Holy Apostles
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

5th 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 21:15-25 **Mode pl. 1**

Saints and Feasts

The 5th Sunday of Luke; Holy Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian

Resurrectional Apolytikion *(Hymnal p. 115)*

To the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation, let us, the faithful, give praise and worship. For he willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to endure death and raise the dead by his glorious resurrection.

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 Unmercenaries *(Choir)*

Holy Unmercenaries and Wonder-workers, visit our infirmities. Freely you received; freely give to us.

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. Psalm 15.

Reader: To the saints on His earth, in them the Lord magnified all His will.
Verse: *I saw the Lord always before me.*

St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 12:27-31; 13:1-8

Brethren, you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, then healers, helpers, administrators, speakers in various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

The Holy Gospel

The Reading is from the Gospel of Luke 16:19-31

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to them, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

The Liturgy of the Faithful

Second Communion Hymn (sung after 'Praise the Lord') *(Choir)*

The righteous will be remembered for ever. Alleluia.

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

Holy Communion — As you approach to receive Holy Communion, please help Fr. Rob by stating your baptismal name when he says, "The servant of God..." This simple practice is helpful and appreciated.

Fall Parish General Assembly — Today! • 11:15 AM-12:15 PM following Divine Liturgy. Please be sure to sign in on your way to coffee hour.

Bible Study— Wednesday, Nov 4 • 12:00 PM-1:00 PM • Online via Zoom: 838 6157 6484 — Josh Ensley facilitates weekly Bible online study.

Orthodoxy 101 — (Last class until Spring) Wednesday, Nov 4 • 7:00 PM-8:30 PM — Join us for an 8-week Introduction to Orthodoxy course.

Eight Dates: Essential Conversations for a Lifetime of Love — Thursday, Nov 5 • 6:30 PM-7:45 PM — This online series helps Orthodox couples at any stage strengthen communication and build connection.

Feast of St. Nektarios the Wonderworker — Monday, Nov 9 • Orthros: 8:30 AM-9:30 AM; Divine Liturgy: 9:30 AM-11:00 AM — This day commemorates St. Nektarios of Aegina, a beloved 20th-century wonder-worker known for his humility and countless miracles.

Feast of Entrance of the Theotokos — Saturday, Nov 21 • Orthros: 8:30 AM-9:30 AM; Divine Liturgy: 9:30 AM-11:00 AM — This Great Feast commemorates the dedication of the Virgin Mary to God at the Temple in Jerusalem by her parents, Joachim and Anna.

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 email youth.ed@holyapostlesgo.org.

Sts. Mary & Martha Classical Schoolhouse — A proposed Orthodox school for elementary students that hopes to open in the fall of 2027. If you are interested in enrolling your children or supporting this initiative, please complete our brief interest survey (scan the QR code below). Please pass our survey along to anyone that may be interested.

2027 Ancient Faith Singles Retreat — February 25–28, 2027 — Orthodox Christian singles ages 30 and up are invited to Antiochian Village in Bolivar, PA, for a weekend of fellowship, worship, engaging speakers, and fun activities. Registration is now open at: www.ancientfaith.com/events/singles-retreat.

Sts. Mary & Martha School Survey

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