

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, December 3, 2017

Saints and Feasts of the Day

The Holy Prophet Sophonias (Zephaniah), Our Righteous Father John, Bishop and Hesychast, Holy Martyrs Agapius and Seleucius, Theodore, Archbishop of Alexandria, Angelis the New 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)

The stone had been secured with a seal by the Judeans, * and a guard of soldiers was watching Your immaculate body. * You rose on the third day, O Lord * and Savior, granting life unto the world. * For this reason were the powers of heaven crying out to You, O Life-giver: * Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ; * glory to Your kingdom; * glory to Your dispensation, only One who loves mankind.

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 Luke 24:1-12

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women went to the tomb, taking the spices which they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel; and as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of man must be delivered in to the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise." And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told this to the apostles; but these words seemed to

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them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.

But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home wondering at what had happened.

Epistle Reading (page 28 in the Service Book)

Prokeimenon. Mode 1. Psalm 32.22,1

Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 5:8-19 .

Brethren, walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

Gospel Reading (page 29 in the Service Book)

13th Sunday of Luke

The Reading is from Luke 18:35-43.

At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to 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 Salva-

tion...' and placing the prayer request in the basket. We will be moving Paraklesis to 6pm beginning in January.

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. All school age children are welcome to participate. A Lenten breakfast will follow. Please sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall.

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 Christopulos 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.

GOYA: The next GOYA meeting will be today, 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 LENDING LIBRARY: Please check out our Lending Library at the Church and check out a book in which you are interested. **Reminder: Reminder: Please be sure to return your borrowed books to Return Box. Thanks.**

Holy Apostles Calendar

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

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

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

Sunday, December 10

Nativity Fast

10th Sunday of Luke
8:30AM Morning Matins Service
9:30AM Divine Liturgy
11:00AM Parish Council Elections
11:30AM GOYA Meeting

Monday, December 11

Nativity Fast

6:00PM Vespers @ Saint Spyridon

Tuesday, December 12

Nativity Fast

Spyridon the Wonderworker
7:00AM Men's Group Breakfast @ Perkins
8:45AM Morning Matins Service @ Saint Spyridon Church in Loveland
9:30AM Divine Liturgy @ Saint Spyridon Church in Loveland

Wednesday, December 13

Nativity Fast

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

Thursday, December 14

Nativity Fast

11:30AM Parish Council Meeting

Friday, December 15

Nativity Fast

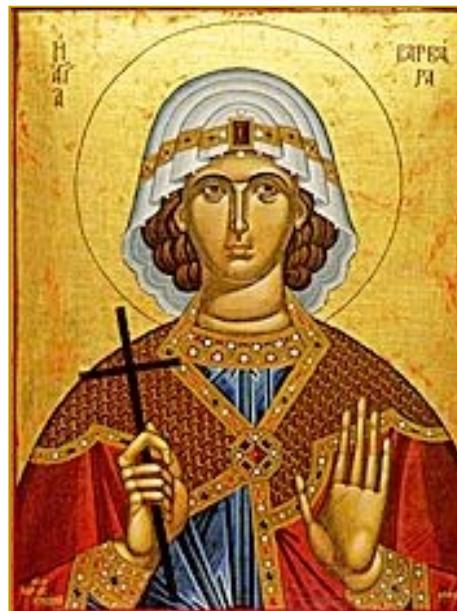
Hieromartyr Eleutherios and Anthia

Saturday, December 16

Nativity Fast

6:00PM Great Vespers

December 4—Barbara the Great Martyr



Saint Barbara was from Heliopolis of Phoenicia and lived during the reign of Maximian. She was the daughter of a certain idolater named Dioscorus. When Barbara came of age, she was enlightened in her pure heart and secretly believed in the Holy Trinity. About this time Dioscorus began building a bath-house; before it was finished he was required to go away to attend to certain matters, and in his absence Barbara directed the workmen to build a third window in addition to the two her Father had commanded. She also inscribed the sign of the Cross with her finger upon the marble of the bath-house, leaving the saving sign cut as deeply into the marble as if it had been done with an iron too. (When the Synaxarion of Saint Barbara was written, the marble of the bath-house and the cross inscribed by Saint Barbara were still preserved, and many healings were worked there.) When Dioscorus returned, he asked why the third window had been added; Barbara began to declare to him the mystery of the Trinity. Because she refused to renounce her faith, Dioscorus tortured Barbara inhumanely, and after subjecting her to many sufferings he beheaded her with his own hands, in the year 290.

December 6—Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra

This Saint lived during the reign of Saint Constantine the Great, and reposed in 330. As a young man, he desired to espouse the solitary life. He made a pilgrimage to the holy city Jerusalem, where he found a place to withdraw to devote himself to prayer. It was made known to him, however, that this was not the will of God for him, but that he should return to his homeland to be a cause of salvation for many. He returned to Myra, and was ordained bishop. He became known for his abundant mercy, providing for the poor and needy, and delivering those who had been unjustly accused. No less was he known for his zeal for the truth. He was present at the First Ecumenical Council of the 318 Fathers at Nicaea in 325; upon hearing the blasphemies that Arius brazenly uttered against the Son of God, Saint Nicholas struck him on the face. Since the canons of the Church forbid the clergy to strike any man at all, his fellow bishops were in perplexity what disciplinary action was to be taken against this hierarch whom all revered. In the night our Lord Jesus Christ and our Lady Theotokos appeared to certain of the bishops, informing them that no action was to be taken against him, since he had acted not out of passion, but extreme love and piety. The Dismissal Hymn for holy hierarchs, The truth of things hath revealed thee to thy flock ... was written originally for Saint Nicholas. He is the patron of all travellers, and of sea-farers in particular; he is one of the best known and best loved Saints of all time.

