# Holy Apostles
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

# *2nd Sunday of Luke*
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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: John 20:1-10** **Mode 1**

**Saints and Feasts**

The 2nd Sunday of Luke; our Father among the Saints Hierotheos, Bishop of Athens

**Resurrectional Apolytikion** *(Hymnal p. 99)*

Although your tomb was sealed with a stone, O Savior, and your most pure body was guarded by the soldiers, you rose on the third day giving life to all the world. Therefore O giver of life, the powers of heaven praise you: Glory to your resurrection, O Christ. Glory to your kingdom. Glory to your saving wisdom. O only lover of mankind.

## *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 Holy Apostles** *(Hymnal inside front cover)*

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

**Ordinary Kontakion** *(Hymnal p. 225)*

O unfailing protection of Christians, and our faithful advocate before the Creator: though we are sinners, do not ignore our entreaty; but in your goodness, grant your timely help to us who appeal to you in faith. Quickly make intercession; on our behalf make speedy supplication, O Theotokos, for you always protect those who honor you.

## *The Epistle*

**Prokeimenon. Mode 1. Psalm 32**

**Reader:** Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we hope in You.
**Verse:** *Rejoice greatly in the Lord, O righteous ones; praise is fitting for the upright.*

**St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 9:6-11**

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work.

As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

## *The Holy Gospel*

**The Reading is from the Gospel of Luke 6:31-36**

The Lord said, "And as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.

And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, despairing of no man; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

## *Wisdom from the Fathers and Mothers*

Unless the grace of God comes to the help of our frailty, to protect and defend it, no man can withstand the insidious onslaughts of the enemy nor can he damp down or hold in check the fevers which burn in our flesh with nature's fire.

**+St. John Cassian**

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

On **National Church Music Ministry Sunday**, we give our heartfelt thanks to Protopsaltis Sarah Bury and the Holy Apostles choir for their faithful work in leading our parish in prayerful song and chant. Their dedication enriches our worship and reflects the beauty of our Orthodox faith. We thank God for them!

**Nourishing Network Meal Packing** — Tuesday, Oct 6 • 6:30 PM-7:30 PM • 23200 100th Ave W, Edmonds — Fun, fast-paced volunteer opportunity. Come pack meals for food-insecure children in Edmonds.

**Bible Study** — Wednesday, Oct 7 • 12:00 PM-1:00 PM • Online via Zoom: 838 6157 6484 — Josh Ensley facilitates weekly Bible online study.

**Orthodoxy 101** — Wednesday Oct 7 • 7:00 PM-8:30 PM — Join us for an 8-week Introduction to Orthodoxy course.

**Eight Dates** — Thursday, Oct 15 • 6:30 PM-7:45 PM — 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

**Parish Pub Night Fellowship** — Thursday, Oct 22 • 6:30 PM-8:30 PM • Elliott Bay Brewing - Lake City, 12537 Lake City Way NE, Seattle — Enjoy a casual evening of fellowship with your fellow parishioners. RSVP to Nick or Erica Strauss.

**Feast of St. James, Brother of our Lord** — Friday, Oct 23 • Orthros: 8:30 AM-9:30 AM; Divine Liturgy of St. James: 9:30 AM-11:15 AM — This feast day honors St. James, the Brother of our Lord, who was the first Bishop of Jerusalem.

**Holy Apostles Sunday School** — Love kids and sharing the beauty of Christ's Church? Holy Apostles is re-launching Sunday School as soon as our building allows! We are seeking teachers, co-teachers, and substitutes for our friendly, supportive team. Interested? Please reach out to Tammie Duskin, Erica Strauss, or email youth.ed@holyapostlesgo.org.

## Fr. Tom's Retirement Party



Save the date! Saturday, Nov 7th from 5:00-8:30 PM at Three Holy Hierarchs in Mountlake Terrace. Tickets will go on sale next week for a celebration of Fr. Tom's 27 years of pastoral ministry at Holy Apostles. We hope you will be able to join us.

**Fall General Assembly** — Sunday, Nov 1, following Divine Liturgy.

Please join us for important updates during this momentous season for our community.

We will also be accepting nominations for four seats on Parish Council. If you have ever considered serving on PC, we'd love to hear from you at: pc@holyapostlesgo.org

Parish Council member expectations:

- Have a heart for serving our parish
- Attend monthly in-person council meetings the third Tuesday of each month
- Serve on parish committees or serve as an active liaison to parish ministries.
- Serve quarterly on the Ushering and Welcoming Ministry

Download the Kandili Prayer App for iOS here:

Read the October Monthly eBulletin:

Give to Holy Apostles: manage your tithe, or make a one-time gift: