



Sts. Peter & Paul Boulder

Weekly Bulletin Week of June 11th, 2017



Contact Info

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Greek Orthodox Church**
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Recurring Services

Orthros
Sunday @ 8:30 am
Divine Liturgy
Sunday @ 9:30 am
Great Vespers
Saturday @ 5 pm
Confession by appt.

Service Schedule & Parish Activities

Monday, June 12 **Apostles' Fast Begins**

Saturday, June 17 **5 pm** **Readers' Vespers**

Welcome to Our Parish!

The mission of Sts. Peter & Paul is to be a beacon of Orthodox Christian spirituality in the greater Boulder area. We strive together to live our Orthodox Christian Faith by having a devoted prayer life, through fasting and almsgiving, and through regular participation in the services and sacraments of the Holy Orthodox Church.

Hosts & Volunteers

Ushers Elias Elias

Fellowship Host Juli Sarris & Family

Myrrhbearers Alexandra, Elizabeth, Sophie

Choir Demetra G., Georgia

Epistle Reader Georgia

Have an Announcement?

Please contact Aaron Wall:
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Deadline is every Wed. before Divine Liturgy.

On the Apostles' Fast

Father Dean Kouldukis

“You are the light of the world...let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” — Matthew 5:14,16

In our Orthodox Tradition, there are four major fast periods throughout the year; the Nativity Fast which begins on November 15, Great Lent which begins on Clean Monday, The Dormition Fast which begins on August 1, and the Apostles Fast which begins on the Monday after the Sunday of All Saints (which this year is on June 12), and ends on June 29, the feast of Saints Peter and Paul.

Of the fasts mentioned above, the Apostles Fast is unique. Whereas the other fasts are a fixed number of days in length, the Apostles Fast varies in length. In some years it can be as long as five weeks and in other years it may only be one or two days in length, or not occur at all. This is because this fast begins on the Monday after the Sunday of All Saints. The Sunday of All Saints is dependent on Pentecost, which is a movable feast, celebrated on a different Sunday every year. Another characteristic of the Apostles Fast, which distinguishes it from the other three, is that this fast is not as strict. Fish, wine and oil can be consumed throughout the fast, except on Wednesday's and Friday's which are strict fast days.

To understand the purpose of the Apostles Fast we are invited to remember that both Saints Peter and Paul worked diligently to establish our Lord's Church. The focus of the Book of Acts is on the ministry of these two holy men as they preached our Lord crucified and resurrected. Hence, the Orthodox Church has always acknowledged Saints Peter and Paul as pillars of the Church, and especially Saint Paul, as a stellar example of what it means to be a missionary. Hence the Apostles Fast invites us to remember in prayer the missionaries of our Church, those who are serving the Lord, by working diligently to establish Churches in conditions that are, at times, difficult. This period of fasting also reminds us that we too have an obligation to be a missionary for our Lord. Jesus invites us when He says to us "...go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..." (Matthew 28:19)

While we are all called to be missionaries, we are not all called to be missionaries in foreign lands. How then are we invited to be missionaries? The answer is simple. Perhaps our faith has helped us through a difficult time or perhaps we are simply thankful for all of the blessings we have. Both are powerful witnesses to those who may be searching. As Saint Peter states, "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." (1 Peter 3:15). Hence, we are invited through the Apostles Fast to prayerfully think through our own testimony and to ask our Lord to help us share it whenever He gives us the opportunity. All around us are people who need Christ; our families, our friends, our neighbors, the people we work with. Perhaps our witness will open the door of their hearts to the grace of our Lord. Finally, when we are all united in heaven, we may discover that our witness played a role in their salvation.

As we walk the journey of the Apostles Fast we are reminded that each of us can make an impact for our Lord through our witness. We not only pray for our missionaries in foreign lands, we pray and ask for strength that we may share the joy of our faith with others. Through our witness our own faith is strengthened. In this way we become Christ's light in this broken and confused world so that our Father in heaven may be praised by all.

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Events & Announcements



Welcome Father Christodoulos!

We welcome Very Reverend Archimandrite Christodoulos Papadeas today. Father Jordan will be away this week serving at the Camp Emmanuel Goya camp located in New Mexico. It is always a great blessing to have Father Christodoulos spend time with the Sts. Peter Paul Church family.

Memorial Service for Nick Pappas

Today's Memorial Service is offered for Nick Pappas. May his memory be eternal! Fellowship is sponsored by Juli Sarris and family in memory of their father.

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The Apostles fast begins on Monday, June 12, and ends on the Feast of Sts Peter Paul, June 29.

Bible Study & Orthodox Spirituality Class

The Wednesday morning Bible Study, and Evening Orthodox Spirituality class will not be meeting this week. Our next class will be on Wednesday, June 21.

Pew Donation

The pews have arrived. The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral generously donated pews for Sts Peter Paul. The pews are in excellent condition. It is estimated that the cost for new pews would be around \$75,000 - \$100,000. The pews are an unexpected and incredible gift for Sts Peter Paul. The donated pews need to be slightly modified in order to properly fit in the church. The cost to modify one row will be \$300-500. Please prayerfully consider donating one row. Please visit with one of our Parish Council Members or Father Jordan with any questions. Thank you

Panayia Dormition Adult & Family Retreat

Father Jordan will be leading a 2 day retreat, August 8 and 9, which take place at the Prophet Elias Chapel, located in Hot Sulphur Springs. Hotel accommodations are available in Hot Sulphur Springs. We will be car pooling to Hot Sulphur, the morning of August 8th, and returning in the evening on August 9th. We will have services at the Prophet Elias Chapel. There will time for hiking, fishing and swimming at the Hot Sulphur Natural Springs. Families are encouraged to participate. The estimated cost for the retreat is \$75 (includes hotel & food). There will be a meeting on Sunday, June 18, after the Divine Liturgy to discuss the Panayia Retreat. Please contact Father Jordan with any questions at frjordanbrown@gmail.com or 303-581-1434.

Choir Meeting, Sunday, June 25

There will be a special choir meeting on Sunday, June 25, 12 noon, led by Father Jordan. The meeting will take place in the quiet room located in the back of the church. At this meeting, we will discuss the choir practice schedule, and future plans for church music. We have talented voices in our parish and are blessed with dedicated chanters. Your beautiful voices can make a huge difference in the liturgical life of the church. Church missionaries tell us that music is one of the most important gifts for church growth. If you have any questions, please contact Father Jordan at frjordanbrown@gmail.com or 303-581-1434.

Upcoming Youth Events

Family Hike, Saturday, July 8

Project Mexico: St Innocent Orphanage Luncheon, Sunday, July 9

Vacation Church School, Aug 1-4

Sunday School Teachers & Youth Workers Workshop Seminar, Aug 5

Altar boy / Alcolyte Retreat, Sunday, August 20, 12 noon

Sunday School Kick off Pool Party, Sunday, August 27

Orthodox Faith Classes

The Orthodox Christian Faith classes will begin this Fall (mid September). Classes will be led by Father Jordan on Wednesday Evenings and after church on Sundays. The complete class schedule will be available next month. This will be a 10 part series, beginning in September, and ending early December. If you are an inquirer, interested in the Orthodox Christian Faith or preparing to become an Orthodox Christian through the sacrament of Baptism, please join us. If you have any questions, please contact Father Jordan at frjordanbrown@gmail.com or 303-581-1434.