

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, November 26, 2017

Saints and Feasts of the Day

13th Sunday of Luke, Alypius the Stylite of Adrianopolis, Stylianos the Monk of Paphlagonia, George the New Martyr of Chios, Akakios of Sinai who is mentioned in The Ladder

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)

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and condescended to be buried for three days, so that from the passions You might set us free. Our life and resurrection, O Lord, glory be 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.

Kontakion (page 24 in Service Book)

On this day the Virgin Maid * goes to the grotto to give birth * to the pre-eternal Word * in an ineffable manner. * Dance for joy, all the inhabited earth, on hearing. * Glorify along with Angels and with the shepherds * Him who willed that He appear as * a newborn Child, * the pre-eternal God.

Gospel and Epistle Readings

Matins Gospel Reading Mark 16:1-8.

When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast seven demons. She went and told those who had been with him, as they mourned and wept. But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it.

After this he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them.

Afterward he appeared to the eleven themselves as they sat at table; and he upbraided them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. And he said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak

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The Metropolis Council
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Friday, December 8, 2017 5pm to 9pm

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is located in the parish lobby and new, unopened
and unwrapped Christmas gifts can be placed in the bin.
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in new tongues; they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."

So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that attended it. Amen.

Epistle Reading (page 28 in the Service Book)

Prokeimenon. 8th Mode. Psalm 75.11,1.

Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.

Verse: God is known in Judah; his name is great in Israel.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 4:1-7 .

Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Gospel Reading (page 29 in the Service Book)

13th Sunday of Luke

The Reading is from Luke 18:18-27.

At that time, a ruler came to Jesus and asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.' " And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

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.

ORTHODOX BIBLE STUDY:

Please join us for Bible Study every Monday at 6:00pm beginning Monday, January 8, 2018. We will start our studies with the Gospel of John. All are welcome to attend!

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 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.**

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 SoonMark Your Calendar!

Nativity Program: Our Nativity Program will take place on December 17th following Liturgy. A Lenten breakfast will follow. All school age children are welcome to participate.

Christmas Dinner: Annual Community Christmas Dinner will be on Tuesday, December 26th. Mark your calendars for this fun event.

Young Adult Ministry (YAM): Attention all Young Adults between the ages of 21-38. We are kicking off the Holy Apostles Young Adult Ministry and we are hoping to plan one YAM event per month. For more information please contact Zoe Christopoulos or Alexis Bellack. Spread the word and bring your

friends!

WOMEN'S STUDY: Please join us for Women's Study on December 4th at 10:00am.

Please join us for Philoptochos! Please come and find out how we can grow our giving within our community. There will be a Christmas lenten dinner meeting on November 28 at 5:30 pm at the home of Fay Zaharas. Please Come! If you are planning to attend the Tables Extraordinaire event at St. Catherine's Church in Greenwood Village, CO on Saturday, December 2, please contact Fay for ticket information.

GOYA: The next GOYA meeting will be Sunday, December 3rd following Liturgy. We will have a meeting and go caroling. Community Christmas card is for sale. Please fill out form with how you would like your name to appear on the community card that will be sent to parishioners. Suggested donation \$20. All proceeds benefit the youth fund.



Holy Apostles Calendar

Sunday, November 26
Nativity Fast
13th Sunday of Luke
8:30AM Morning Matins Service
9:30AM Divine Liturgy

Monday, November 27
Nativity Fast

Tuesday, November 28
Nativity Fast
7:00AM Men's Group Breakfast @ Perkins
5:30PM Philoptochos Christmas Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, November 29
Nativity Fast
11:30AM Assist @ St. Joseph's Food Pantry
12:00PM Paraklesis

Thursday, November 30
Nativity Fast

Friday, December 1
Nativity Fast
10:00AM St. Catherine's Tables Extraordinaire

Saturday, December 2
Nativity Fast
No Great Vespers this evening

Sunday, December 3
Nativity Fast
14th Sunday of Luke
8:30AM Morning Matins Service
9:30AM Divine Liturgy

Monday, December 4
Nativity Fast
Great Martyr Barbara
10:00AM Women's Group

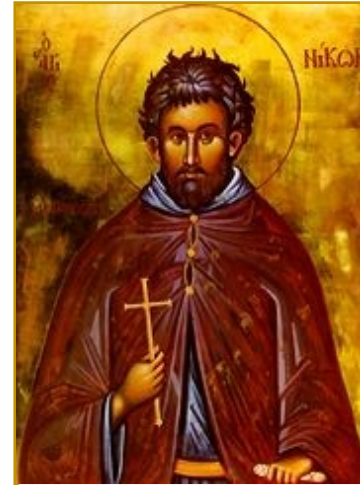
Tuesday, December 5
Nativity Fast
7:00AM Men's Group Breakfast @ Perkins
6:00PM OCF Christmas Dinner for UW Students

Wednesday, December 6
Nativity Fast
Nicholas the Wonderworker
8:45AM Morning Matins Service
9:30AM Divine Liturgy
11:30AM Assist @ St. Joseph's Food Pantry
6:00PM Paraklesis

Thursday, December 7
Nativity Fast

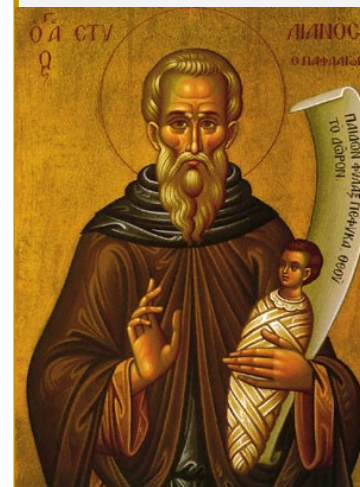
Friday, December 8
Nativity Fast
Vigil for the Conception of the Most Holy Theotokos
7:00PM Vespers, Compline, Hours, Matins, Divine Liturgy

Saturday, December 9
Nativity Fast
Advent Retreat at Saints Peter and Paul in Boulder, no Great Vespers this evening



November 26—Nicon

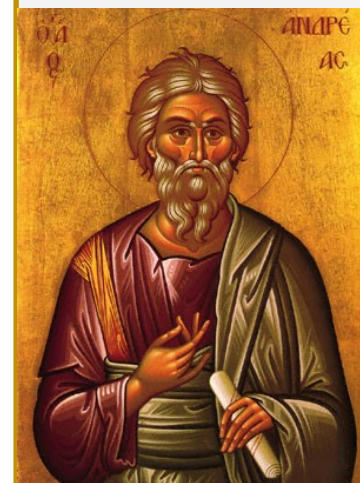
Saint Nicon, the son of a certain noble, was from Armenia. Forsaking his parents and homeland, he passed throughout the parts of the East, crying to all men, "Repent ye," because of which he received this name. Finally, he came to Lacedaemonia of the Peloponnesus, where he built a church in honour of Christ our Saviour. After having dwelt there many years in solitude, and having converted many from paganism, he departed to the Lord about the end of the ninth century.



November 26—Stylianos the Monk of Paphlagonia

St. Stylianos was from Paphlagonia living in the latter 6th century and early 7th century. He loved the Lord Jesus Christ with his whole heart and lived in strict asceticism. When he fell asleep in the Lord, his face shone like the sun and an angel appeared to take his soul to Glory. His prayers have worked many miracles, both during his earthly life and since. He is of special help to children who are ill and to childless couples. He is known as a protector of orphans.

November 30—Andrew the First- Called Apostle



This Saint was from Bethsaida of Galilee; he was the son of Jonas and the brother of Peter, the chief of the Apostles. He had first been a disciple of John the Baptist; afterwards, on hearing the Baptist's witness concerning Jesus, when he pointed Him out with his finger and said, "Behold the Lamb of God, Which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1.29,36), he straightway followed Christ, and became His first disciple; wherefore he is called the First-called of the Apostles. After the Ascension of the Saviour, he preached in various lands; and having suffered many things for His Name's sake, he died in Patras of Achaia, where he was crucified on a cross in the shape of an "X," the first letter of "Christ" in Greek; this cross is also the symbol of Saint Andrew.

Our recent Fifth Annual Cadillac Chance and Open House fund raising event for our Holy Apostles OCCC Land and Building Development Fund began in 2013. This year Raffle Tickets were offered for \$100 each or three tickets for every \$200 purchased, for the opportunity to win a 3 year prepaid lease on a new 2018 XT5 AWD Luxury Edition Cadillac, including Wyoming Sales Tax and Full Maintenance! Or, as in the past, the winner has the option of applying the value of the 3 year prepaid lease (approximately \$25k) for the new Cadillac towards the purchase or lease of any new vehicle at any of Halladay Motors's three Dealerships (GM, Nissan & Subaru) in Cheyenne, Wyoming. A maximum of only 1500 Raffle Tickets were available. Thanks to some generous Underwriters again this year 100% of the proceeds from this year's Cadillac Chance are going to our OCCC Land and Building Development Fund. The drawing was held at our Church's Annual Open House. Congratulations to Ms. Blake Marquardt on being this year's winner!!!



Church Etiquette: † General

- We always stand when a Priest enters a room, and we greet him with a kiss on his right hand. Kissing the Priest's hand is something we do in and out of church, because we are showing respect for the Priest himself and for the position of the Priest, and also because the Priest's hands are used to consecrate the Body and Blood of Christ during Communion.
- We don't cross our legs when sitting in church, it is considered irreverent.