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**Father's Message:**

Dear faithful,  
Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

Today, we stand in the light of the greatest and most joyful proclamation ever uttered in human history: "Christ is Risen!" With these words, the darkness of sin and death is shattered. With these words, the tomb becomes the womb of eternal life. And with these words, we are called—not merely to rejoice—but to be transformed.

The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is not simply an historical event. It is the foundation of our faith, the victory over death, and the promise of our own resurrection. As St. Paul tells us, "If Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty" (1 Corinthians 15:14). But Christ is risen, and so our faith is full—full of hope, full of power, full of life. What, then, does this mean for us?

First, the Resurrection means that death no longer has the final word. In Christ, death has become a passage—not an end, but a new beginning. As we sing joyfully in the Paschal Canon: "Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death!" In this triumphant act, our Lord entered into the grave not as a victim, but as a conqueror. He destroyed the bonds of Hades and raised up Adam and all his descendants with Him.

Second, the Resurrection is a call to new life. Pascha is not only Christ's victory—it is our participation in that victory. Through baptism, we are buried with Christ and raised with Him into a new life (Romans 6:4). Therefore, we

are no longer slaves to sin, fear, or despair. We are children of the Resurrection. This means our lives must reflect this truth. Our hearts must be resurrected from bitterness, from judgment, from selfishness—raised instead into love, forgiveness, and light.

Third, the Resurrection offers us eternal hope. The world may seem dark. We may face sickness, loneliness, injustice, and loss. But the empty tomb tells us these do not define us. We are destined not for corruption, but for glory. The joy of Pascha reminds us that no matter how deep the night, the dawn will come.

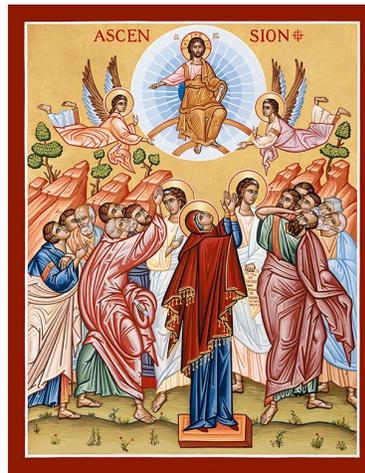
Christ has already won the victory, and we are invited to walk in His triumph.

Finally, my faithful, the Resurrection binds us together in unity. On Pascha night, all divisions fell away. All people—young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor—proclaimed with one voice: "Christ is Risen!" This is not just a greeting; it is a confession of faith and a celebration of our unity in the Risen Lord. In this light, we are called to be a Resurrection people—bringing life where there is death, peace where there is conflict, and hope where there is despair.

So let us go forth, filled with the joy and power of the Resurrection. Let us carry the light of Christ into our homes, into our workplaces, into every corner of the world. Let our lives become icons of the Resurrection, living testimonies that "Christ is Risen!"—and because He is risen, we too shall rise.

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

+Father Constantine



**SUNDAY DIVINE SERVICES**

***Orthros Service 9:00am  
Divine Liturgy 10:00am***

***Sunday, April 27th - Sunday of St. Thomas  
Orthros Reader & Epistle Reader: Gregory Painter  
Ushers: Goldie Homan, Vicky Fullmer  
Prophoron: Sophie McCurry  
Agape Fellowship: The Painters, Kim Sims***

***Sunday, May 4th- Sunday of the Myrrh-bearers  
Orthros & Epistle Reader: John Speck  
Ushers: Tressa Rockwood, Ron Sims  
Prophoron: Hala Dib  
Agape Fellowship: Need Host***

***Sunday, May 11th, Sunday of the Paralytic  
Orthros Reader: Gregory Painter  
Epistle Reader: Alex Tarasau  
Ushers: Tony Hoskin, Sophie McCurry  
Prophoron: Sophie McCurry  
Agape Fellowship: Need Host***

***Sunday, May 18th Sunday of the Samaritan Woman  
  
*Honoring our Graduates*  
Orthros & Epistle Reader: John Speck  
Ushers, Tressa: Rockwood, Tom Hugie  
Prophoron: Hala Dib  
Agape Fellowship: Nadia Poiras, Ashley Tarasau***

***Sunday, May 25th, Sunday of the Blind Man  
Orthros & Epistle Reader: Steven Swanson  
Ushers: Goldie Homan, Kade Schmalz  
Prophoron: Sophie McCurry  
Agape Fellowship: Need Host***

***Sunday Services Followed by  
Agape Fellowship  
in the Social Hall***

**WEEKDAY LITURGIES**

***WEDNESDAY, MAY 21ST  
FEASTDAY SAINTS CONSTANTINE  
& HELEN***

***Divine Liturgy 10:00am***

***THURSDAY, MAY 29TH  
FEAST DAY OF HOLY ASCENSION***

***Divine Liturgy 10:00am***

**PARISH MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

***PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
SUNDAY, MAY 4TH***

***CATECHISM CLASS***

***Those interested in learning more about the Orthodox Faith and becoming Catechumens are asked to attend in-person or on Zoom in the Conference Room.***

***TUESDAY, MAY 6TH AT 6:00PM***

***ZOOM ID: 875 2559 4697,  
PASSCODE 477296***

***<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87525594697?pwd=TUKV2pkcmFTdStz.a0RLMXkvNC9ydz.09>***

***HONORING OUR HIGH SCHOOL/  
COLLEGE GRADUATES  
SUNDAY, MAY 18th***



**ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH 2025 ANNUAL PLEDGE CARD FORM**

Please complete both sides and return this form to the Church Office

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

	Member	Spouse	Children	Age
Name:	_____	_____	_____	/
Mobile Tel:	_____	_____	_____	/
E-mail:	_____	_____	_____	/
Occupation:	_____	_____	_____	/
Work Tel:	_____	_____	_____	/

**TREASURE:**

In gratitude for God’s blessings, I/We commit to Christ and His Church the following Stewardship Pledged Amount for 2025 \$\_\_\_\_\_

**HONORING OUR HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE GRADUATES  
SUNDAY, MAY 18th**



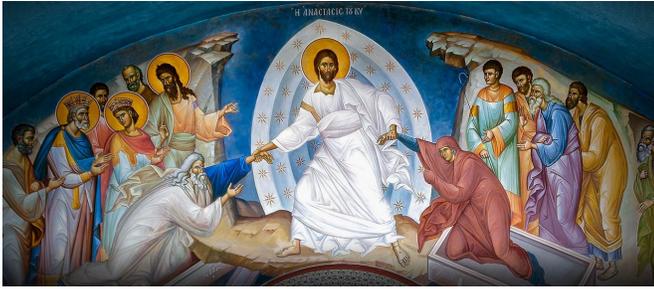
If you are graduating from **High School, College or Graduate School** for the school year **2024-2025**.

Please email the following information: **list the School you are graduating from, degree, awards, activities, honors, future plans, sports, college you are going to attend, major you hope to pursue, future work, or employer** to: Father Constantine at **assumptiongo-church@gmail.com** by **May 12th**. The parish will acknowledge and honor each graduate at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

**EXCERPTS TAKEN FROM “GOD, WHERE IS THE WOUND?” - MOTHER SILUANA**

† If I walk with my eyes closed or without paying attention (the act of sinning) and I hit the table, I will feel pain (the sensible part of sin). Pain is not a punishment, it is part of the “mechanism”, the process of sin. The table doesn't punish me because I closed my eyes! Neither did God give me the capacity to feel pain (after the fall) to punish me, but to feel my sin and return to Him. This is why we don’t need purgatory to atone for our sins, because the moment your sin is forgiven, the punishment disappears. Sin itself is an evil that you do to yourself and that hurts you and wounds you. God lifts this evil from you.

† St. Theoliptus said that everything we did and everything that was done to us gets imprinted in us just like tracks get imprinted in the snow. And just like tracks get erased from the snow by sun and water, so traces in our soul can be erased by the Sun who is Christ, by His burning love, by the *water* of our tears of repentance. The Holy Fathers say that weeping is a path toward the healing of our soul. And don’t be afraid if you start by weeping out of spite! We all start the way we can: the important thing is to raise our thoughts to God and His mercy.



**PASCHA - A BLESSED DAY...  
ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ! ΑΛΗΘΩΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!**

I'd like to offer my sincere thanks to all of those who attended the Divine Services in person and those who viewed the services through Live-Stream, and those whose prayers were with us to celebrate the joyous Resurrection of our Lord as was done centuries ago by the first followers of Christ. Following the blessing of the Paschal Eggs and Baskets, the parish family gathered in the Social Hall to share and greet each other. The Pascha Agape gathering has become a wonderful tradition of our blessed parish. I pray that the Lord's Holy Resurrection touched your hearts.

Great Lent and Holy Week are never the work of the priest alone; it is always a community effort. I want to thank all those for offering to help in any way possible. I was moved by many people throughout the nation both Orthodox and non-Orthodox who watched the services during Great Lent and throughout Holy Week. I feel there is a thirst and a desire to seek the spiritual truth handed down through the Apostles.

What has been especially invigorating for me during this time is to feel the precious treasure of our Orthodox worship and to appreciate it. Others found time to look inward, and make an inventory about their life, and prioritize what is truly important in the presence of the Lord. I invite all to come home to the Assumption and worship in person as a family of believers.

With much gratitude I want to take this opportunity to thank **Olenda Painter, Andrew Hearne, & Carrie Thienes** for chanting the services with their wonderful voices. Their participation added a richness to our divine worship. To **Gregory Painter, Alex Tarasau, John Speck, Steven Swanson and Jacob Denton** we thank them for being Readers throughout Lent and Holy Week. I also want to thank **Alex Tarasau** on behalf of the parish for manning the cameras for live-streaming the services. Also much appreciation to **Dean Harris** for his assistance in the altar throughout Great Lent, Holy Week, and weekly helping set up for each service. Knowing that **Dean** was near by helped me devote my attention to the services. Much appreciation to our Choir: **Olenda Painter and Carrie Thienes, John Speck, Gregory Painter, Jacque Swanson, Svitlana & Tony Hoskin, Andrew Hearne, and Vivian Close.**

Much appreciation is extended to **Tim and Maria Swore and their family**, for hosting and donating the Saturday of Lazarus Parish Breakfast. They include **Trisha Reddin, Mia & AJ Campbell, Katie Swore, Avery Lovett, Reace Swore, David Swore** as well as **Treon Maroudas, Tom Beseris** also **Olivia Lovett, Eleni Pope** for their support.

Much appreciation to **John Speck, Steven Swanson Evan Myers, Garet Kelly and Alex Tarasau** for decorating the church for Palm Sunday. To the following for fashioning Palm Crosses, **Filio Paloukos, Jacque Swanson, Hala Dib, Rebecca Klingler, Carrie Thienes, Kylie Hunt, Naglaa Bargelski, Susan Sayed, Caroline Peters, Devyn & Kade Schmalz.** Also to **Ashley, Ben & Charlotte Tarasau, Samantha, Eli, & Emma Mountain**, for the kids Palm Sunday crafts.

To **Goldie Homan, Tressa Rockwood, Philip Homan, Sophie McCurry, Betty Katsilometes, Caroline Peters, Terri Owen, Nadia Poiras, Jacque Swanson**, for preparing the delicious Salmon Palm Sunday Brunch for the **Ladies Philoptochos Ministry Fundraiser.** Outstanding! Also to **Sophie McCurry** for donating all the children's meals. To **Jacob Denton, Garet Kelly, Sawyer Shaffer, Derek Hyde, Evan Myers, Caroline Peters, Fred Bradford and Kelly Autrey** for setting the tables for the Agape Meal. And to **Vicky Fullmer, Filio Paloukos, Ashley & Alex Tarasau, Caroline Peters, Terri Owen, Carrie Thienes, Goldie Homan, Jayce Bodily, Stella & Nick Gdontakis, Tressa Rockwood Andrew Hearne,**

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and **Benjamin Tarasau** for dyeing and wrapping 300 Red Pascha Eggs and wrapping each with tulle and red ribbon that were blessed Pascha Night. To **Brandon & Melissa Black** for donating 14 dozen eggs from their hens. The rest of the eggs were donated by **Rashid & Naila Bisharat**.

We also appreciate the young girls who were the Myrrh-bearers for Holy Friday, they included, **Vivi Merzlock, Nicole Poiras, Emma Mountain, Chloe Wilhelm, Octavia Paloukos, Olivia and Pheobe Schoenrock, Keeva & Adelaide Schmalz, Lucy Thienes, Pascale Carlson, Rylie McManus, Everlee Walters, Charlotte Tarasau, Mia Vasylenko-Weaver, and Vlada Vasylenko-Weaver**. Also much appreciation to the Epitaphion Ushers they included, **Steven Swanson, Kade Schmalz, Aaron Walters, Bradon Black, Ian Schoenrock, Jacob Denton, Nathan Speck, Dean Thiros, and Alex Tarasau**.

The beautiful, awe-inspiring Tomb of Christ was decorated with one-thousand flowers, arranged by the following: chaired by **Anastasia Savarekis, Ashley Tarasau, Sophie McCurry, Filio Paloukos, Elaine Papapavlos, Vivi Merzlock, Keeva & Adelaide Schmalz, Devyn Schmalz, Melissa Black, Garrett Kelly and Charlotte Tarasau**.

Much appreciation to the following who contributed monetary gifts for the Epitaphion and items for Holy Week, they include: **Sam and Filio Paloukos, Annie Semons, Rocky & Vicky Fullmer, Hala & Ghassan Dib, Jim & Cora Ligor, Vivian & Clarence Close, George and Betty Katsilometes, Heidi Linehan, Jo-Ann Contos, Betty Angelos, Sophie & Mitch McCurry, Annie Schulze, Dave & Jeanne Harmer, Olen-da & Gregory Painter, Ted Georges, Goldie Homan, Naglaa & Chris Bargelski, Nick & Stella Gdontakis, Pat & Patricia Dovas, Kade & Devyn Schmalz, Vadym Ustianskyi, Pamala & Gary Swan, Alex & Ashley Tarasau, Elaine Papapavlos, Jeff & Panayota Semons Short, Ian & Chayla Schoenrock, Les & Helene Poulos Edmo, Paul & Dea Voegeli, Nathan Jaminson, Dimitri & Pauline Zozos, Lisa Gentry, Scott & Elly MacDonald, Randall & Tamara Lille, John & Anna Workman, Teresa Owen, Ron & Julie Kuhn, Jacque & Steven Swanson, and Scott & Rebecca Eames**.

Much appreciation is extended to the following for cleaning and setting up the Resurrection Service, they include: **Dean Harris, Ashley & Alex Tarasau, John Speck, Elaine Papapavlos, Jacque Swanson, Garrett Kelly, Svitlana Hoskin, Michael Hoskin, Ben Tarasau**.

Holy Week concluded with the Agape Vesper Service of Love, where the Gospel of the Holy Resurrection was read in ten languages. The Reading of the Gospel of John 20:19-25 symbolizes the universality of the Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord. The readers included: **Ian Schoenrock-German, Alex Tarasau-Polish, Vivian Close-French, Svitlana Hoskin-Ukrainian, Nate Mountain-Portuguese, Jacque Swanson-Spanish, Pashto-Evan Myers, Catherine Rashkeev-Russian, Fulton Beal-Gaelic, and Father Constantine-Greek**.

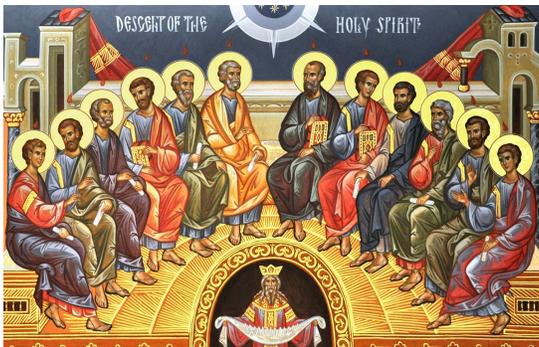
An extra special thank you to the following altar servers during the week, they include, **Michael Hoskin, Joseph Hoskin, Benjamin Tarasau, Johnny Thienes, Nicholas Hoskin, George Ligor, Torren Harris, and Isaiah Thienes**. Special thanks also to **Angela Fullmer, Ashley Tarasau** for organizing the Easter Egg Hunt and for teaching Sunday School to the younger children, supervising the children during the Lenten Retreat. To **Ashley Tarasau** for organizing the arts and crafts during Holy Thursday. Also to the **Bisharat Family of Inkom** for the Bunny Rabbit and the 25 dozen eggs that were dyed for Pascha and all of their support. To **Stella Gdontakis and Filio Paloukos** for their Easter Bread and Koulourakia for Pascha Sunday. And to **Filio Paloukos** for the Chicken Egg Lemon Soup Holy Resurrection night.

Thank you to **John Speck** for taking photographs throughout Lent and Holy Week and arriving early to open all the buildings. To **Phil Homan and Goldie Homan** for preparing the roasted lamb, organizing and setting up the Agape Meal that was delicious. To those who served and cleaned up afterwards. We want to thank the following for preparing the food and providing beverages for the Agape Resurrection Meal they include: **Filio & Sam Paloukos, The Tarasaus, The Painters, Yolanda Riech, Vivian & Clarence Close, The Black Family, Cora & Jim Ligor, Hala & Ghassan Dib, Filio Paloukos, Stella Gdontakis, Tressa Rockwood, Molly Besis, Goldie Homan, Betty Katsilometes, Sophie McCurry, Anna Workman, Sergey & Catherine Rashkeev, Steven & Jacque Swanson, and The Walters Family**. Continued page 6

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I apologize if anyone's name was inadvertently omitted. God thanks you for your generosity. Christ has Truly Risen and the Assumption parish is also alive and well, blessed by the faithful who call her their home. For the many friends who also have embraced our parish we are grateful. We invite everyone to our services and look forward in having as part of our family of believers in Our Lord's name.

**Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!**  
**Father Constantine**

**THE JOURNEY OF THE HOLY FIFTY DAYS**

Indeed, the period of the **Fifty Holy Days** is different than the rest of the ecclesiastical calendar. It is unique in that we pray with the festal tune, even in funerals. There is no fasting on Wednesdays and Fridays, and private fasts are not allowed.

However, the Fifty Holy Days have beautiful spiritual depth, which makes a person not lax spiritually, but rather grow and rejoice spiritually after the asceticism of Great Lent and Holy Pascha Week.

It is a period of rejoicing in the Resurrection of our Lord and our resurrection with Him. It is the time to experience the new life in our Lord Jesus Christ. It is the period in which a person, who has practiced self-control over material things during the 55 days of Great Lent, rises to live joyfully in the spirit and worship God in spirit and truth. If a person plants with effort, toil, and tears during Great Lent, then the Fifty Holy Days is the time of harvest, accompanied by joy and gladness.

While Great Lent represents the struggle of the Israelites in the Wilderness of Sinai, the Fifty Holy Days represent the entry of the Israelites into Canaan, the Promised Land. As inspired by the Holy Spirit, the Holy Church arranged so that the readings and hymns of the Fifty Holy Days would help us experience the life of joy and victory of the new life in our Lord Jesus Christ. The person, who spiritually lives the prayers, hymns, and readings of this period, will experience spiritual depth and will benefit. For him, the Fifty Holy Days will no longer be regarded as a time to just eat, drink, and lax spiritually, and thus he will not waste all the beautiful spiritual fruits he collected during Great Lent and Holy Pascha Week. Together, let us meditate on the prayers of the Church, as well as Her hymns, and readings during this blessed period.

The festal tune is used for all the prayers during this time, whether it is the Divine Liturgy, Vespers, the liturgical prayers of the sacraments, and even the funerals. The goal is to make the person feel the joy of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Divine Liturgy is actually the celebration of Christ's death and resurrection, and even before the Church set a specific day for the celebration of the Feast of the Resurrection, the Divine Liturgy on Sunday morning was and is still considered the weekly celebration of the Resurrection. During the Fifty Holy Days, as we rejoice in the victory of Christ over death, we joyfully sing the Resurrection Hymn, "Christ is Risen": "Christ is risen from the dead. By death He has trampled upon death, and to those in the tombs, He bestowed eternal life."

During the Fifty Holy Days, as we rejoice in the victory of Christ over death, we joyfully sing the Resurrection Hymn, "Christ is Risen" As we hear and live through the prayers, hymns, and readings of the Holy Church, may our Lord help us to enjoy the journey of the Fifty Holy Days.

**2025 STEWARDS THE FOLLOWING HAVE MADE AN ANNUAL PLEDGE**

***If you have given toward Stewardship and your name does not appear on the list please contact Tressa Rockwood, Stewardship Chair***

*Father Constantine Zozos  
John & Candice Apostle  
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Naglaa & Chris Bargelski  
Brandon and Melissa Black  
Afton and Jamie Carlson  
John N. Christ  
Clarence and Vivian Close  
Mary Frances Cozakos  
Jacob Denton  
Hala and Ghassan Dib  
Chris Drakos +  
Kenny and Kristina Dudunakis  
Scott and Rebecca Eames  
Angela Fullmer  
Rocky and Vicky Fullmer  
Nicholas and Stella Gdontakis  
Lisa Gentry  
Ted Georges  
Frank Grant  
Botros and Monika Hanna*

*David and Jeanne Harmer  
Dean and Kathy Harris  
Seth and Brooke Harris  
Goldie Homan  
Philip Homan  
Anthony & Svitlana Hoskin  
Thomas and Tracey Hugie  
Nathan Jamison  
Betty and George Katsilometes  
John Katsilometes  
Angela & Dan Kimball  
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Pamela & Gary Swan  
Steven and Jacque Swanson  
Travis & Ryan Swore  
Tim and Maria Swore  
Alex and Ashley Tarasau  
Nick and Tasia Tsakrios  
Pauline Thiros  
Vadym Ustianskyi*

**Our Parish sustains itself through Annual Pledges from its parishioners. All Budgetary needs are paid through individual and family pledges. We would like to encourage everyone to please consider Pledging according to their ability. Pledge Cards are available at the Candle Stand or call Tressa Rockwood for a Card.**

**ONLINE GIVING****(Questions contact Tressa Rockwood 208-251-8105)**

The Assumption Greek Orthodox Church has an electronic option for making your stewardship payments and other regular and special offerings. Contributions can now be: debited automatically from your checking or savings account. (click ACH) .25cents fee. Or processed using your credit or debit card. (click Credit) 2.9% fee. If you use credit/debit would you be so kind as to pay the fee. Just check the box.

You will be able to **REGISTER AND CREATE AN ACCOUNT** which will also allow you access to your Church directory information and your giving history. We hope you find this program helpful.

Access our on-line giving portal on the Church website at:  
<https://www.assumptionpocatello.net>

Or directly at: <http://assumptionpocatello.churchtrac.com/give>





## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please offer names (first name only) to our clergy of those who are suffering from illnesses or challenges in life so they can be included in our prayers during the divine services. The prayer list will be published in The Epistle Newsletter monthly so that our parishioners can include the names in their personal prayers as well. Contact Father Constantine (805) 570-6525 to submit your names.

## PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Heavenly Father, physician of our souls and bodies, who sent Your only begotten Son and Lord Jesus Christ to heal every sickness and infirmity, visit and heal also your servants: **Georgia, Larisa, Gus, Stella, Venetia, Larisa, Rebecca, Jon, Gary, Ahmad, Jason, Tommy, John, Natalia, Svitlana, Ivanna, James, Pam, Christoforos, Hosea, Richard, Jeanne, Sotirios, Fr. Achilles, Kathy, Mary Frances, Lavada, Steven, Alicia, Christopher, Barbara, Georgia, Vlasis, Vivian, Thomas, Sienna, James, Casi, Jim, Scarlett, Zachary, Sara, Martha, Anna, Kieran, Valentin, Valentina, Rose Mary, Patricia, Sotirios, Anthony, Maria, Michael, Krista, John, Bobby, Eric, George, Martin, Gayle, Alicia, Dianna, Chelsea, Dell, Gregory, Dimitri, Oleg, Tania, Ocey, Ethel, Carol, Robert, Casi, Jack, Carol, Roger, Anna, Steve, Christopher, Freda, Larry, Maria, Judy, Ignatius, Elaine, George, Barbara, Nicholas, Matthew, Jeff, Jacqueline, Dianna, Alton, Anna, Larry, Paula, Stacey, Orestes, Helen, Catherine, Andrew, Mary, Steve, Nicholas, Scarlett, Marie, Demetrios, George, Melissa, Galina, Sofia, Cheryl, Christ, Carolyn, Paul, Mary, Nick, John, Elaine, Nicholas** of all physical and spiritual ailments through the grace of Your Christ. Grant them patience in this sickness, strength of body and spirit and recovery of health. Lord, You have taught us through Your Word to pray for each other that we may be healed. I pray that You heal these, Your servants, and grant to them the gift of complete health. For You are the source of healing and to You I give glory. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen

## Baptism of the Servant of God Aidan with parents Kade & Devyn Schmalz and Godmother Svitlana Hoskin. Sunday, March 30th





SACRAMENTS OF HOLY BAPTISM & CHRISMATION APRIL 5-6, 2025







**Teresa Pliley Owen, (Sponsor/Godparent, Goldie Homan), Allison A. Oberhansley, (Anne Marie Schulze) Afton Carlson, (Frank Grant), Pascale Carlson, (Angela Fullmer) Ford Carlson, (Ian Schoenrock) Valarie Schulze, (Sophie McCurry), Everlee Walters, (Ashley Tarasau), Freya Walters, (Ashley Tarasau), Finley Walters, (Melissa Mosbrucker), Kim Lundstrom, (John E. Speck Jr), Zoe Christensen, (Andrea Marks)**

**SACRAMENTS OF HOLY BAPTISM & CHRISMATION APRIL 5-6, 2025**





### **Eleven Adults and Children embraced the Orthodox Faith April 5th-6th**

Many individuals and families in Southeastern Idaho and Western Wyoming are embracing the Orthodox Christian faith due to a growing desire for historic, traditional, and consistent spiritual practices. Our Orthodox Faith offers a sense of deep rooted, ancient worship, and stability in an increasingly fast-paced and shifting culture in society. Additionally, tight-knit Orthodox communities and a focus on family values resonate strongly with people in our area, where community and faith often play central roles in daily life.

Statistics have showed that the Metropolis of Denver is the fastest growing Metropolis of the Archdiocese.



**PALM SUNDAY**

As Orthodox Christians we use Palms and Willow branches on Palm Sunday to commemorate Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. Whether it's Palms or Willows, the gesture is deeply symbolic: honoring Christ the King and preparing for His Passion, Death and Resurrection!









*Χριστός  
Αγαπήν*      *Αγαπήν  
Αγαπήν*







## APOSTLE SISTERS OUTSTANDING ATHLETICS & BALLET

Ruby Apostle



The Arsenal London, England

Chloe Apostle



Universal Ballet Competition Finals

**SOPHIA APOSTLE**  
**SCHOOL RECORD**

**JAVELIN - 63' 5"**

PHOTO BY: @NAJERA.SPORTS

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Liked by nuggiesilly and others

rams\_tf\_xc Sophia Apostle (12) set the inaugural School Record for the Javelin in her first ever track meet with a throw of 63'5"!!!!

**Awarded a four year scholarship to play volleyball at Ottawa University**

### Sophia Apostle 18

Has been awarded a scholarship to play volleyball for the next four years at Ottawa University in Surprise, Arizona. Sophia just finished her final club volleyball season with Idaho Peak which is located in Idaho Falls, Sophia would drive herself to Idaho falls 3 days a week for practice. This year Sophia was also the first female student to ever throw javelin at Highland High School. At her last track meet Sophia took 3rd place throwing discus. We are excited to see where she goes from here.

### Chloe Apostle 16

Chloe has competed (ballet) at Youth American Grand Prix and was awarded top 12 at the Las Vegas competition which gave her many opportunities, such as scholarship offers to attend summer intensives in Florida, New York, Los Angeles and Texas. Chloe also competed at the Universal Ballet Competition Finals in Orlando Florida. She was awarded a scholarship to train with Africa Guzman in Madrid, Spain. She is currently on the Highland Drama team, they just won State. Chloe is "Vlad Vladikoff" in the upcoming "Seussical," the Musical production.

### Ruby Apostle 15

Ruby plays club soccer with CGA soccer academy, she also plays on the Idaho Olympic Development Program (ODP) team which is located in Boise, Idaho. Over the summer Ruby attended a Arsenal Soccer Camp in South Carolina, she was then invited to attend the Arsenal Development Camp in London, England. This was a great opportunity for Ruby which has led to an invitation to Sapporo, Japan.

These girls work hard, they all attend Kulak CrossFit 2 days a week at 5:30am before school and on top of all of their training. They keep us busy and we wouldn't have it any other way. They always thank God for their gifts.