



# Holy Apostles Orthodox Church

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Sunday Matins 8:30am, Liturgy 10:00 am, Wed & Sat Vespers 6:00 pm,  
Thurs 12:00 pm Scripture study

## Sunday

## June 25, 2017

**Birthday:** Matthew Bracey, John Herbert, Abbess Thecla,  
Vera Bozko-Summer

**Namesday:** Andrew Smith

**Chrismation Anniversary:** Lawrence & Julianna/Anna Gillespie

**Wedding Anniversary:** Dcn. Nicholas

**Travelers:** *For all who are traveling this week.*

**Visitors:** Please stay after the service and join us for an Agape meal provided by Snezana Popova and Team 9.

**Kitchen schedule: July 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Michael Hodge and Team 1.

Thanks to Kathy Lu who made today's prosphora.

**Prosphora schedule: June 30<sup>th</sup>** – Grace Moore (Holy Apostles)

**July 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Cara Maynor

### Announcements:

- Wednesday 6 pm – Great Vespers for St. Peter and Paul
- Thursday 6 pm – Vigil for Holy Apostles
- Thursday 9 am – Liturgy for Holy Apostles
- July 1, Saturday 9 am – Liturgy at the Monastery
- Looking ahead: Plan to be here for a Church Work Day July 15<sup>th</sup>
- Finances below do not include building and savings accounts

Holy Apostles	Monthly Budget	Income	Expense	Difference	YTD
May 2017	\$15,042	21,468	-24,226	-2758	
Year to Date	\$75,210	97,541	-97,953		-412

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Afterfeast of the Nativity of the Forerunner**  
**Virgin Martyr Febronia of Nisibis (ca. 304)**

**Tone 2**

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal,  
Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead!  
And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of  
heaven cried out: // O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!

**Tone 4**

O prophet and forerunner of the coming of Christ,  
we who honor thee with love are at a loss how to praise thee worthily;  
for by thy glorious and honored nativity  
thou didst loose the barrenness of her who gaveth birth to thee  
and the muteness of thy father, and dost proclaim to the world //  
the incarnation of the Son of God.

**Tone 4**

Thy ewe-lamb Febronia cried out to Thee with a loud voice, O Jesus:  
"I love thee, O my bridegroom,  
and, seeking Thee, I pass through many struggles;  
I am crucified and buried with Thee in Thy baptism,  
and suffer for Thy sake, that I might reign with Thee;  
I die for Thee, that I might live with Thee.  
As an sacrifice accept me who sacrifice myself with love for Thee."  
By her supplications, save Thou our souls, //  
in that Thou art merciful.

**Tone 2**

Hell became afraid, O Almighty Savior,  
seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb!  
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee!  
// And the world, O my Savior, praises Thee for-e-ver.

Glory to the Father / and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**Tone 3**

Today she who before was barren  
giveth birth unto the forerunner of Christ,  
and he is the fulfillment of all prophecy;  
for, laying his hand in the Jordan upon Him Whom the prophets foretold,  
// he hath been shown to be the prophet, herald and forerunner of the  
Word of God.

**Tone 6**

Both now and ever / and unto ages of ages. Amen.  
Steadfast Protectress of Christians,  
constant advocate before the Creator,  
despise not the cry of us sinners, but in thy goodness come speedily to  
help us who call on thee in faith.  
Hasten to hear our petitions and to intercede for us. O Theotokos, //  
for thou dost always protect those who honor thee.

## Scripture Readings

**Epistle:** Hebrews 13:7-16

Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, Today if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years. Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, they do alway err in their heart; and they have not known my ways. So I sware in my wrath, they shall not enter into my rest.) Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end; While it is said, Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation. For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses.

**Gospel:** John 17:1-13

And these words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

**Epistle:** Romans 5:1-10

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

**Gospel:** Matthew 6:22-33

The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness! No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.