



# Sts. Peter & Paul Boulder

## Weekly Bulletin Week of February 11, 2018



*Icon of the Last Judgment*



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### Service Schedule & Parish Activities

Tuesday, February 13	OCF Dinner	6 pm
Wednesday, February 14	Bible Study	10 am
	Paraclesis	6 pm
Saturday, February 17	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

Fellowship Host	Philoptochos/Men's Group
Ushers	Dion & Kiki Cheronis
Myrrhbearers	Alexandra, Elizabeth, Sophie, Cassie
Choir	Demetra G., Georgia
Epistle Reader	Xander

### Have an Announcement?

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

# On Last Judgement: Meatfare Sunday

## The Sunday of the Last Judgement: Meatfare Sunday

By Metropolitan Kallistos Ware

The past two Sunday's spoke to us of God's patience and limitless compassion, of His readiness to accept every sinner who returns to Him. On this third Sunday (Triodion), we are powerfully reminded of a complementary truth: no one is so patient and so merciful as God, but even He does not forgive those who do not repent. The God of love is also a God of righteousness, and when Christ comes again in glory, He will come as our judge. 'Behold the goodness and severity of God' (Rom 11:22). Such is the message of Lent to each on us: turn back while there is still time, repent before the End comes. In the words of the Great Canon (read the first week of Lent):

*The end draws near, my soul, the end draws near;  
Yet thou does not care or make ready.  
The time grows short, rise up: the Judge is at the door.  
The days of our life pass swiftly, as a dream, as a flower.*

This Sunday sets before us the 'echatological' dimension of Lent: the Great Fast is a preparation for the Second Coming of the Savior, for the eternal Passover in the Age to Come. (This is the theme that will be taken up in the first three days of Holy Week.) Nor is the judgement merely in the future. Here and now, each day and each hour, in hardening our hearts towards others and in failing to respond to the opportunities we are given of helping them, we are already passing judgement on our ourselves.

## The Second Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ

The Holy Fathers placed this feast on Meatfare Sunday in order to check the indulgence and gluttony that usually occurs just before Lent by means of the fear this observance inspires and to use us on to sympathy for our neighbor. We can also understand this another way: by indulging ourselves, we were expelled from Eden and came under judgement and the curse - hence, the present feast was placed here. And on the next Sunday, in the person of Adam, we shall be removed from the delight of eating many foods, corresponding to the model of Eden, until Christ comes and brings us back to Paradise.

The term "Second Coming" is used because the Lord once came physically, though quietly and without glory. Now he shall come from heaven with supernatural wonders and manifest brightness. He will come with His body, so that He will be recognized as the One who has come before and freed the human race and will come again to judge whether it has well preserved what is had been given.

No one knows exactly when the Lord's Second Coming will occur. The Lord kept this hidden from the Apostles. But He did allow for some visible signs to take place in the meantime. Some of the Saints have expanded on the description of these signs.

Prior to the Lord's appearance, the Antichrist will come. He will be born, as St Hippolytus of Rome says, of a defiled woman who will appear to be a virgin and will be from the Jewish race, from the tribe of Dan, one of Jacob's sons. He will live a life imitating that of Christ. He will perform miracle, such as the ones of Christ did, and will even raise the dead. Yet, all that he shall do will be an illusion: his birth, his flesh, and so on, as the Apostle Paul says: "The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved" (2 Thess 2:9-10). But as St John of Damascus says, Satan will not himself be transformed into flesh, but a man born of fornication will accept into himself all the activity of Satan. He will suddenly rise up in rebellion. Then he will appear to be kind and accommodating to all. There will be a great famine and he will supply the people with food. He will study the holy Scriptures and practice fasting. Forced by the people, he will be proclaimed king. He will greatly love the Jewish race, restore them to Jerusalem, and build their temple.

According to the Holy Prophet Daniel, seven years before the end, St Enoch and St Elias will come preaching to the people not to accept the Antichrist. He will imprison them, torture them, and then behead them. Those people who choose to live piously, keeping their true religion, will flee far away.

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## The Second Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (Cont'd)

After this, suddenly, like lightning from heaven, the Lord will appear, preceded by His precious Cross. A boiling river of fire will go before Him, purifying all the earth of its defilements. The Antichrist will immediately be captured, together with those who have served him, and will be delivered over to the eternal fire.

When the angels have sounded the trumpets, then the entire human race will at once come together from the ends of the earth and from all the elements to Jerusalem - for Jerusalem is the center of the world. Here thrones will have been set for judgment. Yet each person will be with his own body and soul, all of which will have been transfigured and made incorruptible, and all will have one appearance. The elements themselves will have undergone alteration for the better.

With a single word, the Lord will separate the righteous from the sinners. The workers of good will go to receive eternal life and the sinners eternal torment. We ought to know that when He comes again, Christ will not require fasting and miracles, though these are good, but rather works of mercy and compassion, which are far better. According to the Gospel of St Matthew, both the righteous and the sinners will be judged according to six requirements: giving food to the hungry, providing drink to the thirsty, showing hospitality to the stranger, clothing the naked, visiting the sick, and visiting prisoners.

St John Orthodox Monastery, Mother Gabriella and Fr Roman Braga

## Events & Announcements

### Capital Maintenance Fundraiser

The Parish Council has identified several significant repairs necessary to the Fellowship Hall in order to keep the building safe and functional for the near future. These include repairs to the roof, replacement of crumbling bricks on the north side of the building, and the purchase of a new air conditioning unit. To make the needed repairs, we are initiating a Capital Maintenance fundraiser to raise \$35,000.

To accomplish this, all proceeds from the second basket will be directed toward the Capital Maintenance fund. Additionally, any member of the congregation who would like to make a directed donation may speak with Fr. Jordan or any member of the Parish Council.

The Parish Council asks that all members prayerfully consider a donation to this fundraiser such that we as a congregation can continue to enjoy Sunday School and fellowship together.

Please see any Parish Council member if you have questions.

# Events & Announcements

## **Meatfare Luncheon**

Philoptochos is hosting today's Meatfare Luncheon with the Sts Peter and Paul Men's Group. This will be a fundraiser to support Philoptochos and to help support what we do to help our community directly. Please consider donating \$8.00 per adult and \$5.00 per child. Did you know that we help those from our parish that may need help to get back on their feet? Last year we gave close to \$3,000.00. This is all with the help of our member's and direct donations from our parishioners.

## **Souper Bowl of Caring**

Sunday School is still accepting non-perishable items and monetary donations for the Souper Bowl of Caring charity. We will distribute the foods collected to Community Food Share, and the monetary donations will be sent to IOCC. This is a great service opportunity for our whole community, and we hope that everyone will participate and support our youth in this effort!

## **Philoptochos Project Table**

Mary Lymperopoulos will be hosting our February project. We will be making fleece scarf for the homeless, a no-sew project. ***Bring a pair of scissors to help fringe scarf edges.*** Our goal is to make 50-plus. All are invited to help. Look for her after church in the fellowship hall.

## **Bookstore Update**

Please check out the Bookstore for Lenten books and AWESOME cookbooks. There are so many great Orthodox items for Pascha, please check it out! If you need to purchase a Pascha holy week book see or email Sharon Dzilvelis ASAP. [sharon\\_dzilvelis@yahoo.com](mailto:sharon_dzilvelis@yahoo.com)

## **College Ministry: OCF @ CU**

Dear Students, please join us for our next campus fellowship scheduled, Tuesday, February 13th, 6 pm. We will meet for dinner, fellowship and prayer at the St Thomas Student Catholic Center (basement room). Questions, please contact Father Jordan @ [frjordanbrown@gmail.com](mailto:frjordanbrown@gmail.com).

## **Sunday School Oratorical Festival**

The Parish Oratorical Festival will take place on Sunday, February 18th, 12 noon. This is a wonderful opportunity for our middle and high school youth to share a Christian message in their own words. If you have not received the topics and resource material, please see Dana Gall. If you have any questions, please visit with Presbytera Marika.

## **Sunday of Forgiveness Service, February 18th, 5 pm**

## **Clean Monday Retreat - February 19th, 1st day of Great Lent**

The Retreat will take place at Sts Peter Paul, 10 am - 1 pm. Please join us on the first day of the Great and Holy Lent, Clean Monday, for a morning of prayer, Lenten Reflection and fellowship. Sign up sheet is located in the parish hall.

## **Wednesday Morning Bible Study - February 14th, 10 am**

Everyone is welcome to participate. Please join us for as we strive to apply prayer and scripture to our spiritual life, striving to grow close to God. The Bible Study for February and March will focus on the readings of Great Lent and the meaning of the Lenten Services. This is a great opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of the Great and Holy Lent, and how it applies to our everyday life.

## **Cheesefare Sunday Lunch**

Sponsored by our Sunday School. Join us for pizza, salad, & ice cream! Proceeds will benefit the Sunday School Ministry.

## **Inquirers Class: Orthodox Q & A**

Do you have questions about the Orthodox Church? Father Jordan will be offering an Orthodox Christian Faith Question and Answer class during Great Lent on Wednesday evenings after the 6 pm Presanctified Liturgy. Father Jordan will be focusing on questions related to Great Lent, Sacrament of Baptism / Chrismation and Spiritual Life.

## **GOYA Lenten Retreat - March 16-18**

Attention all teens (middle and high school students)! The GOYA Lenten Retreat will be taking place in the mountains. We will be joining the young adults from our sister parishes, St Spyridon, St Catherine, Assumption Cathedral and Holy Apostles for a wonderful retreat weekend in the beautiful Rocky Mountains. Details and registration will be coming soon. Please see Father Jordan with any questions. Attention parents! We need a few parent / adult advisors. Please contact Father Jordan.