

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 to OCMC Missionary Nathan Hoppe today!

IOCC Kits will be assembled today, Sunday, February 5 following the Reader's Service. Also on February 5, we will attend a Cheyenne Stampede Hockey game beginning at 1 pm. Let Jamie Pullos know if you would like to attend.

Father Ambrose will serve Orthros and Divine Liturgy on February 12, February 26, and March 5.

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!

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.

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Hymns of the Day

Resurrectional Apolytikion

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 Afterfeast of the Presentation

Lady full of grace, rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, for Christ our God, the Sun of righteousness has risen from you and He illumined those in darkness. And you, righteous Elder, be glad in heart, receiving in your embraces the One who liberates our souls and bestows on us the Resurrection.

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 Timothy 3:10-15

TIMOTHY, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading

Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee: Triodion Begins Today

The Reading is from Luke 18:10-14

The Lord said this parable, "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

This Week at Holy Apostles

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 - OCMC Missionary Nathan Hoppe Presentation

11:00 am - Prepare IOCC Health Kits

1:00 pm - Family Day Cheyenne Stampede Hockey Game

Monday, February 6

10:00 am - Women's Group

Tuesday, February 7

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

5:30 pm - Daughter's of Penelope Meeting

Wednesday, February 8

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

Thursday, February 9

4:30 pm - Parish Council Meeting

5:30 pm - Family Chili & Chillin Night

Friday, February 10

Hieromartyr Haralambos

Sunday, February 12

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

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

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

11:00 am - Valentine's Day Fellowship

Saints and Feasts

February 5

Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee: Triodion Begins Today



The Pharisees were an ancient and outstanding sect among the Jews known for their diligent observance of the outward matters of the Law. Although, according to the word of our Lord, they "did all their works to be seen of men" (Matt.

23:5), and were hypocrites (ibid. 23: 13, 14, 15, etc.), because of the apparent holiness of their lives they were thought by all to be righteous, and separate from others, which is what the name Pharisee means. On the other hand, Publicans, collectors of the royal taxes, committed many injustices and extortions for filthy lucre's sake, and all held them to be sinners and unjust. It was therefore according to common opinion that the Lord Jesus in His parable signified a virtuous person by a Pharisee, and a sinner by a Publican, to teach His disciples the harm of pride and the profit of humble-mindedness.

Since the chief weapon for virtue is humility, and the greatest hindrance to it is pride, the divine Fathers have set these three weeks before the Forty-day Fast as a preparation for the spiritual struggles of virtue. This present week they have called Harbinger, since it declares that the Fast is approaching; and they set humility as the foundation for all our spiritual labors by appointing that the parable of the Publican and the Pharisee be read today, even before the Fast begins, to teach, through the vaunting of the Pharisee, that the foul smoke of self-esteem and the stench of boasting drives away the grace of the Spirit, strips man of all his virtue, and casts him into the pits of Hades; and, through the repentance and contrite prayer of the Publican, that humility confers upon the sinner forgiveness of all his wicked deeds and raises him up to the greatest heights.

All foods are allowed the week that follows this Sunday.

February 8

The Holy Prophet Zacharias (Zachariah)



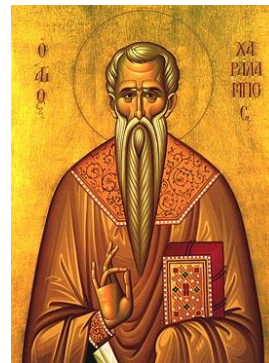
The Prophet Zacharias was the son of Barachias, and a contemporary of the Prophet Aggeus (Dec. 16). In the days of the Babylonian captivity, he prophesied, as it says, in the book of Ezra, "to the Jews that were in Judah and Jerusalem" (Ezra 5: 1); he aided Zerubbabel in the

rebuilding of the Temple in Jerusalem. In the book of Ezra he is called "Zacharias the son of Addo (or

Iddo)" but in his own prophetic book he is called more fully "Zacharias, the son of Barachias, the son of Addo the Prophet" (Zach. 1:1). When the captives returned from Babylon, he came to dwell in Jerusalem in his old age. His book of prophecy is divided into fourteen chapters and has the eleventh place among the books of the minor Prophets; his name means "Yah is renowned." Sozomen reports that under the Emperor Honorius, Zacharias' holy relics were found in Eleutheropolis of Palestine. The Prophet appeared in a dream to a certain Calemerus, telling him where he would find his tomb. His body was found to be incorrupt (Eccl. Hist., Book IX, 17).

February 10

The Holy Hieromartyr Haralambos



This Saint was a priest of the Christians in Magnesia, the foremost city of Thessaly, in the diocese having the same name. He contested during the reign of Alexander Severus (222-235), when Lucian was Proconsul of Magnesia. At the time of his martyrdom the Saint was 103

years of age.

St. Haralampus is commemorated on February 10th, with the exception when this date falls on the Saturday of the Souls preceding Lent or on Clean Monday (the first day of Lent), in which case the feast is celebrated on February 9th.