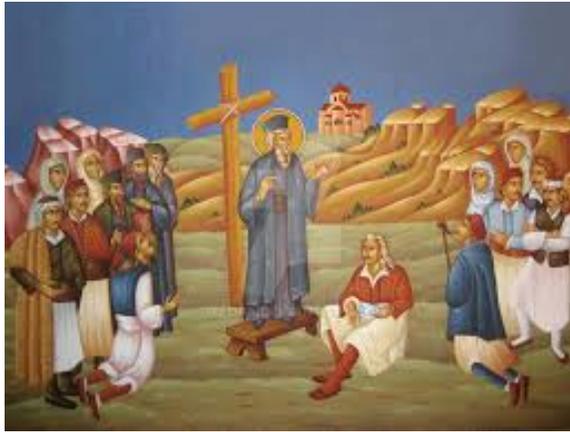




Sts. Peter & Paul Boulder

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St. Kosmas Aitolos



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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

Wednesday, August 22	Paraclesis Service	6:00 pm
Saturday, August 25	Altar Boy Retreat	9 am
	Philoptochos Brunch	9 am
	Great Vespers	5:00 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	Matt Melonakis
Myrrhbearers	Alexandra, Elizabeth, Cassie, Sophie
Epistle Reader	Georgia

Have an Announcement?

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

St. Kosmas the Aitolos as a Model for Our Lives

By Protopresbyter Fr. George Papavarnas

We know the Old Testament story of the Tower of Babel, as well as the confusion and misunderstanding that prevailed due to arrogance and haughtiness. The opposite of this incident happened in the New Testament, namely the day of Pentecost. There with the partitioning of tongues of fire on each of the disciples there disappeared confusion, fear and any dissent and there was exemplary unity and agreement. The sacred hymnographer, juxtaposing the two incidents, tells us: "When the Most High came down and confounded the tongues He divided the nations. When He dispensed the tongues of fire, He called all to unity, and with one voice we glorify the Most Holy Spirit" (Kontakion of Pentecost). In other words, when the Tower of Babel was being constructed, God brought confusion in the languages and divided people into nations, and now with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit He calls all to unity. Arrogance divides and separates people, while humility attracts the Holy Spirit, and unites all people and nations into a brotherhood. Unity without divine Grace will always remain a dream unfulfilled.

Father Kosmas experienced, like all the saints, his own personal Pentecost, which is why he was a unified and integrated man and therefore able to minister and heal people and lead them into unity, to the true "unity of faith and communion of the Holy Spirit." When uncreated divine Grace enters the heart, then it burns with love for others. Hieromonk Kosmas learned one single language, that of love, and he wanted others to also come to know it, to be able to understand each other and not tear away from each other and kill one another with slander, injustice and lies. True love, as a fruit of communion with God, offers people inner fulfillment and thus becomes a means of attraction and source of unity. Conversely the passions, such as envy, arrogance and so forth create problems and anyone who possesses them becomes a source of abnormalities. They disrupt unity, tearing the seamless tunic of Christ, creating factions and a climate of polarization. No matter how many languages one speaks, if one does not know the language of love, according to the Apostle Paul, they are as a "clanging symbol", just making noise. The bright and holy figure of Saint Kosmas the Aitolos distributed peace and created a climate of unity.

We will highlight three points that characterize this modest but also explosive and majestic personality, proving the truth of what we mentioned above.

First, he had an ecclesiastical spirit. He did not despise those above him, but respected them and sought their opinion and blessing. His missionary career began after he received the blessings of his great Elders in Mount Athos, then he received the blessing and approval of the Patriarch of Constantinople, as well as the Bishops of the places he passed through. He did not work as an individual, nor divide, instead he paved the way for proper communication.

Second, he knew very well, as a true theologian, which means he was a God-seer, that the diversity of languages is a transient phenomenon based on the passions. The passions prevent mutual understanding. Many times people can communicate with people who are foreigners with a different language and culture, while others who seemingly speak the same language are not able to. It is obvious that what prevents the communication are the passions, which create a different way of thinking. For example, how can two people communicate, when one speaks the language of reason and the other only the language of interest? When the Saint asked the Greeks to stop speaking Arvanite and learn Greek, and if they did so then he would take upon himself all their sins, he did not do this because he was a racist or nationalist, but to give them the opportunity to study Holy Scripture and learn the language of love.

Third, wherever he passed through, he set up a Cross and a small pedestal. Then he would climb up to this and preach in the shadow of the Cross. And this was not just a habit without a deeper meaning. The Cross is the symbol of the victory of life against death, as well as of the mystery of love. The great missionary was crucified and resurrected and therefore did not hesitate to confront injustice, exploitation, ignorance and falsehood, even though he knew this path would lead to martyrdom. The Cross he raised up was a symbol of his personal Cross that he experienced which is why he was not afraid to die. Death did not frighten him, since he defeated it within the limits of his personal life. Only one who has died and risen can experience and preach true love which leads to communion with God, unity and mutual respect for others.

Our society, this modern Babel, requires great holy patristic figures like Father Kosmas, who experienced and expressed daily in his life the mystery of Pentecost and "spoke" the unique language of love.

Source: *Ekklesiastiki Paremvasi*, "Ο Πατρο-Κοσμάς", August 1998. Translated by John Sanidopoulos

Events & Announcements

Philoptochos Brunch - Saturday, August 25, 9 am - 12 pm

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

Altar Boy Day Retreat - Saturday, August 25, 9 am

One of the greatest blessings for a young man is to serve in the altar. Serving in the altar can be a life changing experience. The overnight mountain retreat scheduled for August 24 & 25 has been rescheduled for weekend of October 19 - 21. There were a number of conflicts due to the beginning of school, youth activities and festival preparation.

We plan to have a Altar Boy Retreat and Seminar, on Saturday, August 25. The retreat will begin at 9 am. We encourage young men who have a desire to serve in the altar to attend the retreat. This is a great opportunity for young men who have never served, and for those with experience. **Retreat Schedule: 9 am - 11 am (Father Jordan will share the importance and meaning of serving in the altar. This will be a great time to explain the duties and responsibilities of an altar boy.** Lunch will be provided. There will be a special afternoon activity. If you have any questions please contact Father Jordan.

Family Stewardship Social Get Together - Sunday, August 26, 4 pm

Please join us for a Stewardship Social Event on Sunday, August 26, 4 pm, at the home of Steve & Ashley Dzilvelis (5690 Steeplechase Drive, Longmont). This is a great opportunity to meet new parishioners and rebuild friendships. This event is for both adults and children. Bring the whole family!

Orthodox Campus Fellowship @ University of Colorado / OCF @ CU

The OCF of CU welcomes all college students to join us for all activities on and off campus. Join us for our first OCF kick-off fellowship dinner on Tuesday, August 28. We will meet @ 6 pm at the St Thomas Student Center. (We will meet in the coffee house)

(1520 Euclid Ave / on the corner of 15th & Euclid). Please contact Father Jordan with any questions @ frjordan-brown@gmail.com.

Sunday School Teachers & Parent Retreat - Saturday, September 22, 9 am - 12 pm

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. Father Christodoulos Papadeas will be our retreat speaker. Father has many years of youth experience. I strongly encourage parents to participate in the Saturday morning retreat.

Sunday School Kick-off Lunch & Pool Party - Sunday, September 23, 12:30 pm - 2 pm

Hosted by the Tinsley Family (1825 Chilton Place, Broomfield)

“When a child is filled with Christ and from a young age goes to church with his/her parents, takes communion, chants, prays,-later on when the child grows up and is far from this parents, even in difficult circumstances, he / she will be fine. - St Paisius

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 @ frjordan-brown@gmail.com or 303-581-1434.

Orthodox Men's Retreat - September 23 - 26, 2018

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>

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Philoptochos College Scholarship

Are you a college student in the 2018-19 academic year? Then apply for the Philoptochos scholarship! Please write a letter addressed to the President of the Philoptochos, Ashley Dzilvelis. In the letter, please provide details such as what college you are attending, course of study, volunteer experience, personal achievements, and why you think you are deserving of a scholarship. The deadline is August 22nd. Please include the school address where to send the scholarship money. You may email the letter to ashleydz1@hotmail.com

The 2018-2019 Planner is Here! Limited quantity!

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: \$16. Contact Sharon Dzilvelis at sharon_dzilvelis@yahoo.com

Hosting Coffee Fellowship Hour

We need your help. Please help your parish provide hospitality on Sunday. The Sunday Fellowship Hour is a wonderful opportunity to welcome new parishioners and establish new friendships. The sign up is on the wall as you enter the parish hall. Please sign up today. We recommend sponsoring a Sunday with another parishioner or family member. As a reminder, the Fellowship hour can be very simple - fruit, bagels, breads (the coffee, cups, plates and napkins are provided).



Volunteer Sign Ups

Help! Help! Help! We need *your* help! Please volunteer NOW for festival weekend. We still have about half of the spots open and we're only a few weeks away. We especially need help in the food tent, kids tent, and parking. Sign up online or see Nick Karis or Nicole after Liturgy. With your help, festival weekend will be successful and fun! http://stspeterandpaulboulder.ivolunteer.com/too_2018

Volunteer T-Shirts

15th Annual Taste of Orthodoxy t-shirts and hats are now available for pre-order. See Rick Leonidas after Liturgy to place your order. All orders due by August 26th.

Posters

Please take a few posters and place them around your local businesses and gathering places. This is a key way we advertise the festival, so please help by spreading the word.

More Ways to Help

Please stay after fellowship on the following Sundays to help with:

- bringing supplies down from the loft (Aug 19)
- breaking down half of the tables in the hall (Aug 26)
- adding tent tops to the frames (Sept 2)

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 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!