



## Holy Apostles Orthodox Christian Church of Cheyenne, WY

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### Services Schedule

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN

April 30, 2017

## Holy Apostles Updates



### Welcome Father Ambrose!

We welcome Father Ambrose back to Holy Apostles to celebrate Divine Liturgy! He will be returning on May 14 and May 28.

We are still collecting for our "Undies Sunday" through next week. Our donations will be distributed during the Cheyenne Day of Giving in May.

We will be cleaning wheelchairs and walkers at Whispering Chase on April 30 from 3-4:30 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to interact with some 'seasoned' citizens of our Cheyenne community.

We will celebrate Mother's Day on May 14 with brunch during fellowship, Father Christopher will be serving on May 21, and we will honor our UW, East and Central graduates on May 28.

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](http://www.holyapostlescheyenne.com) often for updates. Emails and texts will be sent with upcoming services and activities.

### Father Christopher Needs Our Help!

Father Christopher will be arriving in Cheyenne on May 20 with his moving truck filled with their belongings. We would like to have help on May 21 following Liturgy and fellowship to unload the truck into their new home off Horse Creek Road. Please see Sam to be added to the list of volunteers.

## SAVE THE DATE!

Be sure you have WBAR on your calendar for July 8 at the Shellback Ranch. Spread the word and get your invite list ready. More information about tickets will be coming soon.

## Hymns of the Day

### Apolytikion of Great and Holy Pascha in the 5th Mode

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and bestowing life on those in the graves.

### Apolytikion for Holy Myrrhbearers Sunday in the 2nd Mode

When You descended unto death, O Lord who yourself are immortal Life, then did You mortify Hades by the lightning flash of Your Divinity. Also when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the Powers of the heavens were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You.

### Apolytikion for Holy Myrrhbearers Sunday in the 2nd Mode

When he took down Your immaculate Body from the Cross, the honorable Joseph wrapped it in a clean linen shroud with spices and laid it for burial in a new tomb. But on the third day You arose, O Lord, and granted the world Your great mercy.

### Apolytikion for Holy Myrrhbearers Sunday in the 2nd Mode

The Angel standing at the sepulcher cried out and said to the ointment-bearing women: The ointments are appropriate for mortal men, but Christ has been shown to be a stranger to decay. So go and cry aloud, The Lord has risen and granted the world His 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

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out "Rejoice" to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection.

## Gospel and Epistle Readings

### Epistle Reading

#### Prokeimenon. 2nd Mode. Psalm 117.14,18.

The Lord is my strength and my song.

Verse: The Lord has chastened me sorely.

#### The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7.

IN THOSE DAYS, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "it is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochoros, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

### Gospel Reading

#### Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women

#### The Reading is from Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where he was laid.

And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth,

who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

## Holy Apostles Calendar

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April 30 to May 14, 2017

#### Sunday, April 30

Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women

8:30AM Orthros - Visiting Priest Fr. Ambrose

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

3:00PM Ministry Opportunity: Cleaning Wheelchairs/Walkers

#### Monday, May 1

10:00AM Women's Group

#### Tuesday, May 2

7:00AM Men's Group Breakfast @ Perkins

#### Wednesday, May 3

Clergy-Laity Assembly

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

#### Thursday, May 4

Clergy-Laity Assembly

5:45PM Life Choice Banquet

#### Friday, May 5

Clergy-Laity Assembly

#### Sunday, May 7

Sunday of the Paralytic

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

#### Tuesday, May 9

7:00AM Men's Group Breakfast @ Perkins

#### Wednesday, May 10

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

#### Thursday, May 11

5:30PM Parish Council Meeting

#### Friday, May 12

9:00AM Cheyenne Day of Giving

6:00PM UW Graduation Ceremonies

#### Saturday, May 13

8:30AM UW Graduation Ceremonies

#### Sunday, May 14

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

8:30AM Orthros - Visiting Priest Fr. Ambrose

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

11:30AM Mother's Day Fellowship

12:30PM GOYA Meeting

## Saints and Feasts



April 30

### Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women

About the beginning of His thirty-second year, when the Lord Jesus was going throughout Galilee, preaching and working miracles, many women who had received of His beneficence left their own homeland and from then on followed after Him. They ministered unto Him out of their own possessions, even until His crucifixion and entombment; and afterwards, neither losing faith in Him after His death, nor fearing the wrath of the Jewish rulers, they came to the sepulchre, bearing the myrrh-oils they had prepared to anoint His body. It is because of the myrrh-oils, that these God-loving women brought to the tomb of Jesus that they are called the Myrrh-bearers. Of those whose names are known are the following: first of all, the most holy Virgin Mary, who in Matthew 27:56 and Mark 15:40 is called "the mother of James and Joses" (these are the sons of Joseph by a previous marriage, and she was therefore their step-mother); Mary Magdalene (celebrated July 22); Mary, the wife of Clopas; Joanna, wife of Chouza, a steward of Herod Antipas; Salome, the mother of the sons of Zebedee, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus; and Susanna. As for the names of the rest of them, the evangelists have kept silence (Matt 27:55-56; 28:1-10. Mark 15:40-41. Luke 8:1-3; 23:55-24:11, 22-24. John 19:25; 20:11-18. Acts 1:14).

Together with them we celebrate also the secret disciples of the Saviour, Joseph and Nicodemus. Of these, Nicodemus was probably a Jerusalemite, a prominent leader among the Jews and of the order of the Pharisees, learned in the Law and instructed in the Holy Scriptures. He had believed in Christ when, at the beginning of our Saviour's preaching of salvation, he came to Him by night. Furthermore, he brought some one hundred pounds of myrrh-oils and an aromatic mixture of aloes and spices out of reverence and love for the divine Teacher (John 19:39). Joseph, who was from the city of Arimathea, was a wealthy and noble man, and one of the counsellors who were in Jerusalem. He went boldly unto Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus, and together with Nicodemus he gave Him burial. Since time did not permit the preparation of another tomb, he placed the Lord's body in his own tomb which was hewn out of rock, as the Evangelist says (Matt. 27:60).



April 30

### James the Apostle and brother of St. John the Theologian

James was one of the Twelve, like his brother John (celebrated on Sept. 26), whom the Lord called "Sons of Thunder," because they became great preachers and because of their profound theology. It was the Saint's boldness in preaching the Gospel that Herod Agrippa, the son of Aristobulus and grandson of Herod the Great, could not endure, and so he took him into custody during the days of the Passover, and slew him with the sword (Acts 12: 1-2); and thus he drank the cup of which the Saviour had spoken to him prophetically (Matt. 20:23). As for Herod, the following year he went down to Caesarea, and, as the Acts of the Apostles records: "Upon a set day, Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne, and made an oration" to the elders of Tyre and Sidon; and the flatterers that surrounded him "gave a shout, saying, 'it is the voice of a god, and not of a man.' And immediately an Angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory; and like his grandfather (see Dec. 29) "he was eaten of worms and gave up the spirit" (Acts 12:21-23)