



Holy Apostles

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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 21:14-25

Mode 2

Saints and Feasts

The 11th Sunday of Matthew; Translation of the Holy Napkin (the Image Not-Made-by-Hands) of our Lord;
Diomedes the Physician & Martyr of Tarsus; Gerasimus of Cephalonia; Joseph the Hesychast;
Afterfeast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

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 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, 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 Napkin (Hymnal p. 129)

Before your most pure image we bow down, O Good One, entreating you to forgive our sins, Christ our God, for
you willingly ascended the cross in the flesh to deliver from the enemy those whom you had made. For this we
thank you and we cry to you, O Savior: By coming to save the world you have filled all things with joy.

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.

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 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 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.*

St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 9:2-12

Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife as sister, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses,

“You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain.” Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material things? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

*The Holy Gospel***The Reading is from the Gospel of Matthew 18:23-35**

The Lord said this parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt.

But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay

what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord delivered him to the torturers, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

In Memorial

A memorial is offered today in loving memory of **Peter Yakubovsky**, beloved grandfather of Sasha Penco & Helen Miller. It has been 43 years since his passing.

✙ May his memory be eternal ✙

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

Among the spirits of the righteous brought to perfection, give rest, O Savior, to the soul of Your servant. Keep him in blessed life with you, O Lover of mankind. Within your peace, O Lord, where all your saints repose, give rest also to the soul of Your servant, for You alone are immortal. Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. You are our God who descended into Hades and shattered the bonds of its captives. Grant rest also, O Savior, to the soul of your servant. Now and ever and to the ages of ages, Amen. O Virgin, the only pure and spotless, who ineffably gave birth to God, intercede with Him for the salvation of the soul of your servant.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of August 16, 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

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



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