

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

Bulletin for Sunday, August 6, 2017

Saints and Feasts of the Day

Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Hymns of the Day – Everyone is encouraged to sing the hymns and responses of the Divine Liturgy

Apolytikion for Holy Transfiguration (page 22 in the Service Book)

You were transfigured upon the mountain, O Christ our God, showing to Your disciples Your glory as much as they could bear. Do also in us, sinners though we be, shine Your everlasting light, through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Giver of light. Glory to You.

Holy Apostles Apolytikion (page 24 in the Service Book)

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

Seasonal Kontakion (page 24 in Service Book)

Upon the mountain were You transfigured, and Your disciples beheld Your glory as far as they were able, O Christ our God; so that when they would see You crucified they might understand that Your Passion was deliberate, and declare to the world that in truth You are the Father's radiance.

Gospel and Epistle Readings

Epistle Reading (page 28 in the Service Book)

Prokeimenon. 4th Mode. Psalm 103.24,1.

O Lord, how manifold are your works. You have made all things in wisdom.

Verse: Bring the Lord, O my soul.

The reading is from St. Peter's Second Universal Letter 1:10-19

BRETHREN, be more zealous to confirm your call and election, for if you do this you will never fall; so there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Therefore I intend always to remind you of these things, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to arouse you by way of reminder, since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. And I will see to it that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things. For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," we heard this voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. And we have the prophetic word made more sure. You

Holy Apostles Calendar

Sunday, August 6

Holy Transfiguration
8:30AM Orthros
9:30AM Divine Liturgy

Monday, August 7

6:00PM Small Paraklesis
1:30PM Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 8

7:00AM Men's Group Breakfast @ Perkins
12:00PM (Noon) Small Paraklesis

Wednesday, August 9

11:30AM Assist @ St. Joseph's Food Pantry
6:00PM Small Paraklesis

Thursday, August 10

12:00PM (Noon) Small Paraklesis

Friday, August 11

6:00PM Small Paraklesis

Saturday, August 12

6:00PM Great Vespers

Sunday, August 13

10th Sunday of Matthew
8:30AM Orthros
9:30AM Divine Liturgy
12:00PM GOYA Meeting
6:00PM Small Paraklesis

Monday, August 14

6:00PM Great Vespers

Tuesday, August 15

Dormition of the Theotokos
7:00AM Men's Group Breakfast @ Perkins
8:45AM Orthros
9:30AM Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, August 16

11:30AM Assist @ St. Joseph's Food Pantry
6:00PM Paraklesis

Saturday, August 19

8:00AM IOCC Pan-Orthodox 5K Walk/Run
6:00PM Great Vespers

Sunday, August 20

11th Sunday of Matthew
8:30AM Orthros
9:30AM Divine Liturgy
11:30AM Annual Church Picnic

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will do well to pay attention to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

Gospel Reading (page 29 in the Service Book)

Matthew 17:1-9

At that time, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is well that we are here; if you wish, I will make three booths here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces, and were filled with awe. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of man is raised from the dead."

Notes from Father Christopher

SMALL PARAKLESIS:

Join us each Wednesday at 6pm as we pray and chant the Supplications to the Most Holy Theotokos. Followed by fellowship and light refreshments. The Paraklesis service is a service asking the Panaghia to intercede for us all, as well as people individually. Prayer requests can be submitted in the narthex by writing the names of those living that you wish to pray for on the form, 'For the Health and Salvation...' and placing the prayer request in the basket.

CLERGY VISITS:

If there is someone in a hospital, nursing home or homebound, please contact Father Christopher at frchristopher@holypostlescheyenne.com or 307.514.5347 to schedule a pastoral visitation.

CONFESSIONS:

Please contact Father Christopher at frchristopher@holypostlescheyenne.com or 307.514.5347 to schedule the Holy Mystery of Confession.

GREAT VESPERS:

Commencing on Saturday, July 15th at 6pm onwards there will be recurring a Saturday Great Vespers service, followed by juice, coffee and fellowship. All are welcome to attend.

REACHING OUT:

Do you know of someone in the community who could benefit from a phone call or visit from the priest? Perhaps they stopped attending church, wanted a break or simply just don't have time. If you know of someone like this feel free to pass along their contact information to Father Christopher at frchristopher@holypostlescheyenne.com or 307.514.5347.

NEW BULLETIN FORMAT:

You may have noticed that we are now using a flyer for our Sunday Bulletin that features an icon on the front. There has been a question as to how to properly dispose of these since there is an icon depicted. We encourage you to take the Sunday Bulletin home with you for the calendar and other information, but when you are ready to dispose of it, there will be a basket in the Narthex for you to put in your old Sunday Bulletins.

Holy Apostles Updates

Congratulations to Presbytera Annabelle and Father Christopher on the birth of their son, Petros Christophoros. He was born on Monday, July 24 at 1:51 pm and was 8 lbs. 1 oz. Na sas zisei! Baby Petros is fortunate to have both sets of grandparents here to help.

Paraklesis Services during Dormition Fast: Please note on the calendar that during the Dormition Fast, Paraklesis is held each day. Tuesday and Thursday services (Aug. 1, 3, 8, 10) will be at 12:00 pm, noon, and Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday services (Aug. 2, 4, 7, 9, 11, 13) will be at 6:00 pm. There will be Great Vespers at 6:00 pm on Aug. 5, 12, 14.

Coming Soon

August 20 - Church Picnic following Liturgy on the Patio

September 7 - Ministry Team Lead Meeting @ 4pm followed by Family Dinner Night

November 14 - Open House and Cadillac Chance Raffle

SAVE THE DATE: There will be a Men's Retreat on September 24 - 27 at Water Valley Resort near Encampment, WY. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. Registration information link is <https://denver.goarch.org/mens-retreat> There are flyers in the fellowship hall. This is a popular event, so register ASAP!

CADILLAC CHANCE: Cadillac Chance tickets have been mailed out for everyone to begin selling. If you need more, please contact Tim. Please return your ticket stubs and money to Steve Sias.



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AND PICNIC**
Saturday, August 19, 2017

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St. Catherine Greek Orthodox Church
5555 S. Yosemite St. • Greenwood Village, CO 80111

Registration: 8:00am • Run/Walk: 8:45am
Blessing of the Five Loaves: 10:00am • Lunch: 10:30am

Individuals \$30 • Families \$45

Trophies will be awarded for fastest time and the parish with the most participants!

Register at iocc.org/denver

Questions? Contact Elaine Cladis at 303.435.8584 or ecladis@comcast.net
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INTERNATIONAL ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHARITIES

2017 Young Adult Conference: Keeping the Faith: Living Beacons of the One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic Church

Young adults, ages 19 - 32 years, are invited to enjoy a weekend of fellowship and share in our Orthodox Christian faith. Featuring a night at the Redneck Country Club, SoTiri, the Pop Greek Video artist, Basile the Comedian, and more! <http://youth.denver.goarch.org/events/2017-events/2017-national-young-adult-conference>

Orthodox Christian Fellowship: Attention all college students. Please submit your contact information, including name, mailing address, email address, phone number, name of university and the date that you celebrate your nameday. Submissions can be sent directly to Father Christopher at frchristopher@holyapostlescheyenne.com. If you do not yet have a mailing address, please submit the other information and update when you are able. Have a great summer!

Go to www.ocf.net for great information on being involved and attending events. Coming soon is the 2017 Summer Leadership Institute at St. Iakovos Retreat Center in Kansasville, WI on August 16-19. This is open to anyone interested in attending. Want more information? Contact Quinn, who serves on the OCF Student Leadership Board as the Mountain Region Representative at mountainstudent@ocf.net

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YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 1-4, 2017
HOUSTON, TEXAS

August 6 - Holy Transfiguration

Introduction

The Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ is celebrated each year on August 6. The feast commemorates the transfiguration or metamorphosis of Christ on Mount Tabor, when our Lord appeared in His divine glory before the Apostles Peter, James, and John.

Biblical Story

The event of the Transfiguration is recorded in three of the four Gospels: Matthew 17:1-9, Mark 9:2-8, and Luke 9:28-36. Jesus took the Apostles Peter, James, and John with Him up upon a mountain, and while they were on the mountain Jesus was transfigured. His face shone like the sun, and His garments became glistening white.



Moses and Elijah appeared with Christ, talking to Him. Peter declared how good it was for them to be there and expressed the desire to build three booths for Moses, Elijah, and Christ. This reference to the booths could imply that this occurred during the time of the Feast of Tabernacles when the Jews would be camping out in the fields for the grape harvest; for this Feast had acquired other associations in the course of its history, including the memory of the wanderings in the wilderness recorded in the Old Testament book of Exodus.

While Peter was speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them. A voice came from the cloud saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him." When the disciples heard this they fell on their faces filled with awe. Jesus came to them and told them to not be afraid. When the three looked up they saw only Jesus.

As Jesus and His disciples came down the mountain, He told them not to speak of what they had seen until He had risen from the dead.

The Blessing of the Grapes... One of the traditions associated with the Feast Day of the Transfiguration is the blessing of the First Fruits. The custom of bringing fruit to the temple for consecration originates in the Old Testament time. The Apostles brought this tradition to the Church of the New Testament. The farmers used to bring the early grapes to Church to be blessed and give thanks to God. Today immediately following Divine Liturgy Father will bless the grapes and pass them out to the congregation. The blessing of the grapes signifies the ultimate fruitfulness of all creation in the paradise of God's unending Kingdom of Life where all will be transformed by His Glory!