

Holy Apostles Orthodox Christian Church of Cheyenne

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Services Schedule: Sunday Services - Morning Matins- 8:30 am - Divine Liturgy - 9:30 am

Bulletin for Sunday, December 17, 2017 - 11th Sunday of Luke -

- SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FOREFATHERS -

Fast Day | Oil and wine are allowed. Refrain from fish, meat, dairy and eggs.

Saints and Feasts of the Day

Daniel the Prophet & Ananias, Azarias, & Misail, the Three Holy Youths; Dionysios of Zakynthos.

Hymns of the Day – All are 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 underfoot by means of death; and He became the firstborn from the dead; from the maw of Hades He delivered us; and He granted to the world His great mercy.

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 24:36-53

At that time, Jesus, having risen from the dead, stood in the midst of his disciples and said to them, "Peace to you." But they were startled and frightened, and supposed that they saw a spirit. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do questionings rise in your hearts? See my hands and feet, that it is I myself; handle me, and see; for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy, and wondered, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them.

Holy Apostles Calendar

Sunday, December 17

Nativity Fast

11th Sunday of Luke

8:30AM Morning Matins Service

9:30AM Divine Liturgy, Christmas Program.

Tuesday, December 19

Nativity Fast

7:00am Men's Group at Perkins

Wednesday, December 20

Nativity Fast

11:30AM Assist @ St. Joseph's Pantry

6:00PM Paraklesis

Friday, December 22

Nativity Fast

9:00am Royal Hours

Saturday, December 23

Forefeast of Nativity of Christ

8:45AM Morning Matins Service

9:30AM Divine Liturgy

6:00PM Great Vespers

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve

8:30AM Morning Matins Service

9:30AM Divine Liturgy

6:00PM Great Vespers

Monday, December 25

Nativity of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

8:30AM Morning Matins Service

9:30AM Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil

Tuesday, December 26

5:30pm Parish Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 27

Saint Stephen

8:45AM Morning Matins Service

9:30AM Divine Liturgy



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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.

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@holyapostlescheyenne.com or 307.514.5347 to schedule a pastoral visitation.

CONFESSIONS:

Please contact Father Christopher at frchristopher@holyapostlescheyenne.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 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.

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.



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF DENVER

CHRISTMAS 2017

*For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His Shoulders. And
His Name will be called Wonderful, Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, the Prince of
Peace.*

Isaiah 9:6

*Reverend Clergy, Monastics,
And Faithful Members of the
Holy Metropolis of Denver*

For almost two thousand years our Holy Church which our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ established has continued to exist as He promised. The fact that He came to give birth to His Church has demonstrated His Great love for His people who had suffered for thousands of years because of the powers of darkness and of evil.

Even though the world is yet victimized by the forces of evil, the love of God has not left us nor will His love diminish in any way. For when evil exists, the grace of God is ever more present. Because of this, our joy once again comes forth as we celebrate the fact that our loving God sends down to us His annual reminder that His humble entrance into the world is the living reality which promises eternal life for His people in His ultimate return.

Let us then continue to rejoice as we celebrate His holy Nativity once again by increasing God's love in our daily lives as His faithful children.

May you have a truly blessed and joyful Christmas celebration.

With paternal joy and blessings,

Metropolitan Isaiah of Denver
+Metropolitan Isaiah of Denver



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.

Then he said to them, "These are my words which I spoke to you, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled. Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city, until you are clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them, and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and they returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

Epistle Reading (page 28 in the Service Book)

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 3:4-11

Brethren, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

Gospel Reading (page 29 in the Service Book)

11th Sunday of Luke

The Reading is from Luke 14:16-24

The Lord said this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time of the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I must go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and there is still room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet. For many are called, but few are chosen.'"

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!

*“We are an Orthodox Christian Community for Southeast Wyoming Travelling Together
Towards the Kingdom of God.—Journey with us!”*

Worship - Charity - Wisdom -Community