



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: Mark 16:1-8

Mode 4

Saints and Feasts

The 13th Sunday of Matthew; Apodosis of the Beheading of the Forerunner; Alexander, John, and Paul the New, Patriarchs of Constantinople; Phantinos the Righteous of Calabria; the 16 Monk-martyrs of Thebes

Resurrectional Apolytikion

Hymnal p. 111

The joyful news of your resurrection was proclaimed by the angel to the women disciples. Having thrown off the curse that fell on Adam, they ran elatedly to tell the apostles: Death has been vanquished; Christ our God is risen from the dead, blessing all the world with 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:

Resurrectional Apolytikion
See above

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 Forerunner (Choir)

The memory of the just is observed with hymns of praise; for you suffices the testimony of the Lord, O Forerunner. You have proved to be truly more ven’rable than the Prophets, since you were granted to baptize in the river the One whom they proclaimed. Therefore, when for the truth you had contested, rejoicing, to those in Hades you preached the Gospel, that God was manifested in the flesh, and takes away the sin of the world, and grants to us the great mercy.

Apolytikion of Holy Apostles (Hymnal inside cover)

O holy Apostles, intercede with the merciful God, that He may grant to us forgiveness for our sinful souls.

Kontakion of the Nativity of the Theotokos (Hymnal p. 229)

Your holy birth delivered Joachim and Anna from the reproach of childlessness, and liberated Adam and Eve from death’s corruption, O Pure One. Thus freed from the stain of sin, we your people honor your birth, crying out to you: A woman thought barren brings forth the Theotokos who nourishes Christ our Life.

The Epistle

Prokeimenon. Mode 4. Psalm 103

Reader: O Lord, Your works shall be magnified greatly; You made all things in wisdom.

Verse: *Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, You are magnified exceedingly.*

St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 16:13-24

Brethren, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my

spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If any one has no love for the Lord, let him be anathema. Maranatha! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

The Holy Gospel

The Reading is from the Gospel of Matthew 21:33-42

The Lord said this parable, "There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us

kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it was marvelous in our eyes?'"

In Memorial

Troparia for Memorials (*Hymnal p. 357E*)

A memorial is offered today in loving memory of Irene Barinoff & her sister Mary Barinoff Glencer.

It has been 40 days since their passing.

✙ May their memory be eternal ✙



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

Unless otherwise specified, events take place at Holy Apostles. For more information, please see website calendar and events page: holypostlesgo.org/calendar

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

Feast of Nativity of the Theotokos — Tuesday, Sep 8 • Orthros: 8:30 AM-9:30 AM; Divine Liturgy: 9:30 AM-11:00 AM — This feast celebrates the birth of the Theotokos to her parents, Joachim and Anna, an event that prepared the way for the coming of Christ.

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. Info and registration: 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 — A joyful evening of dinner, auction, and dancing to support families facing childhood cancer. Info and registration: campagapenw.org/bepartofthemagic

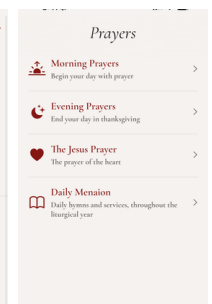
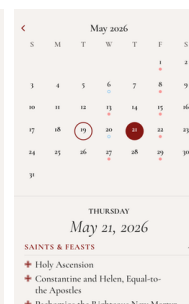
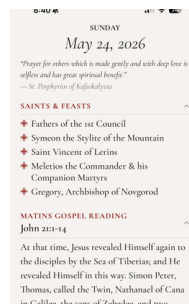
St. Demetrios Auction to benefit Boyer’s Children’s Clinic — Saturday, Sep 12 • 5:30 PM-10:00 PM — Info and registration: saintdemetrios.ejoinme.org/auction

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 — Join us for an 8-week Introduction to Orthodoxy course. More info: tinyurl.com/ortho-101

Let’s stay connected to our prayer life in the upcoming Ecclesiastical year! Check out the Kandili Orthodox Daily Readings app, developed by our very own Holy Apostles parishioner, Brian Warren!

Kandili is beautiful and intuitive, with daily Bible readings, Saints and Feasts, morning and evening prayers and more. *QR Code for download below.*



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