

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! We will have a short Parish Assembly meeting today. Please stay and enjoy fellowship as we celebrate Fr. Ambrose's 70th birthday. May God Grant Him Many Years!

We will have the Compline service each Monday @ 5:15 pm beginning on February 27 through March 27. Please come so that we may all join in prayer as we go through our Lenten journey.

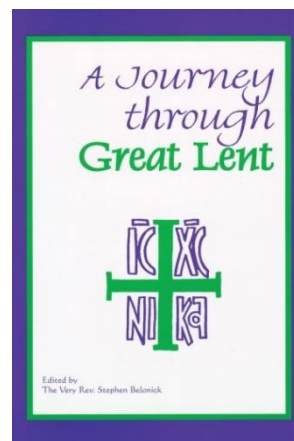
Fr. Ambrose will be with us again April 1 and 2. We have received word from Metropolitan Isaiah that we have been blessed to have a priest for Holy Week beginning on Palm Sunday. More details will follow as we get them.

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

Announcements

Mark your calendar for the Lenten Retreat on April 1, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm with Dan Christopulos as presenter. His presentation will be based on the book by Fr. Anthony Coniaris "Tools for Theosis, Becoming God-like in Christ." Registrations received prior to March 22 will have a reduced fee of \$25 per couple or \$15 per person. After March 22, the fee will be \$25 per person. Pick up your registration form in the fellowship hall or on our website.



A Journey through Great Lent

This book includes a daily meditation on the scripture reading for the day, verses from the hymns of the day, inspiring excerpts from the Church Fathers and a brief biography of the saint for the day. Holy Apostles Parish Council has received the blessing of Metropolitan Isaiah to encourage members of our community to use this book for daily devotions during Lent of 2017. The goal is to help each parishioner in his or her Lenten journey during this time while we are without a priest. With each family using the same devotional, we can

encourage one another with the common messages that may touch our hearts. We encourage you to join in using this book. We are keeping the cost at \$5.00 a book per family and we currently have 7 books to sell. If you prefer to buy online, the only place that has it available at this time is orthodoxbookstore.org for \$12.95 and there may be shipping. If we sell out, we will place a group order.

Hymns of the Day

Resurrectional Apolytikion

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 Sunday of Orthodoxy

We venerate Your immaculate icon, O good Lord, and entreat You to forgive our offences, O Christ our God. By Your own choice you were pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, to deliver us, whom You created, from our slavery to the foe. Therefore we cry to You with gratitude: You have filled all things with joy, O our Savior, by coming to save the world.

Holy Apostles Apolytikion

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

Seasonal Kontakion

Champion General, I your City now ascribe to you * triumphant anthems as the tokens of my gratitude, * being rescued from the terrors, O Theotokos. * Inasmuch as you have power unassailable, * from

all kinds of perils free me so that unto you * I may cry aloud: * Rejoice, O unwedded Bride.

Gospel and Epistle Readings

Epistle Reading

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40.

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets -- who 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 enemies 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 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.

Gospel Reading

Sunday of Orthodoxy

The Reading is from John 1:43-51

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and he said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

Saints and Feasts

March 5

Sunday of Orthodoxy

For more than one hundred years the Church of Christ was troubled by the persecution of the Iconoclasts of evil belief, beginning in the reign of Leo the Isaurian (717-741)

and ending in the reign of Theophilus (829-842). After Theophilus's death, his widow the Empress Theodora (celebrated Feb. 11), together with the Patriarch Methodius (June 14), established Orthodoxy anew. This ever-memorable Queen venerated the icon of the Mother of God in the



presence of the Patriarch Methodius and the other confessors and righteous men, and openly cried out these holy words: "If anyone does not offer relative worship to the holy icons, not adoring them as though they were gods, but venerating them out of love as images of the archetype, let him be anathema." Then with common prayer and fasting during the whole first week of the Forty-day Fast, she asked God's forgiveness for her husband. After this, on the first Sunday of the Fast, she and her son, Michael the Emperor, made a procession with all the clergy and people and restored the holy icons, and again adorned the Church of Christ with them. This is the holy deed that all we the Orthodox commemorate today, and we call this radiant and venerable day the Sunday of Orthodoxy, that is, the triumph of true doctrine over heresy.all creation.

This Week at Holy Apostles

March 5 to March 12, 2017

Sunday, March 5

Sunday of Orthodoxy

8:30 AM Orthros - Visiting Priest Fr. Ambrose

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

11:30 AM Fr. Ambrose Birthday Brunch

12:00 PM Parish Assembly

Monday, March 6

10:00 AM Women's Group

5:15 PM Compline

Tuesday, March 7

7:00 AM Men's Group Breakfast @ Perkins

5:30 PM Daughters of Penelope Meeting

6:00 PM AHEPA Meeting

Wednesday, March 8

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

Thursday, March 9

5:30 PM Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, March 12

Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas

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

11:00 AM GOYA Meeting