

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 10, 2017 - 10th Sunday of Luke -

Fast Day (Fish Allowed) | Fish, oil and wine are allowed. Refrain from meat, dairy and eggs.

Saints and Feasts of the Day

The Holy Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and Euclyptus; Thomas the Righteous of Bithynia

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 You descended unto death, O Lord who yourself are immortal Life, then did You mortify Hades by the lightning flash of Your Divinity. Also when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the Powers of the heavens were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, 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.

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 24:13-45

At that time, two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What is this conversation which you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since this happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; and they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb, and found it just as the women had said; but him they did not see." And he said to them, "O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his

Holy Apostles Calendar

Sunday, December 10

Nativity Fast

10th Sunday of Luke

8:30AM Morning Matins Service

9:30AM Divine Liturgy

11:00AM Parish Council Elections

Monday, December 11

Nativity Fast

6:00PM Vespers @ Saint Spyridon

Tuesday, December 12

Nativity Fast

Saint 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

Saturday, December 16

6:00PM—Great Vespers



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**TODAY ARE PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS.
ALL CURRENT (2017) STEWARDS IN GOOD STANDING ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE.
ELECTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE LIBRARY/
BOOKSTORE LOCATION.**

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**.

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 Adriane. I bet she will even make you a cup of coffee while you shop!

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.**

Coming SoonMark Your Calendar!

EVERYONE IS INVITED: Saint Spyridon Church in Loveland will have vespers on Monday, December 11 at 6:00 pm, and on Tuesday, December 12, Matins at 8:45 am and Divine Liturgy at 9:30 am to celebrate their feast day.

NATIVITY PROGRAM: Our Nativity Program will take place on December 17th following Liturgy. All school age children are welcome to participate. A Lenten potluck brunch will follow. Please sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall.

CHRISTMAS DINNER: Our Annual Community Christmas Potluck 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: The Women's Study Ministry will not meet for the remainder of December. Sessions will begin in January.

December 12—Saint Spyridon the Wonderworker

Spyridon, the God-bearing Father of the Church, the great defender of Corfu and the boast of all the Orthodox, had Cyprus as his homeland. He was simple in manner and humble of heart, and was a shepherd of sheep. When he was joined to a wife, he begat of her a daughter whom they named Irene. After his wife's departure from this life, he was appointed Bishop of Trimythus, and thus he became also a shepherd of rational sheep. When the First Ecumenical Council was assembled in Nicaea, he also was present, and by means of his most simple words stopped the mouths of the Arians who were wise in their own conceit. By the divine grace which dwelt in him, he wrought such great wonders that he received the surname 'Wonderworker.' So it is that, having tended his flock piously and in a manner pleasing to God, he reposed in the Lord about the year 350, leaving to his country his sacred relics as a consolation and source of healing for the faithful.



About the middle of the seventh century, because of the incursions made by the barbarians at that time, his sacred relics were taken to Constantinople, where they remained, being honoured by the emperors themselves. But before the fall of Constantinople, which took place on May 29, 1453, a certain priest named George Kalokhairites, the parish priest of the church where the Saint's sacred relics, as well as those of Saint Theodora the Empress, were kept, took them away on account of the impending peril. Travelling by way of Serbia, he came as far as Arta in Epirus, a region in Western Greece opposite to the isle of Corfu. From there, while the misfortunes of the Christian people were increasing with every day, he passed over to Corfu about the year 1460. The relics of Saint Theodora were given to the people of Corfu; but those of Saint Spyridon remain to this day, according to the rights of inheritance, the most precious treasure of the priest's own descendants, and they continue to be a staff for the faithful in Orthodoxy, and a supernatural wonder for those that behold him; for even after the passage of 1,500 years, they have remained incorrupt, and even the flexibility of his flesh has been preserved. Truly wondrous is God in His Saints! (Ps. 67:3 5)



KING SOOPERS GIVES TO HOLY APOSTLES: King Soopers will donate 5% of your purchase to Holy Apostles. All you need to do is buy a RELOADABLE GIFT CARD AT CHURCH. Please see Jamie to get your card which costs \$10 but already has \$10 on it. It's easiest to reload your card at the customer service counter, then go shopping and pay for your groceries with the gift card. When the balance goes down, just refill it and REUSE IT. This is a very easy continuous fundraiser which supports our building and development fund.

We have also set up a program with Albertsons, and Safeway to support Holy Apostles. See Jamie for more information.

Toys For Tots



Holy Apostles, working in conjunction with the Toys for Tots Cheyenne program, is a certified drop-off location for donations. A donation bin is located in the parish lobby and new, unopened and unwrapped Christmas gifts can be placed in the bin. Thank you for your participation in this great program!

LAYETTE FOR JESUS COLLECTION FO BABY ITEMS

In conjunction with our annual Christmas Potluck, we will be collecting:

Diapers, Diaper Wipes, New clothing up thru size 2T, socks, shoes, small books

Unwrapped Please

glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He appeared to be going further, but they constrained him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognized him; and he vanished out of their sight. They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the scriptures?" And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven gathered together and those who were with them, who said, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Epistle Reading (page 28 in the Service Book)

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 6:10-17

Brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand, therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Gospel Reading (page 29 in the Service Book)

10th Sunday of Luke

The Reading is from Luke 13:10-17

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

Notes from Father Christopher

SMALL PARAKLESIS:

Join us each Wednesday at 6 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.

WELCOME!

Welcome to the Holy Apostles Orthodox Christian Church of Cheyenne and thank you for visiting and worshiping with us this morning. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately following Divine Services for refreshments. If you would like more information regarding becoming a part of the Orthodox Christian Faith and our community, contact Father Christopher at 307.514.5347 or frchristopher@holyapostlescheyenne.com.

We look forward to seeing you and your family again soon!

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Towards the Kingdom of God.—Journey with us!”*

Worship - Charity - Wisdom -Community