



Sts. Peter & Paul Boulder

Weekly Bulletin Week of September 2nd, 2018



Nativity of the Theotokos



Contact Info

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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

Friday, September 7	Festival Opening Blessing	4 pm
Saturday, September 8	Nativity of the Theotokos	
	Orthros	7 am
	Divine Liturgy	8 am
Sunday, September 9	Great Vespers	5 pm
	<u>[Note Earlier Times for Services]</u>	
	Orthros	7:45 am
	Divine Liturgy	9 am

Hosts & Volunteers

Ushers	George & Charleen Pappas
Myrrhbearers	Alexandra, Elizabeth, Cassie, Sophie
Epistle Reader	Xander

Have an Announcement?

Please contact Aaron Wall:
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(720) 400-6579
Deadline is every Wed. before Divine Liturgy.

Homily on the Nativity of the Theotokos

By St. John of Kronstadt

We solemnly celebrate, dear brothers and sisters, the Nativity of the Most Holy Virgin Mary from her barren parents, pious Joachim and Anna. The Holy Church established this feast during the first centuries of the Christian Faith. The event that we celebrate—the birth of the God-Chosen maiden—brought joy to all the world, for the God-man, Jesus Christ, Who shone forth from Her, destroyed God’s curse which weighed heavily upon the transgressing and accursed human race, and brought God’s blessing upon it; having trampled down inherent death, He gave people eternal life. Thus the Holy Church explains the cause of the present joy.

The parents of the Ever-Virgin sorrowed long over their barrenness; they prayed long and fervently to the Lord that He loose this barrenness, which was considered a punishment from God for sins. They gave much alms in order to incline the mercy of the All-Merciful, endured the reproach of their countrymen, and through this sorrow and ceaseless prayer and good works, they gradually purified their spirits, and burned ever greater with love and dedication to God, thus being prepared by God’s Providence to give blessed birth to the Most Blessed Daughter, chosen out of all people to be the Mother of the Incarnate Word.

The Lord leads His chosen ones to glory by a narrow and sorrowful path; for even She, the Mother of God according to the flesh, received the prophecy of Symeon that a sword shall pierce Her soul, and She will experience heavy sorrows in her soul during Her Son’s suffering life, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed (Lk. 2:34–35). The path of all God’s chosen is thus sorrowful and narrow, for the world and the prince of this world—that is, the enemy of God and people, extremely presses the people of God. The Lord Himself allows them to go by the narrow way, inasmuch as He enables them to strive for God and put all their hope in Him.

But let us turn our gaze from the sorrow to the joy. What joy does the Nativity of the Mother of God bring us? Let us explain in more detail the Church hymn which explains the meaning of this feast’s joy. Through the birth of the Ever-Virgin, through Her only-begotten Son and God, cursed and outcast mankind makes peace with God Who is immeasurably offended by man’s sins, for Christ became the mediator of this peace (cf. Rom. 5:10-11). Man is freed from the curse and eternal death, made worthy of the blessing of the Heavenly Father; he is united and co-mingled with the Divine nature; he is raised to his first inheritance by this co-mingling, according to the Church hymn. Mankind, once an outcast, has been made worthy of sonship to the Heavenly Father, received the promise of the glorious resurrection and eternal life in the heavens together with the angels.

This has all been and is being wrought by the Son of God incarnate from the Most Pure Virgin from the Holy Spirit, and by the intercession of His Most Pure Mother. How honored and magnified is mankind through the Holy Virgin Mother of God, for it has been made worthy of renewal and sonship by God; She Herself was made worthy by Her immeasurable humility and exceedingly great purity and holiness to be the Mother of the God-man! She is ever the most powerful Intercessor for the Christian race before Her Son and God! She is our Hope unashamed; She turns away from us the dark cloud of God’s righteous wrath, opens to us the ancient paradise by Her powerful intercessions; She upholds the thrones of kings, and preserves them unshakeable to the ages. She has saved Russia thousands of times and continues to save her; She has made her strong, glorified her, established her, and continues to do so; She is the Surety of Sinners for salvation. To Her do Christians direct their numberless prayers, requests, and praises, doxologies and thanksgiving; She has worked and continues to work miracles without number in the Church, to the ends of the world.

Let us brightly celebrate the feast of the Nativity of the Most Pure Virgin Mary, adorning ourselves with all the Christian virtues.

Events & Announcements

Sunday School Teachers & Parent Retreat & Sunday School Kick-off lunch and pool party

Retreat: Saturday, September 22, 9 am - 12 noon (Lunch provided)
Retreat Speaker: Father Christodoulos Papadeas

Kick-off Lunch & Pool Party: Sunday, September 23, 12:30 pm - 2 pm
At the Tinsley Home (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 his parents, even in difficult circumstances, he/she will be fine. - St Paisius

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

Church Cleaning

We need your help! A small handful of faithful stewards have been cleaning the church and hall after Sunday Divine Services. Please prayerfully consider helping out with taking care of our Church. If you are able to help, please visit with Presbytera Kedrann or Father Jordan. Thank you.

Feast Day of the Holy Cross

The church needs basil! We need basil for the Great Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross, Friday, September 14, and Sunday, September 16. Please visit with Father Jordan regarding basil for the Holy Cross. Thank you.

1st Day of Sunday School

Sunday, September 16 is our first day of Sunday School. There will be a special blessing at the end of the Divine Liturgy for our Sunday School.

Orthodox Campus Fellowship @ University of Colorado / OCF @ CU Tuesday, September 11, 6 pm

The OCF of CU welcomes all college students to join us for all activities on and off campus. Join us for dinner on Tuesday, September 11. 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.

Adult Education: Orthodox Christian Faith Series

Are you interested in learning more about the Orthodox Christian Church? Do you have a desire to become an Orthodox Christian? Please join us for our next class which will take place on Wednesday, September 19, 7 pm. **The class topic will be "Salvation: Are you saved?"** If you have questions, please contact Father Jordan @ frjordanbrown@gmail.com or 303-581-1434. Lenten Soup and Salad are provided.

Weekday Bible Study

The Weekday morning Bible Study Class will begin on Friday, September 21, 9 am. All are welcome to participate in the morning Bible Study. Class will begin at 9 am (1 hour). Coffee and refreshments are provided.



VOLUNTEER SIGN-UPS

We are in the home stretch! If you have not yet signed up for festival weekend, please do so today!

http://stpeterandpaulboulder.ivolunteer.com/too_2018

PROMOTE ToO ON FACEBOOK

Those on facebook following our page, keep an eye open for new posts to the page and SHARE them!

FESTIVAL PREPARATIONS

Today, September 2, we will be cleaning the tent tops and placing them onto the tent frames, adding the legs and staking tents into position. Please bring a change of clothes, some water and help out. See Nick Kallan to get started.

SET-UP DURING THE WEEK

We need lots of help next week to finish setting up for the festival.

Tuesday evening: (tentative) start marking the parking lot

Wednesday evening: parking

Thursday (8am – 9pm): come anytime to set up tents, tables, lights, equipment, etc.

Friday (8am-4:59pm): Finish the set-up. We will have food available in the hall, so come straight from work and have dinner with us! *Please let Nicole T or Paul Swiszczy know if you're coming to help with parking so we can keep you posted.*

FRIDAY LUNCH ADVERTISING

We need about 6 more people to blanket the Gunbarrel business with flyers advertising our Friday take-out lunch. This will take place during the day next week. Please contact Nick Karis (908-698-3635) if you can help.

PACKAGING PASTRIES

Please join us Wednesday evening at 6pm to assemble combo pastries boxes and baklava boxes for the festival. These are always big sellers, and we appreciate any help you can give us. Teens and children are welcome.

SODA/WATER DONATIONS

Labor Day weekend is a great time for sales on soda. Please bring your donations of Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite and bottled water to the hall this Sunday. We'll be putting them into the refrigerated trailer so they can start chilling.

BOOTH SPONSORSHIPS

Help defray the cost of the festival by making a donation toward one of the booths. See Nicole Tsiouvaras or Candy Soulakis for details in the hall.

POSTERS are available in the Hall. Please take some to advertise in your favorite local businesses! This is major way we advertise for the festival, so please help out!

MEDICAL PERSONNEL NEEDED

If you are currently first-aid or CPR certified or are a medical professional who will be working the festival, please contact Nicole Tsiouvaras to add your name to our list of emergency responders. Thank you!