



Sts. Peter & Paul Boulder

Weekly Bulletin Week of November 5th, 2017



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Service Schedule & Parish Activities

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| Tuesday, November 7 | Church Cleaning OCF at CU | 9:30 –12 6 pm |
| Wednesday, November 8 | Holy Archangels Trip to Colorado Springs | 6:30 am |
| Thursday, November 9 | St. Nektarios Orthros Divine Liturgy | 8 am 9 am |
| Saturday, November 11 | Readers[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

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| Ushers | Odeta & Gaby Kapatayes |
| Myrrhbearers | Demetra G., Sophie, Cassie |
| Choir | Georgia, Alexandra, Elizabeth |
| Epistle Reader | Elizabeth |

Have an Announcement?

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

St. Nektarios of Pentapolis (November 9)

Saint Nektarios the Wonderworker, Bishop of Pentapolis (November 9)

Saint Nektarios was born in Selyvria of Thrace on October 1, 1846. After putting himself through school in Constantinople with much hard labour, he became a monk on Chios in 1876, receiving the monastic name of Lazarus; because of his virtue, a year later he was ordained deacon, receiving the new name of Nektarios. Under the patronage of Patriarch Sophronius of Alexandria, Nektarios went to Athens to study in 1882; completing his theological studies in 1885, he went to Alexandria, where Patriarch Sophronius ordained him priest on March 23, 1886 in the Cathedral of Saint Sabbas, and in August of the same year, in the Church of Saint Nicholas in Cairo, made him Archimandrite. Archimandrite Nektarios showed much zeal both for preaching the word of God, and for the beauty of God's house. He greatly beautified the Church of Saint Nicholas in Cairo, and years later, when Nektarios was in Athens, Saint Nicholas appeared to him in a dream, embracing him and telling him he was going to exalt him very high.

On January 15, 1889, in the same Church of Saint Nicholas, Nektarios was consecrated Metropolitan of the Pentapolis in eastern Libya, which was under the jurisdiction of Alexandria. Although Nektarios' swift ascent through the degrees of ecclesiastical office did not affect his modesty and childlike innocence, it aroused the envy of lesser men, who convinced the elderly Sophronius that Nektarios had it in his heart to become Patriarch. Since the people loved Nektarios, the Patriarch was troubled by the slanders. On May 3, 1890, Sophronius relieved Metropolitan Nektarios of his duties; in July of the same year, he commanded Nektarios to leave Egypt.

Without seeking to avenge or even to defend himself, the innocent Metropolitan left for Athens, where he found that accusations of immorality had arrived before him. Because his good name had been soiled, he was unable to find a position worthy of a bishop, and in February of 1891 accepted the position of provincial preacher in Euboea; then, in 1894, he was appointed dean of the Rizarios Ecclesiastical School in Athens. Through his eloquent sermons his unwearying labours to educate fitting men for the priesthood, his generous alms deeds despite his own poverty, and the holiness, meekness, and fatherly love that were manifest in him, he became a shining light and a spiritual guide to many. At the request of certain pious women, in 1904 he began the building of his convent of the Holy Trinity on the island of Aegina while yet dean of the Rizarios School; finding later that his presence there was needed, he took up his residence on Aegina in 1908, where he spent the last years of his life, devoting himself to the direction of his convent and to very intense prayer; he was sometimes seen lifted above the ground while rapt in prayer. He became the protector of all Aegina, through his prayers delivering the island from drought, healing the sick, and casting out demons. Here also he endured wicked slanders with singular patience, forgiving his false accusers and not seeking to avenge himself. Although he had already worked wonders in life, an innumerable multitude of miracles have been wrought after his repose in 1920 through his holy relics, which for many years remained incorrupt. There is hardly a malady that has not been cured through his prayers; but Saint Nektarios is especially renowned for his healings of cancer for sufferers in all parts of the world.

Saint Nektarios as a Teacher of the Youth

Saint Nektarios, the Bishop of Pentapolis and Wonderworker, remains today a far-shining lighthouse and illuminates us with his many virtues, important writings and innumerable miracles.

Among other things, however, he was an excellent Educator and Teacher of the youth, whom he considered the golden hope of the Church and the Nation, as the "foundation of tomorrow". He describes adolescence as important and hurried. "Important indeed is the great mission for which it is allotted, hurried in its short duration, during which it must accomplish many and great things," as he notes in his discourse titled "On the Call of Teenagers in Society" delivered to the High School students of Lamia.

He called teenagers the "new generation" as well as the "successor generation" to whom the Nation and State deliver "the deposits of the ancestors and all the treasures of past generations." This is why he wanted to encourage young people in their spiritual struggles and strengthen them, by encouraging them in the exercise of virtue. He taught them with much love that they had to guard their faith in Christ, the true God, as a sacred deposit. They had to live a life in Christ, connected with Him through the salvific Mysteries of the Church.

He knew of the great difficulties they often had in their spiritual struggles. And he recommended to them as a victorious weapon, alertness and stability in their Christian life. To the students of the High School in Lamia, he said the following in his homily: My beloved children, your struggles require "a brave decision and unchanging morale to acquire virtue. Because the undecided, those who with negligence and indolence begin the struggle for virtue, are rapidly discouraged and defeated, and very easily become cowards and flee."

He recommended Holy Scripture as an indispensable guide for the knowledge of truth, for illumination and their preparation for salvation. And he stressed with all the strength of his soul that they had to combine "piety and science", for in this way they will progress and prosper throughout their lives. The central idea of his speeches to young people was this truth, that "without the virtuous life, the ultimate destination of man is unattainable."

The Saint always taught the youth from words of Holy Scripture and the Fathers of the Church, and often used the words of ancient writers. Above all, his primary concern was to teach by example. And he succeeded, through struggle and the grace of the Lord. In fact, one of his students and spiritual children wrote in a letter to his friend in 1897: "Fortunately in our days there is the beautiful soul of our Revered Director... You see him live in this world and yet feel him to be a man not of this world... Without exaggeration he prays day and night... being forbearing, loving everyone and disarming with his innocent look... He consorts with various people, whom he calms and directs to the incarnate Savior with unprecedented kindness and gentleness... He is a man but lives like an angel."

Through the intercession of our great friend Saint Nektarios, let us walk according to his teachings.

Source: Translated by John Sanidopoulos.

On Temptations

By St. Nektarios of Aegina

Temptations are granted to reveal our hidden passions, to be combated against, and thus heal our soul. They are also a sample of divine mercy. For this reason trust in God and ask for His help, in order to strengthen you in your fight. Hope in God never leads to despair. Temptations bring humility. God knows the resistance of each of us, and grants temptations according to the measure of our strength. However, we must make sure to be vigilant and careful, that we do not put ourselves into temptation.

Trust in God the Good, the Mighty, the Living, and He will lead you into rest. After the trial follows spiritual joy. The Lord monitors those who endure trials and tribulations for His love. Therefore do not become despondent and do not flinch.

I do not want you to be overwhelmed and grieve for what happens contrary to your will: no matter how justified it is. Such grief is symptomatic of egoism. Beware of egoism which hides beneath the form of justification. Beware of untimely sadness which is created after a just evaluation. Excessive grief for all of these things are the temptation. True grief is one: that which is created when we come to know well the miserable plight of our soul. All other griefs have nothing to do with the grace of God.

Be sure to guard in your heart the joy of the Holy Spirit, and do not allow the evil one to pour out his bitterness. Beware! Beware, lest the Paradise that exists in you turns into Hell.

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Events & Announcements

Philoptochos Sunday

Today is Philoptochos Sunday. Congratulations to the new board! The Oath of Office for the new board will be offered at the end of service today. The Fellowship Hour today is being sponsored by the Philoptochos Society. Philoptochos will be accepting donations for the Head Start Angel program.

College Ministry: OCF at CU - Sunday, November 5, 5 pm

Special Visit from Fr Christodoulos

We will be meeting at the St Thomas Student Catholic Center (corner of 15th & Euclid). We will have a very special visitor. Father Christodoulos will be joining us for the evening. Please join us for dinner, fellowship & prayer. If you have any questions or need a ride, please contact our OCF President, Marina or Father Jordan @ frjordanbrown@gmail.com.

Church Cleaning - Tuesday 9:30 am - 12 noon

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.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Archangel Church - Wednesday, November 8th

We will be making a special trip to celebrate with our sister parish, Holy Archangel Greek Orthodox Church, located in Colorado Springs, on their patron Feast Day, the Synaxis of the Archangel Michael & the other Bodiless Powers, on November 8th. We will be carpooling from Boulder (departing from Sts Peter Paul 6:30 am). We have been invited to their patron feast day lunch. We will be visiting the St Sophia Orthodox Bookstore in the Springs as well as some other special sites. Please communicate with Father Jordan if you are planning to attend and if you are able to help with the driving.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study - November 15th, 10 am

Adult Education: Orthodox Faith Class - Sunday, November 19, 12 pm

Topic—The First Thanksgiving: The Divine Liturgy

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. If you have any questions, please contact Father Jordan at frjordanbrown@gmail.com or 303-581-1434. Class will be held in the Church / Quiet Room.

Make Your Holiday Family Plans Today!

America celebrates the Feast of Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 23. Thanksgiving always falls during the Advent Nativity Fast. The church has given a blessing to break and relax the fast on Thanksgiving. **Sts Peter Paul will celebrate Divine Liturgy on Thanksgiving at 8 am. The Divine Liturgy celebrates the most important Thanksgiving for Christians; Jesus Christ.** Come with your family and friends and celebrate the first and most important Thanksgiving, the Divine Liturgy. Please open your homes to our new parishioners, college students and those with no family, on Thanksgiving Day.