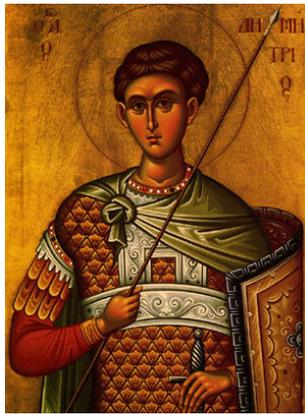




Sts. Peter & Paul Boulder

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Service Schedule & Parish Activities

Tuesday, October 24	Church Cleaning OCF College Ministry	9:30-12 6 pm
Wednesday, October 25	St. Dimitrios Morning Bible Study Orthros Divine Liturgy	10 am 5 pm 6 pm
Saturday, October 28	Philoptochos Make A Difference Choir Practice Great Vespers GOYA Girls' Fireside Chat	9a-1p 4 pm 5 pm 6 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

Fellowship Host	Doukas & Tinsley Families
Ushers	Elias Elias
Myrrhbearers	Sophie, Demetra G., Cassie
Choir	Georgia, Alexandra, Elizabeth
Epistle Reader	Xander

Have an Announcement?

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

James (Iakovos) the Apostle, Brother of Our Lord (October 23)

According to some, this Saint was a son of Joseph the Betrothed, born of the wife that the latter had before he was betrothed to the Ever-virgin. Hence he was the brother of the Lord, Who was also thought to be the son of Joseph (Matt. 13: 55). But some say that he was a nephew of Joseph, and the son of his brother Cleopas, who was also called Alphaeus and Mary his wife, who was the first cousin of the Theotokos. But even according to this genealogy, he was still called, according to the idiom of the Scriptures, the Lord's brother because of their kinship.

This Iakovos is called the Less (Mark 15:4) by the Evangelists to distinguish him from Iakovos, the son of Zebedee, who was called the Great. He became the first Bishop of Jerusalem, elevated to this episcopal rank by the Apostles, according to Eusebius (Eccl. Hist., Book II: 23), and was called Obliah, that is, the Just, because of his great holiness and righteousness. Having ascended the crest of the Temple on the day of the Passover at the prompting of all, he bore testimony from there concerning his belief in Jesus, and he proclaimed with a great voice that Jesus sits at the right hand of the great power of God and shall come again upon the clouds of heaven. On hearing this testimony, many of those present cried, "Hosanna to the Son of David." But the Scribes and Pharisees cried, "So, even the just one hath been led astray," and at the command of Ananias the high priest, the Apostle was cast down headlong from thence, then was stoned, and while he prayed for his slayers, his head was crushed by the wooden club wielded by a certain scribe. The first of the Catholic (General) Epistles written to the Jews in the Diaspora who believed in Christ was written by this Iakovos.

Holy Great Martyr Demetrius the Myrrh-Streamer (October 26)

Saint Demetrius was a Thessalonian, a most pious son of pious and noble parents, and a teacher of the Faith of Christ. When Maximian first came to Thessalonica in 290, he raised the Saint to the rank of Duke of Thessaly. But when it was discovered that the Saint was a Christian, he was arrested and kept bound in a bath-house. While the games were under way in the city, Maximian was a spectator there. A certain friend of his, a barbarian who was a notable wrestler, Lyaeus by name, waxing haughty because of the height and strength of his body, boasted in the stadium and challenged the citizens to a contest with him. All that fought with him were defeated. Seeing this, a certain youth named Nestor, acquaintance of Demetrius', came to the Saint in the bath-house and asked his blessing to fight Lyaeus single-handed. Receiving this blessing and sealing himself with the sign of the precious Cross, he presented himself in the stadium, and said, "O God of Demetrius, help me!" and straightway he engaged Lyaeus in combat and smote him with a mortal blow to the heart, leaving the former boaster lifeless upon the earth. Maximian was sorely grieved over this, and when he learned who was the cause of this defeat, he commanded straightway and Demetrius was pierced with lances while he was yet in the bath-house, As for Nestor, Maximian commanded that he be slain with his own sword.

Who needs Church, if you're already a good person?

Dear Sister Vassa,

Q: I am a good person, who tries to do the right things, and behave in a moral fashion. But I'm not baptized, and don't feel the need to go to any church. Why should I, when I'm pretty much a well-behaved person already? I asked an Orthodox bishop this question, and he said that I need to be baptized "to receive the sacraments of the church." But honestly, I don't understand what "sacraments" are, and why I need them. Could you respond to this question, Sister please?

A: Thanks a lot for your question. It is not a simple one, but let me give it a try.

First of all, let me point out a common misconception, on which your question seems to be based, - namely, that baptism exists in order to make us "well-behaved" people. No. Baptism has a far deeper purpose. Our ethical behavior can be "fixed" or at least "kept in check" by other things and institutions, like the government, and civil laws against criminal behavior, and good education, including ethical philosophies and teachings of various kinds. But these are only "band-aids" for external symptoms of deeper, underlying illness we all have. They treat the cough, but don't heal the flu from which we are suffering. And that "flu" is our fragmentation or disunity, both within ourselves and between one another and with God. It's the hole in our hearts, which makes us feel lonely, at times, even in the midst of a crowded room.

Now Baptism is a "sacrament" (and I'll get back to what that means), the purpose of which is unity, - of us within our fragmented selves, and with God and all of His creation. It gives us entry into this body, this Oneness, called "Church," drawing us, "sacramentally" or "mystically" (in the Holy Spirit), into participation in the death and resurrection of the God-Man, Jesus Christ. He, in His human-divine Person, united earth and heaven, the material and the spiritual, the human and the divine. And he overcame the "weak" parts of the human and material in His overcoming of our darkness and death in His rising in new life from darkness and death, which could not hold Him, because He was (not only human but also) God, the Source of Life. When we are immersed in water, we are sacramentally participating in His death and burial, and when we come out of the water, we are participating in His resurrection, in His new life. We also participate or partake in His whole "deal" in another "sacrament," Holy Communion, by physically eating and drinking of His Body and Blood. And this "sacrament" unites us with all others partaking of that same Body and Blood, making us all One, like blood-relatives, if you will, with Him and one another.

But what is a "sacrament"? And how is it different from, say, a pious reenactment, in a theater, of the life and death of Christ? A "sacrament" (or "mystery," as we call it in the Byzantine tradition) is a special encounter of us with the Holy Spirit, which happens in the context of this thing called "Church," the "Body" of Christ, made up of the whole crowd of those unified in communion with Him, as described above. God made this place and this thing called "Church," according to His plan, after He sent His Only-Begotten Son to us in the flesh, when He (after the sending of His Son) also sent us His Holy Spirit on Pentecost (you can look up this as the whole Pentecost -event in the Book of Acts, chpt 2). It is this Third Person of the Holy Trinity, the Holy Spirit, through His "grace" (divine energy), Who breathes true, unifying "life" into everything done in this thing called "Church." He is the "glue," if I can use such an awkward metaphor, which keeps everyone together. And the reason that God, through His Son and by His Holy Spirit made this thing called "Church" or "ecclesia" in Greek (which comes from "ekkaleo," to call out, because "Church" is all those called out by God) as the place in which we receive His unifying energy (grace), is because He did not want us to be self-isolated islands. But this is not a fact we really learn from discussing it or preaching it. Grace is a reality we learn from experiencing it. It is an energy we do not have, all on our self-isolated own. So try it!

Try asking the question about the hole in our hearts, rather than the question about poor or good behavior, because it is that hole that the Church and the "sacraments" are there for. The good behavior that comes from communion with God is a fringe-benefit, for sure, but that is not the whole point.

Events & Announcements

Memorial Service

Today's memorial service is offered for Edith Edwina Doukas. The Doukas and Tinsley families are hosting today's fellowship hour. May her memory be eternal.

Philoptochos "Make a Difference Day" – October 28th, 9a – 1p

October 28th is National "Make a Difference Day." To celebrate, Philoptochos is sponsoring a morning of cooking dinners to keep in our freezer for our parishioners who are shut-in, ill, celebrating new babies, or simply in need of a nice healthy dinner. Please join us any time between 9:00 and 1:00 to help out, even if you can only stay for an hour or so. All ingredients and recipes will be provided by Philoptochos. Contact Ashley Dzilvelis or Juli Sarris if you have any questions.

GOYA Girls' Fireside Chat – Saturday, October 28, 6 pm

Attention all young ladies in middle and high school! There will be a special evening, girls only, on October 28th. The St Luke young ladies will be joining us for an evening of fellowship and discussion. Dinner will be provided. Vespers will be at 5 pm at the church, and the Fireside Chat will begin at 6 pm at Fr. Jordan & Presbyteria Marika's house.

Adult Education: Orthodox Faith Class - Sunday, October 29, 12 pm

Topic: The Holy Eucharist

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 Fr. Jordan (see contact info on front page).

Annual Philoptochos Holiday Bling Thing – Sunday October 29

On Sunday October 29th, a Premier jewelry fund raiser will be held in the hall following services. Come take a look and shop for Christmas, Birthdays, or any occasion. Special offer: Spend \$75, and you will receive any additional item for 50% off! If you will not be able to join us, please take the time to look at the online catalog. You can order online and have your order shipped directly to you for just \$2. The link for the catalog and to order is:

www.premierdesigns.com/GilmoreGems. Thank you for your support! If you have any questions, contact Lis Troicky, etroick@aol.com. 720-771-7786.

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 - Tuesday, October 24 at 6 pm

We will be meeting at the St Thomas Student Catholic Center (corner of 15th & Euclid). Please join us for dinner, fellowship & prayer. If you have any questions or need a ride, please contact Fr. Jordan (see contact info on front page).

Wednesday Morning Bible Study - October 25, 10 am

Please join us for Bible Study. 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.

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.**

Annual Philotochos Society Holiday Bling Thing

Sunday, October 29th ~ Immediately following Divine Liturgy

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