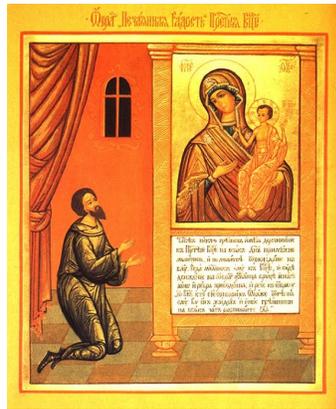




Sts. Peter & Paul Boulder

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Service Schedule & Parish Activities

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.

Hosts & Volunteers

Ushers	Matt Melonakis
Myrrhbearers	Alexandra, Elizabeth, Cassie, Sophie
Epistle Reader	Alexandra

Sunday, August 5	Great Vespers Transfiguration Feast <i>(see News & Events for more info)</i>	6 pm
Monday, August 6	Paraclesis Service Parish Council	6 pm 7 pm
Tuesday, August 7	Paraclesis Service	9 am
Wednesday, August 8	Paraclesis Service	6 pm
Thursday, August 9	Paraclesis Service	9 am

****Women's Retreat - Holy Protection Monastery - August 10 -11****

The Dormition: The Falling Asleep of the Virgin Mary

“Our Orthodox Church places the icon of the Theotokos above the sanctuary which symbolizes that she is between heaven and earth, between the Pantocrator and His struggling church, that is because she is our most powerful intercessor, our mother in heaven who hears the prayers of all and knows the misfortunes and expectations of all.”

- St Nectarios

His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos offers the following encouraging words, “In our life’s experiences, the time will come when we will face the death of a loved one. As Orthodox Christians, however, we look upon death in a different way. The Dormition of the Theotokos, is a reminder that we too, will depart from this life **“to the source of life.”** We must also call to mind the words Saint Paul uses when instructing the Philippians about death: **“For me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”**

These first two weeks in August always provide us the opportunity to grow in faith and be strengthened by the intercessions of the Holy Mother of God. Let us contemplate the mystery and the miracle of the Dormition of the Theotokos. Observe the fast. Attend the Paraclesis services and sing praises to the Almighty God and to the Virgin Mary. Take time to submit your name and the names of your loved ones so that we might pray for your **“health, salvation, visitation, pardon and remission of sins...**

St. Maria Skoptosova, while suffering in the prison camp during World War II, continued to visit and pray for the suffering prisoners. We are told that the last work embroidered by the hands of St. Maria in the concentration camp was an icon of Mary the Mother of God holding the child Jesus, His hands and feet already bearing the wounds of the Cross.

Dear faithful, let us ceaselessly pray: **“commemorating our most Holy, Pure, Blessed and Glorious Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.**

Stewardship in Church Life

Stewardship means faith and living in Jesus Christ. In truth, genuine faith in our Lord consists of this “living” in Christ as our faith is expressed through our actions.

In her biography of St. Seraphim of Sarov, Mme. Valentine Zander relates this story of the blessed saint: “The care of the two churches was entrusted to Helen and Xenia (who were two monastics). ‘Everything to do with the church’ the Staretz (Seraphim) told them, ‘is like an inner fire enkindling us, looking after it is the best work of all. The humblest job, be it only to clean the floor of the house of God, is a nobler work than all the others.’

Everything you do in the house of God should be done with love and reverence. You must do nothing trivial there, only necessary duties. For where else could you find greater joy than in the place where our Lord is dwelling, surrounded by cherubim and seraphim and all the heavenly spirits!”

Later in the narrative, the nun Xenia realized that the flame in the lamp “burning before the icon of had gone out and there was no more oil for relighting it, neither was there any money with which to buy some. She began weeping: “If we are without oil even now, what is going to happen later?” And she started doubting Father Seraphim’s words concerning his promise of prosperity. Then, as she left the church, she was a peasant coming up to her: ‘Are you the sacristan?’ he asked her. He gave her 3.00 rubles for the lamp in memory of his parents. She recounted later: ‘During Father Seraphim’s lifetime the pilgrims always brought us enough money for the upkeep of the church: they even sent magnificent bells from Nijni - Novgorod and patens and chalices from Moscow.’”

There are only two important examples of what our stewardship should mean to us and require of us. It is not enough to say of the Church, “I’m a member in good standing,” and then walk away from the responsibilities that Almighty God has placed into our hands. It is solely through our love and commitment to the Holy Trinity expressed in both faith and action that salvation can be ours. From generation to generation, He has given us a legacy which we must comprehend and comply with. All that we have belongs to Him, and we must do all we can to express unreserved love emptying ourselves and following His ways.

True Stewardship is grounded in the true meaning of the Eucharist as sacrifice. When we understand and help others understand the true meaning of the Eucharist, we help bridge the gap between liturgy and life, between the love of Jesus on the cross and our lives, between our beautiful theology and spirituality, and the practical stewardship to which we are called. In the words of Bishop Ireneos, **“As Orthodox Christians, we are Eucharistic because we are capable of seeing the world as God’s gift, as a sacrament of God’s presence and a means of communion with Him. And do we are able to offer the world back to God as thanksgiving. ‘We offer to You these gifts from Your own gifts in all for all.’** (prayer from the Divine Liturgy)

Events & Announcements

Victims of Wildfires in Greece

The 2nd tray today will be dedicated to aid effort to bring help to those whose homes and communities have been destroyed. (checks sent payable to the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, designated for the Attica fires Relief Fund).

Feast of the Transfiguration – Monday, August 6

We will celebrate the Great Feast of the Transfiguration with our sister parish, the Holy Transfiguration of Christ Cathedral (349 E 47th Ave, Denver). **Divine Liturgy will begin at 9:30 am** (brunch will follow). If you are able to car pool to Denver on Monday, August 6, please let Father Jordan know in order to arrange rides.

Altar Boy Mountain Retreat

Calling all young men to serve! Mark your calendars for a special overnight mountain retreat for the young men of our parish. Father Jordan, and a few dads, will be taking the altar boys for an overnight retreat located at Hot Sulphur Springs. We are planning a great weekend. August 24 & 25. **Please inform Father Jordan if you plan to attend.**

Philotochos Sisterhood Brunch – Saturday, August 25, 9a-12p

Attention ladies! Please join us for a morning of relaxing, socializing and getting to know other amazing women in our parish.

At the home of Juli Sarris (4433 Aaron Place, Boulder)

Please bring something yummy to share.

If you are new to our parish, please come. Please communicate with Rola if you are able to attend at 720-261-6520 or roawad@hotmail.com.

The 2018-2019 Planner is Here! Order yours today!

This spiral-bound Planner follows the Ecclesiastical (Church) year beginning in September and ending in August. It helps you keep a daily focus on Christ with fast days, prayers, saints of the day, and inspiration from the fathers. Spiral Bound, approx. 5.5 x 8.5". Cost: about \$17 depending on shipping. Contact Sharon Dzilvelis at sharon_dzilvelis@yahoo.com.

Sunday School Teachers & Parent Retreat

New date: Saturday, September 22, 9 am - 12 noon

One of the most important and vital church ministries is ministering to our youth. On Saturday, September 22, Sts Peter Paul will host a morning retreat for Sunday School Teachers, Youth Worker and Parents. If you have a calling to serve the youth, please visit with either Father Jordan or Bruce Geerdes, Sunday School Director. **We are in need of teachers for Sunday School.** There will be a special event on Sunday, September 23, for all parents and their children.

Adult Education: Orthodox Faith Classes & Bible Study

The Orthodox Christian Faith Classes will begin in a few weeks. There will be a special meeting and introduction to the class on **Wednesday, August 29, 7 pm. The Bible Study Classes will begin on Friday, September 21, 9 am.** We have changed the time and day of the Bible Study to Fridays at 9 am. There were requests to move the day and time. Please inform Father Jordan if you plan to participate in the Orthodox Christian Faith Classes. You can reach Father Jordan @ frjordanbrown@gmail.com or 303-581-1434.

Orthodox Men's Retreat - September 23 - 26

Theme: Fishers of Men: Twelve (Extra) Ordinary Men

Water Valley Ranch in Encampment, Wyoming. Registration is open through September 1. For more information and registration, go to <https://denver.goarch.org/mens-retreat>



Volunteer Sign Up

Sign up now for festival weekend! Each shift is 3 hours; we hope you can volunteer for at least 3 shifts during the weekend. Sign up early to get your choice of days and times!

Online sign up is at http://stspeterandpaulboulder.ivolunteer.com/too_2018

Paper copies will also be available on Sundays starting July 29.

Tent Set-Up

We will be setting up tent frames for the festival on Sundays, starting August 5th. Please bring a change of clothes and a water bottle and help for an hour after church. See Nick Kallan to get started.

Baking Days

The festival is approaching faster than we think, and the baking team is kicking into high gear. Please join us for baking baklava and tsoureki these next two weeks!! Everyone is welcome to bake with us - even an hour or two can make a big difference. Teens are invited; please accompany children. Question? Contact Joanne Ashmun or Juli Sarris.

Baklava on 8/8 (Wednesday); 8/10 (Friday).

Baklava on 8/11 (Saturday) and 8/13 (Monday)

Tsoureki on 8/15 (Wednesday)

Advertise in the Event Program

Have a business you'd like to promote? Want to show your support for our festival? Take out an ad in our Event Program. This program reaches about 1000 supporters during the 3-day weekend. Half page ads are \$200; full page is \$400. See Robin Glasener or Jan Marose to place your ad today!

Soda/Water Donations

Each year, our parishioners donate the soda and water that is sold at the festival. Please bring your donations to the hall by September 6th. **Last names beginning A - E: Coke; F - K: Diet Coke; L - R: Sprite; S - Z: bottled water.** The ToO Committee thanks you!

Promote ToO on Facebook

Visit our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/TasteOfOrthodoxy/>, and click on the "like," "follow," and "recommend" buttons below the cover photo. Rate the event by clicking "Review" in the left-hand column. Post photos from past years and "tag" family and friends. As the event approaches, we will be posting reminders that you should also like and share with friends.