



Holy Apostles
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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WELCOME VISITORS

Whether you are an Orthodox Christian new to the area or this is your first time visiting an Orthodox Church, we warmly welcome you to Holy Apostles.

We are so glad you are here. If you have any questions, an usher or greeter would be glad to help.

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is offered to baptized and chrismated Orthodox Christians who have prepared through fasting and prayer. At the close of the service, please come up to receive antidoron (blessed bread) which is offered to all.

A GUIDE TO THE SERVICE

The Divine Liturgy begins on page 19 of the hymnal at your seat. This bulletin contains elements of the service that change weekly, including variable hymns, readings, and prayers.



Growing Christ's Church Nourishing a Community of Love

Holy Apostles is a community of love and transformation in Christ. Our mission is to be an extended village, welcoming and encouraging both adults and children to participate in the Orthodox Christian Faith, as we grow together, like the Holy Apostles, to know, love and serve Jesus Christ.

Orthros Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Mode 3

Saints and Feasts

The 12th Sunday of Matthew; Apodosis (Leave-taking) of the Dormition of the Theotokos; Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons; Kallinikos, Patriarch of Constantinople; Nicholas of Sikelion

Resurrectional Apolytikion (Hymnal p. 107)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord has shown the mighty power of his arm. He has trampled down death by death, becoming the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell and has granted to all the world his great mercy.

The Antiphons

The First Antiphon

Refrain after each verse:

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us.

The Second Antiphon

Refrain after each verse:

Save us, O Son of God, Who rose from the dead; save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

The Third Antiphon

After each verse:

Apolytikion of the Dormition
Hymnal p. 223 or see below

The Small Entrance

Priest: "Wisdom. Let us be attentive!" (Σοφία, ὀρθοί! | Sofía, orthí!)

People: Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, Who rose from the dead; save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Resurrectional Apolytikion (See above)

Apolytikion of the Dormition (Hymnal p. 223)

In giving birth you remained a virgin, and in your dormition you did not forsake this world, O Theotokos. For as the Mother of Life, you have yourself passed into life. And by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

Kontakion of the Dormition (Hymnal p. 289)

She is our vigilant intercessor, the Theotokos, our sure hope and protection. Neither death nor tomb held any power over her, for as the Mother of Life, she was taken into life by that very one who deigned to dwell in her ever virgin womb.

The Epistle

Prokeimenon. Mode 3. Psalm 46

Reader: Sing praises to God; sing praises; sing praises to our King; sing praises.

Verse: *Ob, clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with the voice of rejoicing.*

St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 15:1-11

Brethren, I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast — unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some

have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

The Holy Gospel

The Reading is from the Gospel of Matthew 19:16-26

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, "Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And he said to him, "Why do you call me good? One there is who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to him, "All these I have observed from my youth; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to

the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, 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." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Wisdom from the Fathers and Mothers

St. John Chrysostom

For though it is a grace, yet it is not poured forth at random, but framing its measure according to the recipients, it lets as much flow as it may find the vessel of faith that is brought to be capable of holding.

*The Liturgy of the Faithful***Megalyrnarion of the Dormition (Choir)***Now all generations call you blessed, O only Theotokos.*

In you the laws of nature are defeated, O undefiled Virgin pure. In virginity childbirth was accomplished, and death introduces life. You, after bearing, are virgin, and after dying are living.
Mother of God, ever save your inheritance.

Communion Hymn (Choir)

I will take up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. Alleluia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of August 23rd, 2026**A Joyful Welcome to Fr. Rob Spaliatsos, Our New Priest**

It is with tremendous joy that Holy Apostles welcomes Fr. Rob Spaliatsos as our new parish priest beginning September 1st. Fr. Rob is joined by his beautiful family, Pres. Sophia and their five children: Eleni, Julia, Agape, Amalia, and Andreas. Please welcome them all to our community with the warmth and love that has always been a hallmark of our parish, and watch for details in the coming weeks about specific ways you can help support their move and transition.

Learn more about Fr Rob here: holypostlesgo.org/new-priest

Feast of Ecclesiastical New Year — Tuesday, Sep 1 • Orthros: 8:30 AM-9:30 AM; Divine Liturgy: 9:30 AM-11:00 AM — This feast marks the beginning of the Orthodox liturgical year and is a day of prayer for the protection of our natural environment.

Eight Dates — Starting Sep 10, 2026 — Couples, make time for what matters most this fall with “Eight Dates,” an online relationship enrichment series presented by the Family Wellness Ministry. Strengthen your relationship and discover new ways to grow together. Info or to register here: familywellnessministry.org/eight-dates

Camp Agape Northwest Fundraiser — Saturday, Sep 12 • 6:00 PM-8:00 PM • Edmonds Yacht Club, 326 Admiral Way, Edmonds, WA — This benefit features a joyful evening of dinner, auction, and dancing to support families facing childhood cancer. Info or to register here: campagapenw.org/bepartofthemagic

Bible Study — Wednesdays beginning Sep 16 • 12:00 PM-1:00 PM • Online via Zoom: 838 6157 6484 — Josh Ensley facilitates weekly Bible online study. More info: tinyurl.com/ha-bible-study

Orthodoxy 101 — Wednesdays beginning Sep 16 • 7:00 PM-8:30 PM — Curious about Orthodoxy? Considering becoming Orthodox? Want to deepen your understanding of the faith? Join us for an 8-week Introduction to Orthodoxy course. More info: tinyurl.com/ortho-101

Learn about Fr. Rob,
our new priest, and the
Spaliatsos family



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