



Sts. Peter & Paul Boulder

Weekly Bulletin Week of August 6th, 2017



Contact Info

**Sts. Peter & Paul
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.

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.

Have an Announcement?

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

Service Schedule & Parish Activities

Fast for the Falling Asleep of the Mother of God, Koimisis, began on August 1, and ends on the Great Feast, August 15th

Monday, August 7 th	Paraclesis Parish Council	6 pm 7 pm
August 8 th – 9 th	Panayia Retreat @ Hot Sulfur Springs	
Friday, August 11 th	Paraclesis	9 am
Saturday, August 12 th	Choir Practice Great Vespers	4 pm 5 pm

Hosts & Volunteers

Ushers	Liz Soderburg
Myrrhbearers	Alexandra, Elizabeth, Sophie
Choir	Georgia, Demetra G.
Epistle Reader	Georgia

Questions About the Transfiguration Answered

In the third year of His preaching, the Lord Jesus often spoke to His disciples of His approaching passion but at the same time of His glory following His suffering on the Cross. So that His impending passion would not totally weaken His disciples and that no one would fall away from Him, He, the All-wise, wanted to partially show them His divine glory before His passion. For that reason, He took Peter, James and John with Him and, with them, went out at night to Mt. Tabor and there was transfigured before them: "And His face shone as the sun and His garments became white as snow" (Matthew 17:2). There appeared along side Him, Moses and Elijah, the great Old Testament prophets. And, seeing this, His disciples were amazed. Peter said: "Lord, it is good for us to be here: if You will, let us make here three tabernacles; one for You, one for Moses and one for Elijah" (Matthew 17:4). While Peter still spoke, Moses and Elijah departed and a bright cloud overshadowed the Lord and His disciples and there came a voice from the cloud saying: "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased; hear Him" (Matthew 17:5). Hearing the voice, the disciples fell to the ground on their faces as though dead and remained that way, lying in fear, until the Lord came near to them and said: "Arise and be not afraid" (Matthew 17:7).

Why did the Lord take only three disciples on Tabor and not all?

Because Judas was not worthy to behold the divine glory of the Teacher, Whom he will betray and the Lord did not want to leave him [Judas] alone at the foot of the mountain so that the betrayer would not, by that, justify his betrayal.

Why was our Lord transfigured on a mountain and not in a valley?

So as to teach us two virtues: love of labor and godly-thoughts. For, climbing to the heights required labor and height represents the heights of our thoughts, i.e., godly-thoughts.

Why was our Lord transfigured at night?

Because, the night rather than the day is more suitable for prayer and godly-thoughts and because the night, by its darkness, conceals all the beauty of the earth and reveals the beauty of the starry heavens.

Why did Moses and Elijah appear?

In order to destroy the error of the Jews, as though Christ is one of the prophets; Elijah or Jeremiah or some other that is why He appears as a King above the prophets and that is why Moses and Elijah appear as His servants. Until then, our Lord manifested His divine power many times to the disciples but, on Mt. Tabor, He manifested His divine nature. This vision of His Divinity and the hearing of the heavenly witness about Him as the Son of God, should serve the disciples in the days of the Lord's passion, in strengthening of an unwavering faith in Him and His final victory.

Why did our Lord not manifest His divine glory on Tabor before all the disciples instead of before three of them?

First, because He Himself gave the Law through the mouth of Moses: "At the mouth of two witnesses or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established" (Deuteronomy 19:15). Therefore, three witnesses are sufficient. These three witnesses represent three main virtues: Peter *Faith*, for he was the first to confess his faith in Christ as the Son of God; James *Hope*, for, with faith in the promise of Christ, he was the first who laid down his life for the Lord, being the first to be slain by the Jews; John *Love*, for he reclined on the bosom of the Lord and remained beneath the Cross of the Lord until the end. God is not called the God of many but rather the God of the chosen. "I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob" (Exodus 3:6). God often valued a faithful man more than an entire nation. Thus, on many occasions, He wanted to destroy the entire Jewish nation, but because of the prayers of righteous Moses, spared that nation to live. God listened more to the faithful Prophet Elijah than to the entire unbelieving kingdom of Ahab. Because of the prayers of one man, God towns and people. Thus, the sinful town of Ustiug was to be destroyed by fire and hail had it not been saved by the prayers of the one and only righteous man in it, St. Procopius, the "fool for Christ" (July 8).

Events & Announcements



Sign Up for Sunday School!

Parents, please stop at the table in the narthex on Aug. 13 & 20 to sign up your kids for the 2017-18 Sunday school year

Philoptochos Bookstore News

Order your 2017-2018 Planner today!! The first 5 have sold out so I need to place another order. Please see Sharon Dzilvelis or email sharon_dzilvelis@yahoo.com.

The 2017–18 Planner features readings adapted from *On Earth as in Heaven: Ecological Vision and Initiatives of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew*. This spiral-bound Planner follows the Ecclesiastical (Church) year beginning in September and ending in August. It helps you keep a daily focus on Christ with fast days, prayers, saints of the day, and inspiration from the fathers. **\$16**

August / September Petra Newsletter

The August / September Petra Newsletter was electronically sent out to the parish. Hard copies of the Newsletter are available in the church narthex.

Altar Boy Workshop

Sunday, August 20th, 12 noon - 3 pm

One of the greatest blessings for a young man is to serve in the Holy Altar. On Sunday, August 20, Father Jordan will meet with young men who would like to serve in the altar. Young men (elementary school, middle and high school) are encouraged to participate in the Altar Boy Workshop. The Workshop is for both new and experienced altar servers. The workshop will begin at 12 noon in the church. Parents, you are welcome to leave your boys, and return at 3 pm to pick them up. Father Jordan will be taking the altar boys out to lunch.

Men's Fall Retreat

The annual Front Range Men's Retreat is scheduled for September 24-27, 2017. This is a wonderful opportunity for great fellowship, growing in the faith, and enjoying the outdoors. The retreat will take place at the Water Valley Ranch located in Encampment, Wyoming. Please view the ranch website at watervalleyranch.com. If you have any questions, please contact Father Jordan. Registration and schedule to follow soon.

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. Thank you for your donations. 60 % of the cost to modify and install the pews has been raised.** Please prayerfully consider donating one row. Please visit with one of our Parish Council Members or Father Jordan with any questions. Thank you

Choir Practice

There will be choir rehearsal on Saturday, August 12, at 4 pm. We will meet in the church. If you have any questions and would like to join the choir, please contact either Presbyteria Marika or Presbyteria Kedrann.

Sunday School Kick-off Party

Sunday, August 27

Attention all Sunday School children and parents! Please join us on Sunday, August 27, 12:30 pm, at the home of Steve and Ashley Dzilvelis, for a great afternoon filled with great food and fellowship.

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Sunday School Teachers & Youth Workers Workshop **Saturday, August 26, 9 am - 12 noon**

We are looking forward to another year of fellowship and spiritual growth with our parish's children. In the gospel of Matthew, chapter 1, we see St Joseph the Betrothed was entrusted with the care of our Lord and Savior as a child. The Gospel says St Joseph was a "just man," he heard the word of the Lord, and "he did as the Lord commanded him." Working with children is a great opportunity for us adults to assess what we think is truly important and to get our lives in order. My prayer is that we can apply the example of St. Joseph, as parents entrusted with children and as Sunday school teachers entrusted with students. Please pray for us.

Bruce Geerdes, Sunday School Director bruce@geerdes.me

Orthodox Faith Classes

The Orthodox Christian Faith classes will begin this Fall (mid September). Classes will be led by Father Jordan after church on Sundays. Class will be held in the church beginning at 12 noon. 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.

IOCC 5K Run / Walk Fundraiser

On Saturday, August 19, there will be a 5K Run / Walk held in South Denver. Everyone is invited to participate. You do not have to be a runner. Families are encouraged to participate. The 5K event will benefit the ministry of International Orthodox Christian Charities. The St. Catherine Greek Orthodox Parish of Greenwood Village will be sponsored with Parish family event. Sign up today! Information is on our website, parish announcement board and Petra Newsletter.

Community Night – August 12th

It's the "official" kick-off to the 2017 Taste of Orthodoxy season! Please join us for Vespers and a potluck dinner on Saturday, August 12. After dinner, we will bring down the festival supplies from the loft. You can RSVP and sign up for a dish to share at the following website:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4BADAE2EA75-festival> If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Tsiouvaras.

Taste of Orthodoxy 2017

2017 Taste of Orthodoxy

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UPS

Sign up to volunteer at: http://stspeterandpaulboulder.ivolunteer.com/too_2017 or on paper each Sunday in the hall. Kids are welcome to sign up with the approval of the booth chairperson. Want to work in the Beer/Wine tent? Please contact Chris Artemis before signing up.

TENT SET UP

We will be setting up tents for 2 hours after church on the following Sundays: **August 13, August 20, August 27**. Please bring a change of clothes and a water bottle. See Nick Kallan after church to get started. Thank you!

COMMUNITY NIGHT – AUGUST 12

Please join us at 5pm for Vespers, followed by a potluck dinner. We will be breaking down the tables & chairs in the hall and then carrying down all the equipment and supplies from the loft. Please RSVP to Nicole Tsiouvaras.

CALLING ALL YOUTH GROUPS

Does your scout troop or sports team need service hours? Volunteer opportunities are available during the festival. See Nicole Tsiouvaras or Joanne Ashmun for details.

SODA DONATIONS

Each year, our parishioners donate the soda and water that is sold at the festival. Please bring your donations to the hall by September 8. **Last names beginning A - E: Coke; F - K: Diet Coke; L - R: Sprite; S - Z: bottled water.** The ToO Committee thanks you!

MEDICAL PERSONNEL NEEDED

If you are currently first-aid or CPR certified, or are a medical professional who will be working the festival, please contact Nicole Tsiouvaras to add your name to our list of emergency responders. Thank you!

POSTERS are available in the Hall. Please take some to advertise in your favorite local businesses!

ORDER YOUR FESTIVAL T-SHIRTS, APRONS, AND HATS

Last week to get your festival t-shirt! Our volunteer t-shirts are being sponsored by a few businesses in the community. This means each volunteer will get a FREE t-shirt to wear at the festival. Please see Nicole Tsiouvaras or Joanne Ashmun to order the correct size of shirt. Hats or visors will be available for purchase.