



# Sts. Peter & Paul Boulder

## Weekly Bulletin Week of May 13th, 2018



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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.

## Service Schedule & Parish Activities

<b>Monday, May 14</b>	<b>St Isidoros</b> <b>Orthros</b> 8 am <b>Divine Liturgy</b> 9 am <b>Parish Council Meeting</b> 6:30 pm
<b>Wednesday, May 16</b>	<b>Ascension</b> <b>Bible Study</b> 10 am <b>Orthros</b> 5 pm <b>Divine Liturgy</b> 6 pm
<b>Saturday, May 19</b>	<b>Readers Vespers</b> 5 pm

## Hosts & Volunteers

<b>Fellowship Host</b>	Mother's Day Luncheon
<b>Ushers</b>	Manny & Candy Soulakis
<b>Myrrhbearers</b>	Demetra, Cassie, Sophie
<b>Choir</b>	Georgia, Elizabeth, Alexandra
<b>Epistle Reader</b>	Niko

### Have an Announcement?

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

# Participating in the Ascension of the Lord

By St. Nikolai Velimirovich

Thus did the One ascend to Heaven Who held heaven within Himself. He who carries hell within himself will end up in hell, but he who bears heaven within his soul will ascend to heaven. And truly, no one can ascend to heaven other than those who have heaven within; and no one can end up in hell besides those who have hell within. The familiar is drawn to what is familiar and unites with the familiar; but it rejects what is not familiar. Matter submits to the spirit to the extent that the human soul is filled with the Divine Spirit; and the laws of nature are obedient to moral laws, which govern the world. Because the Lord Jesus Christ is the fullness of the Holy Spirit and the perfection of moral law, to Him is subject all matter—the entire physical world, with all the laws of nature.

Any person, as a spirit, can be victorious in his life over a certain law of nature, with the help of another law of nature—that is, he can overcome it with his own spirit. Christ, as the God-Man, could subject the laws of nature to Himself through the law of the Spirit, which is the supreme law of the created world. However, this concept, just as any other spiritual concept, can be but partially explained by ordinary earthly conceptualizations and reasoning—and that only by examples and comparisons.

Spiritual things only become clear beyond a doubt when the spirit sees them and perceives them. In order to see and feel the manifestations of the spiritual world, long and exhausting spiritual practice is needed, after which, by God's grace, spiritual vision may be opened in a person; this vision allows him to see what seems unbelievable and impossible to ordinary mortals. Nevertheless, a person must first believe those who have seen the unbelievable, and strengthen their faith from day to day, striving to see what is inaccessible to the common gaze.

Not in vain does the Lord say, "Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed" (Jn. 20:29). The Lord God rejoices in their faith just as a father on earth rejoices that his children believe his every word. All the apostles were present at the Ascension of the Lord, gathered on the hill. This was their last collective meeting. However, this was not the last appearance of Christ. Later He appeared in a vision to the Apostle Paul on the road to Damascus, to the Apostle John on the island of Patmos, and to other apostles, as well as to martyrs, holy hierarchs, and confessors, over the course of the entire history of the Christian Church.

But the day will come—and that day is not far off—when all the righteous men and women who firmly believed in Him throughout their lives will see Him. And around Him in the heavens will gather all those who were baptized on earth in His name—not only with water, but also with the Spirit and Fire. And they will enter into His joy, which the Heavenly Father has prepared for all His chosen, and will inherit a joy that they have never known before.

## Praying to Saint Ascension: A Beneficial Tale of St. Paisios the Athonite

I remember an elderly monk at Esphigmenou Monastery on Mount Athos, who was so simple, that he thought "Ascension" was the name of a women Saint. He prayed to her on his komboschoini, "Saint of God, intercede for us!" Once, he had to feed a sick Brother in the infirmary and had nothing to offer him. He immediately went down the stairs, opened a window overlooking the sea, stretched his arms out and said, "Ascension, my Saint, give me a little fish for the Brother." And right away, as if by miracle, a big fish jumped out of the sea and into his hands. The others who saw him were astonished, but he simply looked at them smiling, as if he were saying "What's so strange about what you've just seen?" And then look at us. We may know everything about the life and martyrdom of the Saints, or about when and how the Ascension took place and yet, we cannot even catch a tiny little fish! These are the strange and paradoxical things of the spiritual life, which the reasoning of those intellectuals that are centred on themselves and not on God, cannot explain, because their knowledge is of this world and sterile; their spirit is ill with secularism and their mind void of the Holy Spirit.

Source: From *Spiritual Counsels, Volume 1: With Pain and Love for Contemporary Man by Elder Paisios of Mount Athos* (Holy Monastery "Evangelist John the Theologian", 2006),

# Events & Announcements

## Happy Mother's Day!

We honor our beautiful mother's day! In celebration of Mother's Day, the men of our parish have prepared a Mother's Day Luncheon.

## Sunday School Showcase & End of the Year Party

Today 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](mailto: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 Father 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.

## 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](mailto:tsiouvaras@msn.com) or Nick Karis, [nickandsandy77@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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

**The cleaning schedule for this month is: Every Sunday after church; Wed. 5/14 & Wed. 5/23 at 10 am.** 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.

**SAVE  
THE DATE!**

PHILOPTOCHOS PRESENTS

# ARABIAN NIGHTS

**FRIDAY, JUNE 1ST at 6:00 PM**

Louisville Center for the Arts  
801 Grant Ave. Louisville, CO 80027

**SILENT AUCTION!  
DINNER, DRINKS,  
& DANCING!**



**This fundraiser will help Philoptochos support work serving the poor, hungry, aged, sick, unemployed, orphaned, imprisoned, widowed, handicapped, victims of disaster, and all those in need of assistance.**

**RSVP to Ashley: 303-884-7088 or [ashleydz1@hotmail.com](mailto:ashleydz1@hotmail.com)**