



# Sts. Peter & Paul Boulder

## Weekly Bulletin Week of April 8th, 2018



Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!  
Χριστός ἀνέστη! Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη!  
al-Masīh qām! Ḥaqqan qām!

Christos a înviat! Adevărat a înviat!  
Христос воскрес! Воистину воскрес!  
¡Cristo ha resucitado! ¡En verdad ha resucitado!

### Service Schedule & Parish Activities

Pascha Sunday, April 8	Agape Vespers Pascha Picnic to follow	12 pm
Bright Wednesday, April 11	Bible Study Men's Fellowship	10 am 7 pm
Bright Friday, April 13	Life-Giving Spring Orthros Divine Liturgy	8 am 9 am
Bright Saturday, April 14	Great Vespers	5 pm

### Hosts & Volunteers

Ushers	Parish Council
Myrrhbearers	Elizabeth, Alexandra, Sophie, Cassie
Choir	Georgia, Demetra
Epistle Reader	Xander



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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.**

#### 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.

# Paschal Message from Archbishop Demetrios

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Χριστός Ανέστη! Christ is Risen!

Today as we proclaim, “It is the Day of Resurrection,” we glorify God, and we shout with resounding joy because it is the Day of life. Our Risen Lord is victorious over death. By His glorious Resurrection, Christ has shown the unlimited power of God as the Source and Giver of life; and because of His love for us, He has brought us from death unto life, and from earth unto Heaven. Life is restored by our Creator to all that it was meant to be! Life abundant and eternal is ours!

The Risen Lord stands before us on this holiest of days saying, *I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live; and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.* (John 11:25-26) Life beyond the grave has been revealed. The fear of death has been dispelled in the light and power of the Resurrection. In this glorious light we ask with Saint Paul, *O death where is your victory? death where is your sting?* (1 Corinthians 15:55) We proclaim our joy, because *this perishable nature can put on imperishability, and this mortal nature can put on immortality.* (1 Corinthians 15:53) Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of God has come, and we shall live forever.

In the blessings of this Feast of feasts, from the promises of our own resurrection and eternal life, we see that our earthly life is transformed. We are offered abundant, fulfilling, and purposeful life. We are called by the Risen Lord to embrace this life. Through our faith in Him and the power of the Resurrection, we are a new creation. Our lives are transformed, as the old passes away and all things are made new. (2 Corinthians 5:17) Today, we are called *to put on the new nature, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.* (Ephesians 4:24)

Our response to this gift of life is worship and praise. We have beheld the Resurrection. We have witnessed the impossible. We have seen the power of God, We have come to worship Him who trampled death and gives us life. May this Feast of Holy Pascha be filled with joy and light. May your fellowship in Christ be blessed in your parishes and homes, and may the true and abundant life you have found in the Resurrection be visible to all the world!

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With paternal love in Christ, the Risen Lord,

†DEMETRIOS  
Archbishop of America

# Paschal Sermon by St. John Chrysostom

If any man be devout and love God, let him enjoy this fair and radiant triumphal feast. If any man be a wise servant, let him rejoicing enter into the joy of his Lord. If any have labored long in fasting, let him now receive his recompense. If any have wrought from the first hour, let him today receive his just reward. If any have come at the third hour, let him with thankfulness keep the feast. If any have arrived at the sixth hour, let him have no misgivings; because he shall in nowise be deprived thereof. If any have delayed until the ninth hour, let him draw near, fearing nothing. If any have tarried even until the eleventh hour, let him, also, be not alarmed at his tardiness; for the Lord, who is jealous of his honor, will accept the last even as the first; he gives rest unto him who comes at the eleventh hour, even as unto him who has wrought from the first hour.

And he shows mercy upon the last, and cares for the first; and to the one he gives, and upon the other he bestows gifts. And he both accepts the deeds, and welcomes the intention, and honors the acts and praises the offering. Wherefore, enter you all into the joy of your Lord; and receive your reward, both the first, and likewise the second. You rich and poor together, hold high festival. You sober and you heedless, honor the day. Rejoice today, both you who have fasted and you who have disregarded the fast. The table is full-laden; feast ye all sumptuously. The calf is fatted; let no one go hungry away.

Enjoy ye all the feast of faith: Receive ye all the riches of loving-kindness. let no one bewail his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed. Let no one weep for his iniquities, for pardon has shown forth from the grave. Let no one fear death, for the Savior's death has set us free. He that was held prisoner of it has annihilated it. By descending into Hell, He made Hell captive. He embittered it when it tasted of His flesh. And Isaiah, foretelling this, did cry: Hell, said he, was embittered, when it encountered Thee in the lower regions. It was embittered, for it was abolished. It was embittered, for it was mocked. It was embittered, for it was slain. It was embittered, for it was overthrown. It was embittered, for it was fettered in chains. It took a body, and met God face to face. It took earth, and encountered Heaven. It took that which was seen, and fell upon the unseen.

O Death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory? Christ is risen, and you are overthrown. Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen. Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ is risen, and life reigns. Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in the grave. For Christ, being risen from the dead, is become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be glory and dominion unto ages of ages. Amen.

# Events & Announcements

## **Agape Vespers and Pascha Picnic - Sunday, April 8th at 12 pm**

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. Our annual Pascha Picnic will begin at 1 pm. The traditional lamb will be served. All Parishioners are encouraged to bring a side dish. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the children and music. A big thank you to the Azar family for preparing the food!

## **Wednesday Morning Bible Study - April 11th & 18th**

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study will resume after Holy Week. Class begins at 10 am and lasts for one hour. Everyone is welcome to participate. Please join us as we strive to apply prayer and scripture to our spiritual life, working to grow closer to God. The Bible Study will focus on the readings of the Resurrection. This is a great opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of the Resurrection of our Lord, and how it applies to our every day life.

## **1st Annual Front Range Women's Retreat - Cheyenne, Wyoming**

**Friday, April 20, 2018 - Sunday, April 22, 2018**

Keynote Speaker: Mother Cassiana

(Protection of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Christian Monastery)

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## **GOYA Dinner - Sunday, April 29 at 5 pm**

**At the home of Fr. Jordan & Presbyteria Marika**

**All middle and high school students, and parents are invited.**

Fr Anastasios Elekiah from Kenya, Africa, (seminary classmate of Fr Jordan) will be coming to Sts Peter Paul for a special visit. This will be a great blessing for our children to spend time with Fr Anastasios.

Here is a little bio about Father Anastasios Elekiah Kihali. Fr Anastasios is the sixth of ten children. He graduated from the St Makarios Seminary in 1989. He is a graduate of Holy Cross (1993). Fr Anastasios received his doctorate from the University of Thessaloniki. Fr Anastasios is currently the Dean of Embu in Kenya.

## **Men's Fellowship Ministry & BBQ Dinner - April 11th, 7 pm**

We welcome all men to join us on Bright Wednesday for an evening of delicious BBQ and fellowship. This is a great opportunity to develop new friendships and strengthen old ones. We will meet for dinner at Lulu's BBQ located at 701 Main Street, Louisville.

## **Feast of St George - Monday, April 23**

Services will be held at the Brotherhood of St George (361 Forest Street, Denver).

8 am Orthros / 9:30 am Divine Liturgy. All day luncheon to follow services.