

## 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, October 22, 2017

#### Saints and Feasts of the Day

6th Sunday of Luke, Abercius, Equal-to-the-Apostles and Wonderworker of Hierapolis, Seven Holy Martyred Youths of Ephesus, Cecilia the Martyr, Our Righteous Father Ignatius, Patriarch of Constantinople

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)

Let the heavens sing for joy, and let everything on earth be glad. \* For with His Arm the Lord has worked power. \* He trampled death under foot by means of death; \* and He became the firstborn from the dead. \* From the maw of Hades He delivered us; \* and He granted the world His great mercy.

**Apolytikion for Abercius of Hierapolis** (page 22 in the Service Book)

The truth of your manner of life manifested you to your flock as a rule of faith and an icon of gentleness and a teacher of self-control. By humility, therefore, you acquired the things on high, and riches through poverty. Father Holy Hierarch Abercius, intercede with Christ our God, entreating that our souls be saved.

**Apolytikion for 7 Youths of Ephesus**

Thy Martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since they possessed Thy strength, they cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

**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.

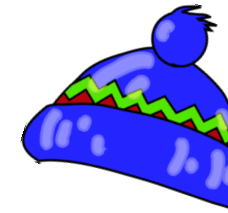
**Kontakion** (page 24 in Service Book)

A protection of Christians unshamable, intercessor to our Holy Maker, unwavering, please reject not the prayerful cries of those who are in sin. Instead, come to us, for you are good; your loving help bring unto us, who are crying in faith to you: hasten to intercede and speed now to supplicate, as a protection for all time, Theotokos, for those who honor you.

#### Gospel and Epistle Readings

**Matins Gospel Reading John. (20:19-31)**

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them: "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he



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October 22nd, 29th, and November 5th



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showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him: "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them: "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe."

Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said: "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

#### **Epistle Reading** (page 28 in the Service Book)

Prokeimenon. Mode 3. Psalm 46.6,1

Sing praises to our God, sing praises.

Verse: Clap your hands, all you nations.

#### **The reading is from Saint Paul's Letter** to the Galatians 1:11-19

Brethren, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

#### **Gospel Reading** (page 29 in the Service Book)

6th Sunday of Luke

#### **The Reading is from Luke 8:26-39.**

At that time, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him

to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

#### **MEMORIAL SERVICES**

Please join us today as we pray for the ever repose of the departed servants of God:

Apostolos Paul Mavrakis, 30 Years, April 19, 1987

Panagiota Zaharas, 25 Years, September 22, 1992

Peter Zaharas, 20 Years, November 23, 1997

Mary Mavrakis, 18 Years, October 22, 1999

Αἰώνια ἡ μνήμη αὐτῶν - Eternal be their memory!

It is the tradition of the Church to pray the Memorial Service together with the Liturgy on the day of death, the third day, the ninth day, the fortieth day after death and on the annual anniversary of death, as well as periodically throughout the year. The prayers are said on the third day in remembrance of the third-day Resurrection of Our Saviour; on the ninth, that the soul of the deceased be conjoined to the nine ranks of Angels; on the fortieth, from the example of the mourning in the Old Testament for the death of the Prophet Moses for forty days by the Israelites, and because of the Ascension of Our Lord on the fortieth day. The dead are commemorated on the annual anniversary of death because this day is their birth-day into Life Everlasting, and on this day we especially feel the loss of a loved one. Kolyva, boiled wheat, with sugar is offered as well and following the service, a portion is brought to the cemetery and sprinkled atop the resting place of the departed loved one as a blessing and symbol of life referenced in Holy Scripture. To schedule a memorial service please contact the Church Office.

#### **Notes from Father Christopher**

##### **SMALL PARAKLESIS:**

Join us each Wednesday at 12 pm 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@holyapostlescheyenne.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 a recurring Saturday Great Vespers service, followed by juice, coffee and fellowship. All are welcome to attend.

### Holy Apostles Updates

For updates to the Sunday bulletin, submit announcements to Father Christopher no later than **5 pm on Wednesday**.

Please refrain from making announcements in the church following Divine Liturgy. If a ministry group would like an announcement made following Divine Liturgy in the church, please email the announcement to Father Christopher no later than **5 pm on Friday** and he will make the announcements.

We will be updating our website and welcome your contribution. Please feel free to take pictures or video of our parish family and community involvements. Media provided should be clear, well lit, in focus, and emailed to Mrs. Laura Bobo James at office@holypostlescheyenne.com.

**VISIT THE HOLY APOSTLES BOOKSTORE:** If you haven't been to the bookstore lately, please stop by! New items are arriving daily. We just received a shipment this week with some visor clips, cross lapel pins, new icons, and jewelry. Instructions for how to make a purchase are posted in the bookstore, or if you have a question please ask Adrienne. I bet she will even make you a cup of coffee while you shop!

### Coming Soon .....Mark Your Calendar!

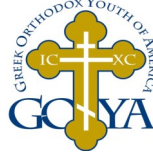
**WOMEN'S STUDY:** Please join us for Women's Study on November 6th and 20th at 10:00am.

**Please join us for Philoptochos!** Philoptochos next meets on Sunday, October 22 following Liturgy. Please come and find out how we can grow our giving within our community. Mark your calendars for a Philoptochos Brunch Fundraiser on November 5, Christmas Dinner Meeting on November 28, and participating in the Tables Extraordinaire event at St. Catherine's Church in Greenwood Village, CO. We welcome any and all women in our community.

**GOYA** is collecting items for IOCC Health Kits, please sign up in vestibule. The next GOYA meeting will be Sunday, November 5th following Liturgy and Sunday School.

**Parish Directory** is being updated. If you would like to change your photo or information, please change it on the printed draft copy or call the office.

**HOLY APOSTLES LENDING LIBRARY:** Please check out our Lending Library at the Church and check out a book in which you are interested. We have the books color coded so you can easily browse through the subjects which interest you! Also, we would love to add to the Library any Church Books you would like to donate. Please see Kay Pappas with any questions or for donating your books! **Reminder: Please be sure to return your borrowed books and to fill out a return date in Sign-Out Notebook. Thanks.**

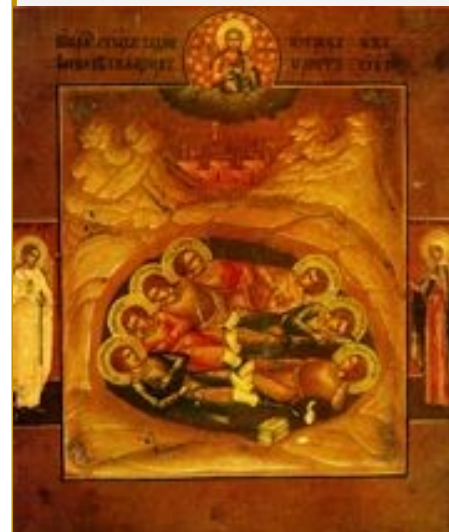


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## October 22—Abercius, Equal-to-the-Apostles and Wonderworker of Hierapolis

Saint Abercius, Bishop of Hierapolis in Phrygia in the times of Marcus Aurelius, was adorned with the grace of wonderworking and with apostolic zeal. During a festival in honour of Apollo, the chief deity of Hierapolis, the holy bishop was instructed in a revelation to destroy the idols. He went to the temple by night and overturned the statues of Apollo and the others. When this was discovered, the Saint boldly cried out that the gods, becoming drunk from the wine of the libations offered them, had struck one against another in their confusion. A multitude of furious pagans came to avenge the insult to their gods, but when the Saint cast the demons out of three afflicted young men, fear fell upon the idolaters and they with the whole city became Christian. After many labours, and afflictions, Saint Abercius reposed in peace about the year 167 (or, according to some, 186).



## October 22—Seven Holy Martyred Youths of Ephesus

This Martyr was in the service of Pontius Pilate at the time of Christ our Saviour's Passion. While standing guard at the Cross and beholding the earthquake and all that came to pass, he cried out with fear, "Truly this was the Son of God" (Matt. 27:54). After the Resurrection, he forsook the military and departed for Cappadocia, his homeland, where he preached Christ. By the agency of Pontius Pilate, Tiberius Caesar had him arrested and beheaded.

### Holy Apostles Calendar

#### **Sunday, October 22**

8:30AM Orthros  
9:30AM Divine Liturgy  
12:00PM Philoptochos Meeting

#### **Tuesday, October 24**

7:00AM Men's Group Breakfast @ Perkins

#### **Wednesday, October 25**

11:30AM Assist @ St. Joseph's Food Pantry  
12:00PM Paraklesis

#### **Thursday, October 26**

Saint Demetrios  
8:45AM Orthros  
9:30AM Divine Liturgy

#### **Saturday, October 28**

6:00PM Great Vespers

#### **Sunday, October 29**

8:30AM Orthros  
9:30AM Divine Liturgy

#### **Tuesday, October 31**

7:00AM Men's Group Breakfast @ Perkins

#### **Wednesday, November 1**

11:30AM Assist @ St. Joseph's Food Pantry  
12:00PM Paraklesis

#### **Thursday, November 2**

5:30PM Faith & Fellowship Family Night & Dinner

#### **Saturday, November 4**

Metropolis of Denver Front Range GOYA Retreat  
6:00PM Great Vespers