



Sts. Peter & Paul Boulder

Weekly Bulletin Week of May 6th, 2018



Contact Info

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Greek Orthodox Church**
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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.

Service Schedule & Parish Activities

Monday, May 7	Church Cleaning	10 am
Saturday, May 12	Readers Vespers	5 pm

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

Ushers	Liz Soderberg
Myrrhbearers	Elizabeth, Alexandra, Sophie
Choir	Georgia, Demetra
Epistle Reader	Georgia

Have an Announcement?

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

Sermon for the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

By Metropolitan Anthony Surozh

The Holy Gospel has not given us the name of the Samaritan woman. But the Tradition of the Church remembers, and calls her in Greek - Photini, in Russian - Svetlana, in the Celtic languages - Fiona, in Western languages - Claire. And all these names speak to us of one thing - of light.

Having met the Lord Jesus Christ she has become a light shining in the world, a light that enlightens those who meet her. Every Saint is offered us as an example; but we cannot always emulate the concrete ways in which a Saint lived, we cannot always repeat their way from earth to heaven. But we can learn from each of them two things. The one is that by the grace of God we can achieve what seems humanly impossible; that is, to become a person in the image and likeness of God, to be - in this world of darkness and tragedy which is in the power of lies - a word of truth, a sign of hope, the certainty that God can conquer if we only allow Him access to our souls. Because if the Kingdom of God is not established within us, if God is not enthroned in our minds and hearts, a fire that destroys everything unworthy of ourselves and of Him, we cannot spread God's light around.

And the second thing which the Saints can teach us is to understand the message which their names convey to us. And today's Samaritan woman speaks of light. Christ has said that He is the Light of the world, the light that enlightens all men; and we are called to give shelter within our souls, minds and hearts - indeed, within our whole self - to this light; so that the word spoken by Christ, "Let your light so shine before all men, that seeing your good deeds they may give glory to your Father who is in heaven", may be fulfilled and accomplished in and through us.

It is only through seeing our deeds, through seeing how we live that people can believe that the light is God's light; it is not in our words, unless they are words of truth and of power like those of the Apostles, or of Christ Himself indeed. And let us reflect, each of us, on the meaning of our name and on the way in which we can become what we are called.

The Samaritan woman came to the well without any spiritual purpose; she came, as she came daily, to fetch water - and she met Christ. Each of us may meet our God at any turn in our life, when we are about our most homely tasks, if our hearts are turned in the right direction, if we are prepared to receive a message, to listen; indeed - to ask questions! Because the Samaritan woman asked a question of Christ, and what she heard transcended her question in such a way that she recognized in Him a prophet, and later - the Christ, the Saviour of the world.

But the light must not be pushed under a bushel. Having discovered that the Light had come into the world, that the word of divine truth was resounding now amidst men, that God was among us, she left behind all concerns and ran to share the joy, the wonder of what she had discovered with others. She brought her fellow-citizens to Christ. She told them first why she believed; and when perhaps curiosity, or the convincing power of her words, and the change that had occurred in her brought them to Christ, they saw for themselves and said to her, It is no longer because of what you say that we believe - we have seen, we have heard.

And this is what the Samaritan woman teaches all of us: be open at every moment of life, while we are busy with the simplest things, to receive the divine word, to be illumined by the divine light, to be cleansed by His purity, to receive it in the depths of our souls, receive it with all our life, so that people seeing what we have become may believe that the light has come into the world.

Let us pray to the Samaritan woman to teach us, to guide us, to bring us to Christ in the way in which she came, and to serve Him in the way in which she served Him, being the salvation of all who were around her. And may the blessing of God be upon you, the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost, now and forever and world without end! Amen.

Let's look at the life of this hero. He lived inside an ocean of afflictions. Not days, not weeks, not just a few years but for thirty-eight years he was sick, completely paralyzed. And yet he didn't howl, he didn't blaspheme, he didn't curse the day he was born. With a patience that reminds one of the patience of Job, he passed the days of his affliction believing that God had not abandoned him, but would someday show His mercy to him. And God did show His mercy. He came Himself, Jesus Christ, the true God, and cured the paralytic. All who saw were amazed by this miracle. On that day, the paralytic, that hero of patience, received from Christ, the Ruler of All, the reward for patience.

May it be, my beloved, that we all - men and women, any of us who suffer afflictions - be rewarded for patience. In order to endure, let's think of those heroes of patience like the paralytic and especially the king of pain and sorrow, our Lord Jesus Christ, Who said: "In the world you shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

Events & Announcements

Welcome Father Stephan Close

We welcome Father Stephan and Presbyteria Close. Father Stephan serves the St. Luke Antiochian Orthodox Church located in Erie. Fr. Jordan will be away this week serving a wedding. In case of a hospital emergency, please contact one of sister parishes; St Luke, Erie or St Spyridon, Loveland. Father Jordan will be this week, and returning on Friday, May 11th.

Sunday School Update

Our last day of class is today, May 6. **On May 13, we will celebrate our students and showcase some of their projects.** We will also be honoring our **graduating seniors.** Please mark your calendars for our **end-of-year pool party on Sunday, June 3.** All Sunday school children and parents are invited for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. The pool party and lunch will take place after Sunday services at the home of Dena & Dean Tinsley (located @ 1825 Chilton Place, Broomfield). Bring summer clothes, bathing suit / towel, appetite & smile.

A Worshiper's Guide to the Divine Liturgy by Fr. Steven Tsiichlis

You are welcome to take a copy of this wonderful booklet explaining the beauty of the Divine Liturgy. They are available in the Narthex.

Young Adult Ministry

An event to explore and support the work of IOCC. Young adults, 21 - 35, you are invited to the Springtime Garden Party, Saturday, May 19, 5 pm. The event will take place at the St Catherine Courtyard. Send your RSVP or questions to alex@stcatherinechurch.org

Rocky Mountain Orthodox Youth Camp - July 25 - 28

Where: Camp Buckhorn (near Ft Collins in the mountains)

Registration Material is available in the parish hall or visit with Dena Tinsley. Scholarship are available (please contact Fr. Jordan).

Wednesday Morning Bible Study - Next Class, May 16

Please join us this coming Wednesday for Bible Study. Everyone is welcome to participate. We 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 relates to our every day life.

Annual Philoptochos Fundraiser – June 1st, 6:30 pm

Join us for Arabian Nights! The annual Philoptochos fundraiser will be held Friday, June 1st at the Louisville Center for the Arts. Drinks will begin at 6:00pm and dinner will be served at 6:30pm, dancing, silent auction, and fun to follow. Tickets are on sale now. You can purchase after church in the fellowship hall or contact Ashley Dzilvelis at 303-884-7088 or ashleydz1@hotmail.com. Adults are \$45.00 and children \$20.00.

Taste of Orthodoxy Festival - September 7-9, 2018

Planning is underway for our 15th annual festival. If you would like to be involved in the planning, please contact Nicole Tsiouvaras, tsiouvaras@msn.com or Nick Karis, nickandsandy77@gmail.com

Icon Drawing Workshop - May 21 - May 25

This intensive workshop is focused on the study of the full figure in iconography. The instructor is Ileana Barbu. Registration is required and course space is limited. If you are interested, please contact Ileana Barbu at 303-521-3387 or ilebarbu@yahoo.com
Workshop location: Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Boulder

Icon Painting Workshop - July 9-14

The six day intensive course will be under the direction of visiting master iconographer and expert instructor, Theodoros Papadopoulos. Space is limited and early registration is suggested. For more details and registration, contact JP Andrews at 303-729-1855.
Workshop location: Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Boulder

Church Cleaning

Thank you to everyone who has been donating their time to clean our church! Even one hour of your time per month is a great help! The cleaning schedule for this month is: Every Sunday after church; 10 a.m. on Monday 5/7 & 5/14; and Wednesday 5/23
There is a list in the church, and a list in the hall, of the cleaning chores that need to be done.

EasyTithe - A New Online Giving Tool For Sts. Peter And Paul

The Stewardship and Finance Committees encourage everyone at Sts. Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church to try our new online giving method through EasyTithe. EasyTithe is simple to use and provides a great way to make online contributions and recurring stewardship payments. To use EasyTithe, please visit this link: <https://www.easytithe.com/stspeterandpaul> You can also download the app in the Google Play or Apple App stores.