



Sts. Peter & Paul Boulder

Weekly Bulletin Week of April 1, 2018



Entry into Jerusalem, Palm Sunday



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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.

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Philoptochos

Ushers

Parish Council

Myrrhbearers

Demetra, Sophie, Cassie

Choir

Georgia, Alexandra, Elizabeth

Epistle Reader

Niko

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.

Holy Week Service Schedule



Saturday of Lazarus, March 31
8 am Orthros
9 am Divine Liturgy
10:30a Lazarus Parish Retreat
Pancake Breakfast & Making of the Palms

Palm Sunday, April 1
8:15 am Orthros
9:30 am Divine Liturgy
(Fish Luncheon after service)
7 pm, Bridegroom Nymphios Service



Holy Monday, April 2
8 am Presanctified Liturgy
7 pm Bridegroom Service

Holy Tuesday, April 3
7am Presanctified Liturgy
7 pm Bridegroom Service

Holy Wednesday, April 4
8 am Presanctified Liturgy;
6 pm Holy Unction with
Metropolitan Isaiah
(Reception Following Services)

Holy Thursday, April 5
8 am Vespers Liturgy (St Basil) Mystical Supper
6 pm Twelve Gospels (Passion) Service

Holy Friday, April 6
8 am Great and Royal Hours
2 pm Unnailing (Apokathelosis) Service
7 pm Lamentations Service (Epitaphios / Lord's Tomb)

Holy Saturday, April 7
9 am Vespers Liturgy (St Basil) - First Resurrection
11:00 pm Vigil Canon

Holy Pascha, April 8
Midnight Resurrection Anastasi Service
12 pm Agape Vespers
1 pm Parish Paschal Picnic



On Palm Sunday

By Father Alkiviadis Calivas



Palm Sunday summons us to behold our king: the Word of God made flesh. We are called to behold Him not simply as the One who came to us once riding on a colt, but as the One who is always present in His Church, coming ceaselessly to us in power and glory at every Eucharist, in every prayer and sacrament, and in every act of love, kindness and mercy. He comes to free us from all our fears and insecurities, “to take solemn possession of our soul, and to be enthroned in our heart,” as someone has said. He comes not only to deliver us from our deaths by His death and resurrection, but also to make us capable of attaining the most perfect fellowship or union with Him. He is the king, who liberates us from the darkness of sin and the bondage of death. Palm Sunday summons us to behold our king: the vanquisher of death and the giver of life.

Palm Sunday summons us to accept both the rule and the kingdom of God as the goal and content of our Christian life. We draw our identity from Christ and His Kingdom. The kingdom is Christ - His indescribable power, boundless mercy and incomprehensible abundance given freely to man. The kingdom does not lie at some point or place in the distant future. In the words of the Scripture, the kingdom of God is not only at hand (Matthew 3:2;4:17), it is within us (Luke 17:21). The kingdom is a present reality as well as a future realization (Matthew 6.10). St Theophan wrote the following words about the inward rule of Christ the King:

“The Kingdom of God is within us when God reigns in us, when the soul in its depths confesses God as its Master, and is obedient to Him in all its powers. Then God acts within it as master “both to will and to do of his good pleasure” (Philippians 2:3). This reign begins as soon as we resolve to serve God in our Lord Jesus Christ, by the grace of the Holy Spirit. Then the Christian hands over to God his consciousness and freedom, which comprises the essential substance of our human life, and God accepts the sacrifices; and in this way the alliance of man with God and God with man is achieved, and the covenant with God, which was severed by the Fall and continues to be severed by our willful sins, is reestablished.”

The kingdom of God is the life of the Holy Trinity in the world. It is the kingdom of holiness, goodness, truth, beauty, love, peace and joy. These qualities are not works of the human spirit. They proceed from the life of God and reveal God. Christ Himself is the kingdom. He is the God-Man, Who brought God down to earth (John 1:1,14). “He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world knew Him not. He came to His own home, and His own people received Him not” (John 1:10-11). He was reviled and hated.

Palm Sunday summons us to behold our King - the Suffering Servant. We cannot understand Jesus kingship apart from the Passion. Filled with infinite love for the Father and the Holy Spirit, and for creation, in His inexpressible humility Jesus accepted the infinite abasement of the cross. He bore our griefs and carried our sorrows; He was wounded for our transgressions and made Himself an offering for sin (Isaiah 53). His glorification which was accomplished by the resurrection and the ascension was achieved through the cross.

In the fleeting moments of exuberance that marked Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the world received its King. The king who was on His way to death, His passion, however, was no morbid desire for martyrdom. Jesus’ purpose was to accomplish the mission for which the Father sent Him.

Our Journey Through Holy Week

As Orthodox Christians, we believe that our salvation comes through the Holy Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We spend a lot of time in church services during Holy Week, leading up to this great mystery. In these services, we remember and participate in the last days of Jesus' earthly life. Holy Week will truly help shed light on what it means to be a Christian when we participate in the services.

During Holy Week, we hear stories from Holy Scripture that teach us about who Jesus is, who we are, and how we can live to grow closer to Christ. If we learn about the depth and meaning of these services, we can enter into the saving mystery of His Resurrection on Pascha Sunday with a fuller and more loving commitment to the resurrection that happens inside each of us. Holy Week can change your life.

Blessed Holy Week 'Kalo Pascha'



On Holy Week Elder Ephraim of Arizona

Let us now strive more, my children, and the benefits will be great. No one finds Grace without toil. If the farmer does not farm his field, he will not see the results. When our fasting coexists, is strengthened, and is encompassed with prayer, with contemplation, with watchfulness, with church attendance, with Confession, with Holy Communion with good works and charity giving, then is fulfilled the beauty of the souls preparation for the receptions of Holy Week. Then we will feel the Holy and Honorable Passion of Christ more profoundly, because our hearts will soften, and they will alter and recognize how boundless the love of God is for man. Then the Holy Resurrection will be alive within us with great strength, we will feast in a divinely-fitting manner and celebrate together with the angels the Holy Pascha. Amen

Events & Announcements

Palm Sunday Lunch

Please join us today after services for our Annual Palm Sunday Fish Luncheon. A big thank you to the Elias Family for preparing today's delicious lunch and our Philoptochos.

Holy Week Flowers

Donations for the Holy Week Flowers can be made in the special basket in the Narthex (next to the icon of Sts Peter Paul).

Pascha Eggs Needed!

We will be preparing the red Pascha eggs for the Anastasi - Resurrection Service on Holy Thursday, April 5th, immediately following the 8 am Divine Liturgy. Sts Peter Paul will need about 200 eggs. If you are able, please bring a dozen uncooked eggs and place them in the refrigerator. Pamela Torrance will be coordinating the dying of eggs on Holy Thursday.

Metropolitan Isaiah Pastoral Visit

His Eminence will be with us Holy Wednesday Evening and will preside at the Sacrament of Holy Unction Service at 6 pm. There will be a reception for His Eminence after service in the Parish Hall.

Church Cleaning

We need help with cleaning after the Palm Sunday Services and lunch today. Please give one hour of cleaning. On Holy Saturday, after the morning services, we will clean the church and hall. Please be in contact with Presbyteria Kedrann. Thank you to the volunteers who helped cleaned the church and hall last Sunday.

Attention Young Girls: Myrrh Bearers (Myrofores)

Sts Peter Paul has a wonderful tradition with having our young girls serve as Myrrh bearers and the Holy Friday Lamentations Service. Please visit with Sheila Zissimos in order to prepare for Holy Friday. It is custom for the young girls to wear white dresses.

Agape Vespers and Pascha Easter Picnic

On Pascha Easter Sunday, the Agape Vespers will begin at 12 noon. We will celebrate with the reading of the Resurrection Gospel in many languages. Please visit with Presbyteria Marika if you are able to read the gospel in a different language (Greek, Russian, German, Spanish, Romanian, Arabic ...) Our annual Pascha Picnic will begin at 1 pm. The traditional lamb will be served (burgers and hot dogs available for the children). We need your help with games (Easter Egg Hunt) for the children and music. A big thank you to the Azar family for preparing the food.

Bible Study – Resumes Wednesday, April 11

2018 Pan-Orthodox Front Range Women's Retreat

“Journeying Towards the Kingdom: A retreat for Women, by Women”

The Metropolis of Denver 2018 Women's Retreat will be held at Holy Apostles Orthodox Christian Church in Cheyenne, Wyoming. The event will take place from Friday, April 20, 2018, until Sunday, April 22, 2018. Women over the age of 18 years are invited to attend. The retreat is supported by the Holy Apostles Ladies Philoptochos of Cheyenne. Spread the word and register today! Lodging information and pertinent details are available on the registration page: <https://denver.goarch.org/womens-retreat>

Philoptochos Bookstore

Need a Holy Week/Pascha Service book, red egg dye, Pascha greeting card, icon, or gift for someone special? Many items in stock and special orders are always an option. Stop by the Bookstore today or email Sharon Dzilvelis at sharon_dzilvelis@yahoo.com

PASCHA PICNIC

APRIL 8



12:00pm Agape Service

1:00pm Picnic

Christ is Risen!

Please join us for a picnic in celebration of the Resurrection of Christ!

There will be delicious food (plenty of Greek lamb), hot dogs & burgers, games for the children, an Easter egg hunt, baklava ice-cream sundaes, and Greek dancing. Please bring

Questions? Want to help?

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