



Holy Apostles  
ORTHODOX CHURCH

# *Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women*

APRIL 26, 2026



## 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.

# Holy Apostles Orthodox Church

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## SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

**Orthros** · 8:30 AM

**Divine Liturgy** · 9:30 AM

See online calendar at  
[HolyApostlesGo.org/calendar](http://HolyApostlesGo.org/calendar)  
for all upcoming services and events.

## JURISDICTION

Holy Apostles is a parish under the jurisdiction of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America in full communion with the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople.



## 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.

Please join us after the service for fellowship and a light coffee hour. We look forward to meeting you! Look for the visitors table and we will make sure to connect with you.

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 mostly contains those elements of the service that change each week, including the hymns, readings, and prayers appointed for this Sunday.

## STAY IN TOUCH

Visit our website, [HolyApostlesGO.org](http://HolyApostlesGO.org), for our online calendar, events, news, and ministry information. Follow links to watch our livestream, listen to the parish podcast, read the monthly e-Bulletin and more!

*Holy Apostles is an English-language parish within the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese. Some hymns and refrains are repeated in Greek. You will find the Greek text for most of these in the hymnal, on the page facing the English text.*

## COMMON PHRASES OF WORSHIP IN GREEK

Lord, have mercy  
Κύριε, ἐλέησον  
Kýrie, eléison

To You, O Lord  
Σοί, Κύριε  
Sí, Kýrie

Glory to You, O God  
Δόξα σοι, ó Θεός  
Dóksa sí, o Theós

Grant this, O Lord  
Παράσχου, Κύριε  
Paráschou, Kýrie

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal  
Ἅγιος ó Θεός, Ἅγιος Ἰσχυρός, Ἅγιος Ἀθάνατος  
Ágios o Theós, Ágios Ischyros, Ágios Athánatos

Let us pray to the Lord  
Τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν  
Tu Kyriú deithómen

Orthros Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

Mode: 2nd (Tone 2)

**Saints and Feasts**

Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women; Basil the Holy Martyr, Bishop of Amasea; Glaphyra the Righteous;  
Justa the Nun

**Christ is Risen — Hymn of Pascha***Hymnal p. 153*

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs  
He has granted life.

Χριστός ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι ζωὴν χαρισάμενος.  
Christós anésti ek nekron, thanáto thánaton patísas, ke tis en tis mnímasi zoín charisámenos.

**Resurrectional Apolytikion***Hymnal p. 103*

When you descended into death, Life immortal, you vanquished the pow'r of hell by your resplendent divinity  
and when you raised the dead from the depths of darkness, all the heavenly powers cried out triumphantly:  
O giver of life, Christ our God, 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 are  
risen from the dead. Save us who  
sing to You, Alleluia.

**The Third Antiphon***After each verse:*

Christ is Risen  
*See above*

*The Small Entrance*

**Priest:** "Wisdom. Let us be attentive!" (Σοφία, ὀρθοί! | Sofía, orthí!) "Bless God in the churches; bless the Lord  
from the fountain of Israel."

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

**Resurrectional Apolytikion***See above***Apolytikia of the Myrrh-Bearing Women***Hymnal p. 159*

The noble Joseph took your most pure body down from the tree. He wrapped it in clean linen, anointed it with  
spices, and placed it in a new tomb. But on the third day you rose, O Lord, bestowing on all the world your great  
mercy.

**Second Apolytikia of the Myrrh-Bearing Women***Hymnal p. 163*

The angel stood by the tomb and cried out to the myrrh-bearing women: Myrrh would be fitting to anoint the dead, but Christ has shown himself to be free from corruption. Therefore, proclaim that the Lord is risen, bestowing on all the world his 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 Pascha***Hymnal p. 275*

Into the grave you descended, Immortal One, yet you destroyed the power of Hades, and as victor you arose, O Christ our God; you proclaimed to the myrrh-bearing women a greeting of joy, you brought peace to your holy apostles, and to the fallen you granted resurrection.

*The Epistle***Prokeimenon. Tone 2. Psalm 117**

**Reader:** The Lord is my strength and my song, and He became my salvation.

**Verse:** The Lord chastened and corrected me, but He did not give me up to death.

**Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7**

In those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochoros, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

*The Holy Gospel***The Reading is from the Gospel of Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8**

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James saw where he was laid. And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early

on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

*The Liturgy of the Faithful***Megalynarion of Pascha***Hymnal p. 305*

The angel cried to the lady full of grace: Rejoice, rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again I say rejoice! Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb. With Himself, He has raised all the dead. Rejoice, O ye people. Shine! Shine! Shine! O New Jerusalem. The Glory of the Lord has shone on you. Exult now, exult and be glad, O Zion. Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection, the Resurrection of your Son.

**Communion Hymn of Pascha***Hymnal p. 318*

Receive the Body, the Body of Christ. O taste the Fountain of Immortality.

*Σώμα Χριστοῦ μεταλάβετε, πηγῆς ἀθανάτου γεύσασθε.*

*Sóma Christou metalávetete, pigís athanátou géfsasthe.*

**Post-Communion Hymn of Pascha***Hymnal p. 153*

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs  
He has granted life.

## *The Lord's Prayer*

*Hymnal p. 77*

### **English**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done, on earth  
as it is in heaven.

Give us this day  
our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive  
those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

### **Ελληνικά**

Πάτερ ἡμῶν ὁ ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς  
ἀγιασθήτω τό ὄνομά σου,  
ἐλθέτω ἡ βασιλεία σου,  
γενηθήτω τό θέλημά σου,  
ὡς ἐν οὐρανῷ καί ἐπί τῆς γῆς.

Τόν ἄρτον ἡμῶν τόν ἐπιούσιον  
δος ἡμῖν σήμερον·  
καί ἄφες ἡμῖν τά ὀφειλήματα ἡμῶν,  
ὡς καί ἡμεῖς ἀφίεμεν  
τοῖς ὀφειλέταις ἡμῶν·  
καί μή εἰσενέγκης ἡμᾶς εἰς πειρασμόν,  
ἀλλά ῥύσαι ἡμᾶς ἀπό τοῦ πονηροῦ.

### **Greek Transliteration**

Páter imón o en tis ouranís,  
agiasthító to ónomá Sou;  
elthéto i vasilia Sou;  
genithító to thélimá Sou,  
os en ouranó ke epi tis ghis.

Ton árton imón ton epiouúsiou  
dos imín símeron;  
ke áfes imín ta ofelímata imón  
os ke imís afíemen  
tis ofilétes imón;  
ke mi isenégis imás is pirasmón,  
ala ríse imás apó tou poniroú.

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## *Post Liturgy*

### **Stewardship Prayer**

*Hymnal p. 362*

Lord Jesus Christ, our God, accept our offerings as You accepted the gifts of Your people throughout the ages. We offer these gifts to Your glory, for the support of the ministries of Your holy Church, for the alleviation of suffering and hunger, and for the proclamation of Your Gospel to the whole world. Grant us Your blessing, Lord our Savior, that we may always be faithful stewards, continuing to share the gifts You have given us, by the power of Your grace, mercy and love. May your name be glorified forever. Amen.

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## *Wisdom from the Fathers and Mothers*

### **St. John Chrysostom**

*Homily 88 on Matthew 27, 4th Century*

And many women were there beholding afar off, which had followed Him, ministering unto Him, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's sons. These things the women see done, these who were most inclined to feel for Him, who were most of all bewailing Him. And mark how great their assiduity. They had followed Him ministering to Him, and were present even unto the time of the dangers. Wherefore also they saw all; how He cried, how He gave up the ghost, how the rocks were rent, and all the rest. And these first see Jesus; and the sex that was most condemned, this first enjoys the sight of the blessings, this most shows its courage. And when the disciples had fled, these [women] were present.

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

### Bible Study (Online)

Wednesday, Apr 29 • 12:00–1:00 PM • Zoom: 838 6157 6484

Join us as we deepen our understanding of God's word. We are studying the Gospel of John, Ch. 17.

### Men's Fellowship: Pub Night at Elliott Bay Brewing

Thursday, Apr 30 • 6:30–8:30 PM

12537 Lake City Way NE, Seattle

Enjoy an evening of good conversation and build community with other men from the parish.

### Parish General Assembly: Mid-Year

Sunday, May 3 • 11:30 AM–12:30 PM

Please join us at the Spring Parish General Assembly

### Parish Care Ministry

Our Parish Care Ministry exists to walk alongside our parishioners during illness, loss, and other times of need, offering meals, cards, visits, and practical support as an expression of our life together in Christ. If you are in need of support, or would like to learn more about how to help the Holy Apostles Care Ministry, please reach out to us at [care@holypostlesgo.org](mailto:care@holypostlesgo.org).

### Holy Apostles Building Fund

Help us reach our \$4.8M goal. All gifts gratefully appreciated! Stock gifts and memorial giving welcome as we build our future together.

### Reminders

- Building Entrance — Due to ongoing construction, we have begun using a temporary new entrance; please follow the concrete walkway around behind the building to join us for services. The Narthex and hall will have limited weekday availability, with full Sunday services and fellowship continuing as usual in our available space. Thank you for your patience and prayers!
- Bathrooms — They 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 has been simplified while we remodel. Please contact your Coffee Hour lead for additional details.
- Parking — Please park within designated areas and keep all lot entrances fully accessible. Thank you for being a considerate neighbor and helping our traffic flow smoothly!

## *Paschal Greetings Around the World*

### English

Christ is Risen!  
Truly He is Risen!

### Greek

Christos Anesti!  
Alithos Anesti!

### Slavonic

Christos Voskrese!  
Voistinu Voskrese!

### Arabic

Al-Masih Qam!  
Hakkan Qam!

### Romanian

Hristos a înviat!  
Cu adevărat a înviat!

### Spanish

¡Cristo ha resucitado!  
¡Verdaderamente ha resucitado!

### French

Christ est ressuscité!  
En vérité il est ressuscité!

### Ukrainian

Khrystos Voskres!  
Voistynu Voskres!

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