



Holy Apostles
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.

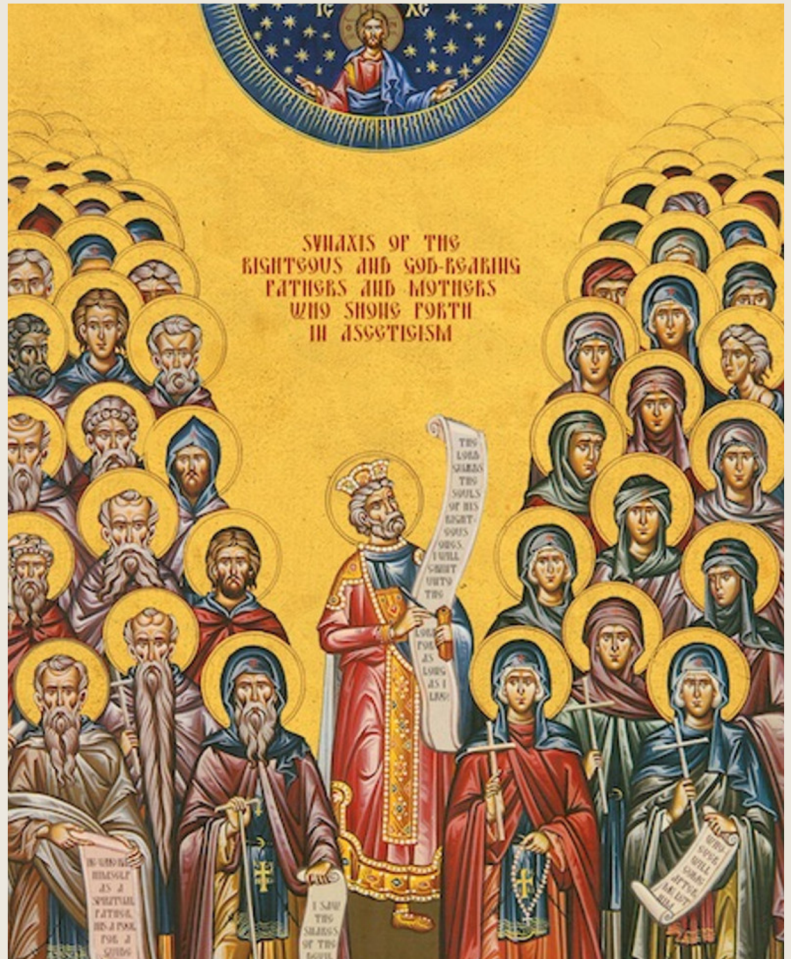
We are so glad you are here. If you have any questions, an usher or greeter would be glad to help.

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 each week, including the 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 pl. 2

Saints and Feasts

Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council; Macrina the Righteous, sister of St. Basil; Dius, Abbot of Antioch; Theodore, Bishop of Edessa; Translation of the Holy Relics of Righteous Seraphim of Sarov

Resurrectional Apolytikion

Hymnal p. 119

The angelic powers appeared at your tomb, the soldiers guarding it became as dead men, and Mary stood at your grave seeking, seeking your most pure body. But you made hell a captive; you were untouched by its might. You came to the virgin and granted life. O Lord, who rose from the dead, glory to you.

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, ὁρθοί! | 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 Holy Fathers

Hymnal p. 171

Unending glory be Yours, O Christ our God, for making our holy fathers radiant lights to all the world. Through them You led us to the true faith. Compassionate Savior, glory to You.

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.

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 pl. 4. Psalm 31.**

Reader: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice greatly, O righteous ones.

Verse: Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven.

St. Paul's Letter to Titus 3:8-15

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned.

When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

*The Holy Gospel***The Reading is from the Gospel of Matthew 5:14-19**

The Lord said to his disciples, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill

them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

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

Holy Communion: As you approach to receive Holy Communion, please help Fr. Tom by stating your baptismal name when he says, "The servant of God..." Even though Fr. Tom knows many of your names, this simple practice is helpful and appreciated.

All Saints Camp Intermediate Session — Today! • All Saints Camp and Retreat Center, 205 Camp Rd NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335, USA — Information for camp may be found at: <https://allsaintscamp.com>

Camp Agape: Volunteer Orientation and Set-Up — Saturday, Jul 25 - Monday, Jul 27 • All Saints Camp and Retreat Center, 205 Camp Rd NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335, USA — Help prepare a week of love, laughter, and respite for children with cancer and their families at our Camp Agape volunteer set-up.

Camp Agape at All Saints Camp — Monday, Jul 27 - Sunday, Aug 2 • All Saints Camp and Retreat Center, 205 Camp Rd NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335, USA — Camp Agape Northwest offers a cost-free week of respite and joyful memory-making for children with cancer and their entire families.

Dormition Fast — Saturday, Aug 1 - Saturday, Aug 15 — Prepare your heart for the Dormition of the Theotokos with two weeks of prayer and fasting to draw closer to the Mother of God.

Paraklesis for the Theotokos — Monday, Aug 3 • 6:00 PM-7:00 PM — Offer praise to the Mother of God and ask for her intercessions for the healing of our souls and bodies at this beautiful service.

Feast of The Holy Transfiguration of our Lord — Thursday, Aug 6 • Orthros: 8:30 AM-9:30 AM; Divine Liturgy: 9:30 AM-11:00 AM — Commemorate the day Christ revealed His divine glory on Mount Tabor, offering a glimpse of the Kingdom to come.

Construction Reminders:

Bathrooms — Bathrooms are located outside, in the building with the metal ramps. Parents, please escort your kids to the bathroom. Please do not lock bathrooms from the inside.

Fellowship Hour — Coffee hour is on hold until we are in a more settled place with space utilization and the remodel. We will keep you posted!

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BUILDING LOVE

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