

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, September 3, 2017

Saints and Feasts of the Day

Anthimus, Bishop of Nicomedeia, Holy Father Theoctistus and his fellow struggler Euthymius the Great, Polydorus the Martyr of New Ephesus, Translation of the relics of St. Nectarius the Wonderworker, Bishop of Pentopolis, Chariton the Martyr

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

Resurrectional Apolytikion (page 22 in the Service Book)

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 Righteous Theoctistus and Euthymius (page 22 in the Service Book)

With the rivers of your tears you made the barren desert bloom; and with your sighs from deep within, you made your labors bear their fruits a hundredfold; and you became a star, illuminating the world by your miracles, O Theoktistos our devout father. Intercede with Christ our God, for the salvation of our souls.

Apolytikion for Hieromartyr Anthimus (page 22 in the Service Book)

Becoming a partner with the Apostles in way of life and successor to their thrones, O God-inspired Saint, in the active life you found an entrance to contemplation. Hence you rightly expounded the word of truth, and you shed your blood in struggling for the faith, O Hieromartyr Anthimos. Intercede with Christ our God, beseeching Him to save our souls.

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)

Both Joachim and Anna from their sterility's stigma, and Adam and Eve from their mortality's ruin have been set free, O immaculate Maid, by your holy nativity. For this do your people hold celebration, redeemed from the guilt of transgression as they cry to you, "The barren one bears the Theotokos, the nourisher of our Life."

Holy Apostles Calendar

Sunday, September 3

13th Sunday of Matthew
8:30AM Orthros
9:30AM Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, September 5

7:00AM Men's Group Breakfast @ Perkins
10:00AM Women's Group
6:00PM OCF Meeting/Dinner for UW Students

Wednesday, September 6

11:30AM Assist @ St. Joseph's Food Pantry
5:30PM Family Promise Meals (Philoptochos)
6:00PM Paraklesis

Thursday, September 7

4:00PM Ministry Team Meeting
5:30PM Family Promise Meals (Philoptochos)
5:30PM Family Night Dinner

Friday, September 8

Nativity of the Theotokos
8:45AM Orthros
9:30AM Divine Liturgy

Saturday, September 9

6:00PM Great Vespers

Sunday, September 10

Sunday before Holy Cross
8:30AM Orthros
9:30AM Divine Liturgy
11:00AM Sunday School Begins
12:00PM GOYA Meeting

Tuesday, September 12

7:00AM Men's Group Breakfast @ Perkins
6:00PM Chanting Class

Wednesday, September 13

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

Thursday, September 14

Elevation of the Holy Cross
8:45AM Orthros
9:30AM Divine Liturgy
5:30PM Parish Council Meeting

Friday, September 15

6:00PM Cheyenne Greek Festival

Saturday, September 16

11:00AM Cheyenne Greek Festival
6:00PM Great Vespers

Sunday, September 17

Sunday after Holy Cross
8:30AM Orthros
9:30AM Divine Liturgy

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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: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 16:13-24

Brethren, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicos, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If any one has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen

Gospel Reading (page 29 in the Service Book)

Matthew 21:33-42

The Lord said this parable, "There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?'"

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:

Each Saturday at 6pm 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

Coming SoonMark Your Calendar!



WOMEN'S STUDY: Beginning in September, the Women's Groups will try alternating day time and evening sessions to accommodate more ladies. September 5 will be at 10 am and September 18 will be at 7 pm

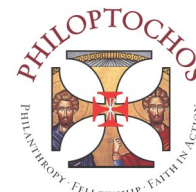


MINISTRY TEAM LEAD MEETING Thursday, September 7 @ 4pm followed by **FAMILY FELLOWSHIP & DINNER NIGHT**. This will be a great evening to invite family and friends to visit Holy Apostles and meet Father Christopher.

Sunday School is Cool



SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS September 10. All Children are invited to participate. Please see Christine or Stacey for details.



PHILOPTOCHOS: A Walk in the Park to aid Greece & Cyprus!

The entire Holy Apostles church family is invited to come for a walk around the lake in Lions Park Sunday, September 10. Meet at Kiwanis Community House at 2:00 pm and after our walk we will head to an ice cream store for a treat! Please bring \$10 per family, all money collected will be sent to the National Philoptochos Aid to Greece & Cyprus campaign which helps feeding programs, soup kitchens, after school programs for underprivileged children in areas that have been terribly affected by the economic crisis in Greece. Come enjoy fellowship and beautiful weather while supporting a worthy cause!



CHANT CLASSES: Chanting classes will begin Tuesday, September 12th at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall and continue on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. No experience is necessary and all are welcome to join as we study the ecclesiastical music of the Orthodox Church. Classes will primarily focus on the Divine Liturgy, as well as Byzantine scales, Model hymns and reading Byzantine notation, as well as voice enhancement techniques.



ALTAR BOY MEETING...and PIZZA!!! An altar boy meeting for all acolytes will be held on Tuesday, September 19th at 6pm in the sanctuary. Please make every effort to attend as we go over the Liturgy and proper procedures while serving in the altar. If you have any questions please contact Father Christopher or Altar Leader Kosta Pappas.

ORTHODOX MEN'S RETREAT

**"BECOMING TRUE MAN:
in family, in vocation, in life."**

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!



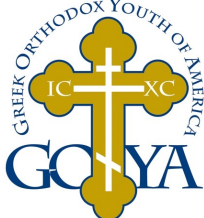
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ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: Attention all college students. Monthly events have been scheduled and you will receive updates through your college email and texts. The first meeting dinner meeting will be 6 pm, September 5th Check with Father Christopher for location. 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@holypostlescheyenne.com. If you do not yet have a mailing address, please submit the other information and update when you are able.



2017 GOYA Front Range Day Retreat: Holy Apostles will host a one day GOYA retreat on Saturday, November 4. Jenny Stasinopoulos, the Denver Metropolis Youth Director, is coordinating this wonderful event with Father Christopher. More information to come when details are finalized.

September 1—Ecclesiastical New Year



For the maintenance of their armed forces, the Roman emperors decreed that their subjects in every district should be taxed every year. This same decree was reissued every fifteen years, since the Roman soldiers were obliged to serve for fifteen years. At the end of each fifteen-year period, an assessment was made of what economic changes had taken place, and a new tax was decreed, which was to be paid over the span of the fifteen years. This imperial decree, which was issued before the season of winter, was named Indictio, that is, Definitio, or Order. This name was adopted by the emperors in Constantinople also. At other times, the latter also used the term Epinemesis, that is, Distribution (Dianome). It is commonly held that Saint Constantine the Great introduced the Indiction decrees in A.D. 312, after he beheld the sign of the Cross in heaven and vanquished Maxentius and was proclaimed Emperor in the West. Some, however (and this seems more likely), ascribe the institution of the Indiction to Augustus Caesar, three years before the birth of Christ. Those who hold this view offer as proof the papal bull issued in A.D. 781 which is dated thus: Anno IV, Indictionis LIII -that is, the fourth year of the fifty-third Indiction. From this, we can deduce the aforementioned year (3 B.C.) by multiplying the fifty-two complete Indictions by the number of years in each (15), and adding the three years of the fifty-third Indiction. There are three types of Indictions: 1) That which was introduced in the West, and which is called Imperial, or Caesarean, or Constantinian, and which begins on the 24th of September; 2) The so-called Papal Indiction, which begins on the 1st of January; and 3) The Constantinopolitan, which was adopted by the Patriarchs of that city after the fall of the Eastern Empire in 1453. This Indiction is indicated in their own hand on the decrees they issue, without the numeration of the fifteen years. This Indiction begins on the 1st of September and is observed with special ceremony in the Church. Since the completion of each year takes place, as it were, with the harvest and gathering of the crops into storehouses, and we begin anew from henceforth the sowing of seed in the earth for the production of future crops, September is considered the beginning of the New Year. The Church also keeps festival this day, beseeching God for fair weather, seasonable rains, and an abundance of the fruits of the earth. The Holy Scriptures (Lev. 23:24-5 and Num. 29:1-2) also testify that the people of Israel celebrated the feast of the Blowing of the Trumpets on this day, offering hymns of thanksgiving. In addition to all the aforesaid, on this feast we also commemorate our Saviour's entry into the synagogue in Nazareth, where He was given the book of the Prophet Esaias to read, and He opened it and found the place where it is written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, for which cause He hath anointed Me..." (Luke 4:16-30).

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