



Sts. Peter & Paul Boulder

Weekly Bulletin Week of September 9th, 2018



Elevation of the Holy Cross



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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

Tuesday, September 11	OCF Dinner	6 pm
Friday, September 14	Great Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross	
	Orthros	8 am
	Divine Liturgy	9 am
Saturday, September 15	Readers Vespers	5 pm

Hosts & Volunteers

Ushers	Tony Sammoury
Myrrhbearers	Demetra, Cassie, Sophie
Epistle Reader	Niko

Have an Announcement?

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

What is the Church?

“The Church is the entrance into the life of Christ, the communion with the eternal life.” Fr Alexander Schmemmann

“The church is the Body of Christ to which Christians are united through baptism is the source of our resurrection and salvation.” St Athanasius

“The Church is the living vine, nourished by Jesus Christ and growing in Him. Never think of the Church apart from the Lord Jesus Christ, from the Father and the Holy Spirit.” St John of Kronstadt

In the New Testament, the word ‘church’ means the highest level of hierarchy and leadership of the church, through which Christ laid the foundation (Matt 18:18, Heb 13:17, Acts 20:28, John 20:22-23). The hierarchy was set up by the Holy Apostles and their successors consist of bishops, priest and deacons. Christ gave to His Disciples the power to bind and loose the sins of man in heaven and on earth. He clothed them with power from on high with the descent of the Holy Spirit. He sent them to preach the Gospel to all the world and to baptize in the name of the Holy Trinity (John 20:22, Matt 18:18, 1 Cor 5:4-5, Acts 2:1-12).

In addition, the word ‘church,’ is a place of worship. The Savior named it ‘My House,’ and every day He was found teaching the people in His House. We find the same meaning with the work of the Apostles. “assembled themselves in the church and taught many people,” (Acts 11:26, Luke 2:46, Matt 21:13).

Elder Cleopas, shared the following regarding the church, “Sinners do not taint the holiness of the church. Her mission is to extend sanctification to sinners. All men are sinners and no one can say that he is without sin. St Paul said that he is the worst of all sinners. Jesus Christ likens the Church to the parable of the field containing the wheat and the tares. The net catches both the good and worthless fish. Christ said that He did not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance (James 3:2, Matt 13:24, 2 Tim 2:20).

The church is ‘catholic and apostolic.’ The word ‘catholic’ suggest that the church has it as Her purpose to spread throughout the whole world the message of salvation. The church is ‘catholic’ since its entire teaching is the undistorted truth, which was given by Christ to the Apostles and through them to the world.

The church is ‘apostolic,’ because Christ founded the church through the Apostles. The church is the assembly of all the disciples of the Lord Jesus reunited around the Master. The word ‘church,’ is derived from the Greek word ‘ecclesia,’ which denotes an assembly or gathering. How do we respond when a person says the following, “I believe in God, I believe in Jesus Christ, but I do not believe in the Church.” If you believe this, then you are confining God to heaven. The Christian God is a God made man, God among us, God hidden among men so that He may heal them.

The early Jews believed that God dwelled in a box which they called the ‘tabernacle.’ the tabernacle contained three gifts: The Law (10 commandments), The Manna (food from heaven that saved the Israelites from dying), and the The rod of Aaron (brother of Moses) representing the priesthood of God. Jesus Christ said the Temple would be destroyed, and would be raised in three days. Jesus was speaking of His crucifixion and His Resurrection (raising on the third day after the crucifixion).

The Holy Altar is the Life Giving Tomb of the Resurrection Jesus Christ. The Holy Altar contains three gifts. The Law has been replaced with the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ. He is the fulfillment of the Old Testament. The Tabernacle contains the Reserve sacrament which is the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. The rod of Aaron is represented in the priesthood (bishops, priests and deacons).

The church is not only a building dedicated for the worship of Jesus Christ. The church is the people in whom God dwells. The church building is the House of God, and the House of God’s faithful people. During the first three centuries of Christianity, the Christians worshipped in the catacombs and the upper rooms (literally the homes of Christians). The church flourished despite the persecutions and not having a building of worship. The Church is God’s people.

“Ecclesia” in Greek also means “those who have been called out.” A Christian is one who has been called out of the world and belongs to Christ.” Father Coniaris

“Christ’s Church is not an institution, it is a new life with Christ and in Christ, directed by the Holy Spirit.” Sergius Bulgakov

Events & Announcements

Memorial Service

This morning we offer memorial prayers for Father Nicholas Dotson, Ioannis and Panayiota, of blessed memory. May their memories be eternal.

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.

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 at 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 have questions, please contact Father Jordan. 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.

Young Adult Fellowship

When: Sunday, September 16th, 2 pm

Where: home of Lauren Tatusko & AnneGrace Knudtsen
(1109 Cholla Lane, Broomfield - across from Broomfield High school)

Bring food and drinks to share

If you are out of college, in your 20s, early 30s, please join us!

Let us know that you can come! lmtatusko@yahoo.com

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120th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, September 22

4 pm Memorial Service / 5 pm Great Vespers / 6 pm Reception
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