



Sts. Peter & Paul Boulder

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Service Schedule & Parish Activities

Monday, October 16	St. Longinus the Centurion at the Cross	
	Orthros	8 am
	Divine Liturgy	9 am
	Parish Council	6:30 pm
Tuesday, October 17	Church Cleaning	9:30 –1
Wednesday, October 18	Morning Bible Study	10 am
	Divine Liturgy at St. Luke's in Erie	5:30 pm
Saturday, October 21	Joy/Hope Event	1 pm
	Choir Practice	4 pm
	Great Vespers	5 pm

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.

Hosts & Volunteers

Ushers	Eric & Keity Elias
Myrrhbearers	Alexandra, Elizabeth, Sophie
Choir	Demetra G., Cassie, Georgia
Epistle Reader	Niko

Have an Announcement?

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Deadline is every Wed. before Divine Liturgy.

St. Longinus the Centurion (October 15)

By St. Nikolai Velimirovich

The divine Matthew the Evangelist, in describing the passion of the Lord Jesus Christ, says: "Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, 'Truly this was the Son of God'" (Matthew 27:54). That centurion was this blessed Longinus, who with two other of his soldiers came to believe in Jesus, the Son of God.

Longinus was chief of the soldiers who were present at the Crucifixion of the Lord on Golgotha, and was also the chief of the watch that guarded the tomb. When the Jewish elders learned of the Resurrection of Christ, they bribed the soldiers to spread the false news that Christ did not resurrect, but rather that His disciples stole His body. The Jews also tried to bribe Longinus, but he did not allow himself to be bribed. Then the Jews resorted to their usual strategy: they decided to kill Longinus. Learning of this, Longinus removed his military belt, was baptized with his two companions by an apostle, secretly left Jerusalem and moved to Cappadocia with his companions. There, he devoted himself to fasting and prayer and, as a living witness of Christ's Resurrection, converted many pagans to the true Faith by his witness.

After that, he withdrew to a village on the estate of his father. Even there, however, the malice of the Jews did not leave him in peace. Due to the calumnies of the Jews, Pilate dispatched soldiers to behead Longinus. St. Longinus foresaw in the spirit the approach of his executioners and went out to meet them. He brought them to his home, not telling them who he was.

He was a good host to the soldiers, and soon they lay down to sleep. But St. Longinus stood up to pray, and prayed all night long, preparing himself for death. In the morning, he called his two companions to him, clothed himself in white burial clothes, and instructed the other members of his household to bury him on a particular small hill. He then went to the soldiers and told them that he was that Longinus whom they were seeking. The soldiers were perplexed and ashamed, and could not even contemplate beheading Longinus, but he insisted that they fulfill the order of their superior.

Thus, Longinus and his two companions were beheaded. The soldiers took Longinus's head to Pilate, and he turned it over to the Jews. They threw it on a dung heap outside the city.

Two Appearances of St. Longinus

The first appearance of the Holy Martyr Longinus was as follows: Much time had passed since his martyrdom when it happened that a widow in Cappadocia became blind. The doctors were unable to do anything at all for her. Suddenly, the thought came to her to go to Jerusalem and venerate the holy places there, hoping that she might find help. She had an only son, a boy, who served as her guide, but as soon as they arrived in Jerusalem, her son died of an illness. Oh, how immeasurable was her sorrow! Having lost her eyes, she now lost her only son, whose eyes had guided her. But in her pain and sorrow, St. Longinus appeared to her and comforted her with the promise that he would restore her sight and reveal to her the heavenly glory in which her son now dwelt. Longinus told her everything about himself, and told her to go outside the city walls to the dung heap, and there to dig up his head, and that she herself would see what would happen next. The woman arose and, stumbling, somehow managed to get out of the city. She cried out for someone to lead her to the dung heap and to leave her there. When she was led to the dung heap, she bent down and began to dig with her hands, having a strong faith that she would find that for which the saint asked. As she was digging, she touched the holy martyr's buried head, and her eyes were opened, and she saw a man's head beneath her hands. Filled with gratitude to God and great joy, she took the head of St. Longinus, washed it, censed it, and placed it in her home as the most precious treasure on earth.

The second appearance of the Holy Martyr Longinus: When Longinus appeared to the blind widow whose son had died, he promised to restore her sight and to reveal her son in great glory. Finding the relics of the holy martyr and touching them with her hands, the widow immediately regained her sight, and thus, one promise was fulfilled. The following night, St. Longinus appeared to the widow in radiant attire, holding her son by the hand, who was also clothed resplendently. Caressing the child like a father, Longinus said: "Woman, behold your son for whom you weep so much! Look at the honor and glory given him; look and be comforted. God has numbered him among the heavenly ranks who live in His Kingdom. I have now brought him from the Savior, and he will never be parted from me. Take my head and your son's body, and bury them together in one coffin. Mourn your son no longer, and let not your heart be troubled, for great glory, joy, and endless rejoicing is given him from God." Seeing and hearing all this, the woman was filled with great joy, and she returned to her home, saying to herself: "I asked for bodily eyes and I found spiritual eyes. I was saddened at the death of my son, and now I have him in heaven, where he remains in glory with the prophets and rejoices with them unceasingly."

Keeper of the Spring

A quiet forest dweller who lived high above an Austrian village along the eastern slopes of the Alps. The old gentleman had been hired many years ago by a young council to clear away the debris from the pools of water up in the mountain crevices that fed the lovely spring flowing through their town. With faithful, silent regularity, he patrolled the hills, removed the leaves and branches, and wiped away the silt that would otherwise choke and contaminate the fresh flow of water. By and by, the village became a popular attraction for vacationers. Graceful swans floated along the crystal clear spring, the millwheels of various businesses located near the water turned day and night, farmlands were naturally irrigated, and the view from restaurants was picturesque beyond description.

Years passed. One evening the town council met for its semiannual meeting. As they reviewed the budget, one man's eye caught the salary figure being paid the obscure keeper of the spring. Said the keeper of the purse, "Who is the old man? Why do we keep him on year after year? No one ever sees him. For all we know the strange ranger of the hills is doing us no good. He isn't necessary any longer!" By a unanimous vote, they dispensed with the old man's services.

For several weeks nothing changed. By early autumn the trees began to shed their leaves. Small branches snapped off and fell into the pools, hindering the rushing flow of sparkling water. One afternoon someone noticed a slight yellowish-brown tint in the spring. A couple days later the water was much darker. Within another week, a slimy film covered sections of the water along the banks and a foul odor was soon detected. The millwheels moved slower, some finally ground to a halt. Swans left as did the tourists. Clammy fingers of disease and sickness reached deeply into the village.

Quickly, the embarrassed council called a special meeting. Realizing their gross error in judgment, they hired back the old keeper of the spring . . . within a few weeks the veritable river of life began to clear up. The wheels started to turn, and new life returned to the hamlet in the Alps once again.

What the keeper of the springs meant to the village, Christian Stewardship means to the church. The preserving, taste-giving bite of salt mixed with the illuminating, hope giving ray of light may seem feeble and needless . . . but God help any society that attempts to exist without them! You see, the village without the Keeper of the Spring is a perfect representation of the world system without salt and light.

Please prayerfully review your stewardship commitment to Sts Peter and Paul. Your stewardship gift will help Sts Peter and Paul be a strong and healthy parish. We are asking every steward to make a financial increase for the remaining months of 2017. Thank you for your commitment and sacrifice.

Events & Announcements

40 Day Blessing

We welcome a new family to our parish, Yianna and Drew Antonopoulos Lebonoski. Today we celebrate the 40 day blessing for Yianna and their baby girl Ariandne. Today we celebrate the 40 day blessing for Lynn and Jason Azar. We welcome their new baby girl, Vinnie. Congratulations to the families. God grant them many years!

Adult Education: Orthodox Faith Class - Sunday, October 15, 12 pm Topic: Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving

If you are inquirer, interested in the Orthodox Christian Faith or preparing to become an Orthodox Christian through the sacrament of Baptism and Chrismation, please join us. Father Jordan will be leading the class. Class will be held in the Church / Quiet Room

If you have any questions, please contact Father Jordan at frjordanbrown@gmail.com or 303-581-1434.

Church Cleaning, Tuesday 9:30 am - 12 pm

Thank you to the handful of dear parishioners who offer their stewardship gift of taking care of our beautiful church, parish hall and grounds. **FYI - The cleaning of the church, parish hall, and upkeep of the grounds are all done by volunteers.** Please prayerfully consider helping out with cleaning on Tuesday, between 9:30 am - 12 noon. **One hour can make a big difference.** If you have any questions and may be available to help with cleaning, please visit with either Presbyteria Kedrann Dotson or Joanne Ashmun.

College Ministry: OCF at CU Sunday, October 22, 1 pm - OCF lunch at Smashburger (29th St. Mall) Tuesday, October 24, 6 pm—OCF Fellowship Dinner at St. Thomas Student Center

If you have any questions or need a ride, please contact Father Jordan frjordanbrown@gmail.com.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study - October 18, 10 am

Please join us for Bible Study. We will meet in the Parish Hall. The class is open to everyone. We will be discussing the gospel and epistle lesson of Sunday and major Feast Days. This is wonderful time to prayerfully read the scripture, and develop a better understanding of the Orthodox Church. Refreshments are offered.

Youth: Joy & Hope Children Join us on Saturday, October 21, for an outing at the Cottonwood Farm Pumpkin Patch

Cottonwood is a family farm. They sell pumpkins and fall produce. There is a corn and straw bale maze to play in, and farm animals to see. The farm offers a wagon ride (fee \$3 per person). The farm is located at 75th & Arapahoe (1535 N 75th Street). This will be a wonderful parish family event. The JOY HOPE event is scheduled from 1 pm. We need parent advisors! Please contact Father Jordan if you able to help.

Feastday Celebration of St. Luke the Evangelist Wednesday, October 18, Divine Liturgy 5:30 pm

Our sister parish, St Luke, will be celebrating their patron feast day on October 18. Let us prayerfully support St Luke's, and join them this coming Wednesday for an Evening Liturgy, and the breaking of bread. God grant them many years.

Youth: GOYA - Middle and High School age children Upcoming special youth events: Mark Your calendar! October 28, Saturday 6 pm, Girls only Fellowship w/ St Luke's November 4 - 5, Saturday & Sunday, Goya Fall Retreat @ Holy Apostles, Cheyenne Please Fr Jordan with any questions or more details

Outreach Ministry Presentation - Sunday, October 22

Our parish has an opportunity to help with the Cafe Outreach Center located in Longmont. The Center is a non-profit that assists individuals and families in the St Vrain Valley School District in need of food, resources and to develop vital life-long skills to enable self-sufficiency. There are openings for our parish to volunteer as a group on a Saturday or Holiday with cooking, serving and cleaning in their community cafe. (Must be 16 years old to serve in the kitchen) In addition, there is help needed in their Community Market. The **ADOPT-A-SHELF PROGRAM** is asking our parish to adopt a shelf of food and refill it once a month with certain items. This will ensure nutritious food for families working on self-reliance. The Market serves an average of 80 families per day. **On Sunday, October 22, Lisa Tatusko, parishioner from St Luke, will offer a presentation on the OUTREACH MINISTRY during the fellowship hour, and how our parish can begin serving.**

Sunday Fellowship Host Needed

Please prayerfully consider hosting the fellowship hour. This is a wonderful expression of Christian Hospitality. The following dates have not been sponsored: October 22, November 12, 19 & 26, December 3 & 10.