Holy Apostles
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Fathers of the 7th Council
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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 20:11-18 **Mode 2**

Saints and Feasts

Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council; the Holy Apostle Philip the Deacon

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:

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 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 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 4. The Prayer of Azariah

Reader: Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers.
Verse: *For You are righteous in all You did for us.*

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 Luke 8:5-15

The Lord said this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As he said these things, he cried out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

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

Church School Sunday — This Sunday (Parable of the Sower) is dedicated to Sunday School teachers & religious educators. As we give thanks for the sacred ministry of Christian education, we offer our heartfelt gratitude to all our Sunday School teachers & religious educators who faithfully labor to form the minds & souls of our children in the life of Christ. May the Lord strengthen & inspire them as they continue to nurture the next generation in the faith, love, & life of His Holy Church.

Holy Apostles Sunday School — Holy Apostles is seeking teachers, co-teachers, and substitutes as we prepare to relaunch Sunday School! If you love kids and sharing the Faith please contact Tammie Duskin, Erica Strauss, or email youth.ed@holyapostlesgo.org.

Bible Study — Wednesday Oct 14 • 12:00 PM-1:00 PM • Online via Zoom: 838 6157 6484 — Josh Ensley facilitates weekly Bible online study.

Orthodoxy 101 — Wednesday Oct 14 • 7:00 PM-8:30 PM — Chad Duskin and Brian Warren lead an 8-week Wednesday evening series for anyone curious about the Orthodox Christian faith.

Eight Dates: Essential Conversations for a Lifetime of Love — Thursday, Oct 15 • 6:30 PM-7:45 PM — This online series helps Orthodox couples at any stage strengthen communication and build connection. Info: 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. RSVP to Nick or Erica Strauss.

Festal Orthros & Divine Liturgy of St. James — Friday, Oct 23 • Orthros: 8:30 AM; Divine Liturgy: 9:30 AM — Join us to honor St. James, the Brother of our Lord and first Bishop of Jerusalem, featuring the ancient Divine Liturgy with special hymns and prayers heard only on this feast day.

Feast of St. Demetrios

- Festal Vespers — Sunday Oct 25, 5:00 PM-6:00 PM
- Orthros & Divine Liturgy — Monday, Oct 26, 8:30 AM-11:30 AM

St. Demetrios • 2100 Boyer Ave E, Seattle
Please join St. Demetrios at services for their patron, the Holy and Glorious Great Martyr Demetrios.

We're Moving Back into the Offices! — Today! Sunday, Oct 11, following Divine Liturgy.
Thank you to all who have helped with our various move and clean up efforts! Please join us today after Liturgy as we move everything back into the offices from the trailer. Stay as long as you can; many hands make light work! Snacks will be available after.

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: