to God, and also that she might offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons, as required by the Law (Luke 2:22-24; Exod. 13:2; Lev. 12:6-8). On this same day, a just and devout man, the greatly aged Symeon, was also present in the temple, being guided by the Holy Spirit. For a long time, this man had been awaiting the salvation of God, and he had been informed by divine revelation that he would not die until he beheld the Lord's Christ. Thus, when he beheld Him at that time and took Him up into his aged arms, he gave glory to God, singing: "Now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, O Master. . ." And he confessed that he would close his eyes joyfully, since he had seen the Light of revelation for the nations and the Glory of Israel (Luke 2:25-32). From ancient times, the Holy Church has retained this tradition of the churching of the mother and new-born child on the fortieth day and of the reading of prayers of purification.