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Services Schedule

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN

March 26, 2017

Holy Apostles Updates



Service of Typika Today

Service of Typika today. This is a wonderful prayer service in which we can all participate.

Remember, each Wednesday we assist at St. Joseph's Food Pantry, 206 Van Lennon from 11:30 am to 1:15 pm. Help is always needed. Please contact Jamie to be on the schedule.

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.

Please see Jamie today to get registered for the Lenten Retreat. More information below.

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.holypostlescheyenne.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 Christopoulos 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

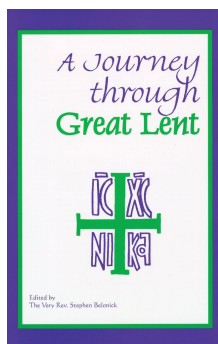
a reduced fee of \$25 per couple or \$15 per person. After March 22, the fee will be \$25 per person. Pick up your registration form in the fellowship hall or on our website.

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 in the 7th Mode

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.

Holy Apostles Apolytikion in the 1st Mode

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

Seasonal Kontakion in the 8th Mode

O 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

Prokeimenon. 7th Mode. Psalm 28.11,1.

The Lord will give strength to his people.

Verse: Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 6:13-20.

BRETHREN, when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore to himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by a greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he interposed with an oath, so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

Gospel Reading

Sunday of St. John Climacus

The Reading is from Mark 9:17-31

At that time, a man came to Jesus kneeling and saying: "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit; and wherever it seizes him it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were

not able." And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him; and when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you can do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he would not have any one know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise."

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March 26 to April 2, 2017

Sunday, March 26

Sunday of St. John Climacus

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

Monday, March 27

5:15PM Compline

Tuesday, March 28

7:00AM Men's Group Breakfast @ Perkins

Wednesday, March 29

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

Saturday, April 1

9:00AM Annual Lenten Retreat

Sunday, April 2

Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

8:30AM Orthros - Visiting Priest Fr. Ambrose

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

Saints and Feasts



March 26

Sunday of St. John Climacus

The memory of this Saint is celebrated on March 30, where his biography may be found. He is celebrated today because his book, *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*, is a sure guide to the ascetic life, written by a great man of prayer experienced in all forms of the monastic polity; it teaches the seeker after salvation how to lay a sound foundation for his struggles, how to detect and war against each of the passions, how to avoid the snares laid by the demons, and how to rise from the rudimental virtues to the heights of Godlike love and humility. It is held in such high esteem that it is universally read in its entirety in monasteries during the Great Fast.



March 26

Synaxis in honor of the Archangel Gabriel

This festive Synaxis is celebrated to the glory of the Archangel Gabriel, since he ministered to the marvelous mystery of God's incarnate dispensation.



March 27

The Holy Matrona of Thessalonica

This martyr was the servant of a certain Jewish woman named Pantilla, the wife of the Governor of Thessalonica. When Matrona refused to follow her mistress into the synagogue Pantilla beat her so severely that she died in a few days, and thus received the crown of her confession.



March 30

John Climacus the Righteous, author of *The Divine Ladder of Ascent*

This Saint gave himself over to the ascetical life from his early youth. Experienced both in the solitary life of the hermit and in the communal life of cenobitic monasticism, he was appointed Abbot of the Monastery at Mount Sinai and wrote a book containing thirty homilies on virtue. Each homily deals with one virtue, and progressing from those that deal with holy and righteous activity (praxis) unto those that deal with divine vision (theoria), they raise a man up as though by means of steps unto the height of Heaven. For this cause his work is called "*The Ladder of Divine Ascent*." The day he was made Abbot of Sinai, the Prophet Moses was seen giving commands to those who served at table. Saint John reposed in 603, at eighty years of age. See also the Fourth Sunday of the Fast.
