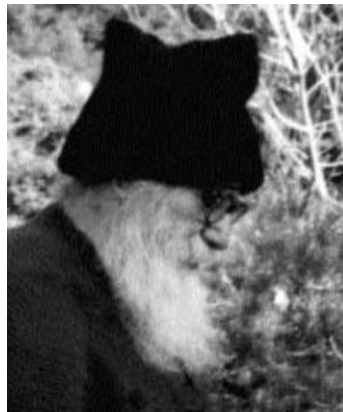




Sts. Peter & Paul Boulder

Weekly Bulletin Week of December 2nd, 2018



St. Porphyrios of Kavsokalyva - December 2nd



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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

Monday, December 3	Parish Council	6:30 pm
Wednesday, December 5	St. Nicholas Orthros Divine Liturgy	5 pm 6 pm
Saturday, December 8	St. Patapios Orthros Divine Liturgy Great Vespers (at St. Spyridon in Loveland)	7:15 am 8 am 5 pm

Hosts & Volunteers

Ushers	Eric & Keity Elias
Myrrhbearers	Demetra, Cassie, Sophie
Epistle Reader	Alexandra

Have an Announcement?

Please contact Aaron Wall:
awall609@yahoo.com;
(720) 400-6579
Deadline is every Wed. before Divine Liturgy.

Teachings of St. Porphyrios of Kavsoalyva (Commemorated December 2)

The Lord Himself will teach us how to pray. . . .

“The Lord Himself will teach us how to pray. We won’t learn prayer on our own, nor will anyone else teach us it. Don’t let’s say to ourselves, ‘I have made such -and-such a number of prostrations, so now I have secured divine grace,’ but rather let us make entreaty for the pure light of divine knowledge to shine within us and open our spiritual eyes so that we may understand His divine words.

In this way, without realizing it, we love God without contorting ourselves and without exertion and struggle. What is difficult for man is easy for God. We will love God suddenly when grace overshadows us. If we love Christ very much, the prayer will say itself. Christ will be continually in our mind and in our heart.”

A person can become a saint anywhere. . . .

“It is a great art to succeed in having your soul sanctified. A person can become a saint anywhere. He can become a saint in Omonia Square*, if he wants. At your work, whatever it may be, you can become a saint through meekness, patience, and love. Make a new start every day, with new resolution, with enthusiasm and love, prayer and silence — not with anxiety so that you get a pain in the chest.”

*Omonia Square: the commercial center of Athens, also synonymous with vice and corruption

What saves and makes for good children is...

“What saves and makes for good children is the life of the parents in the home. The parents need to devote themselves to the love of God. They need to become saints in their relations to their children through their mildness, patience, and love. They need to make a new start every day, with a fresh outlook, renewed enthusiasm and love for their children. And the joy that will come to them, the holiness that will visit them, will shower grace on their children. Generally the parents are to blame for the bad behavior of the children. And their behavior is not improved by reprimands, disciplining, or strictness. If the parents do not pursue a life of holiness and if they don’t engage in spiritual struggle, they make great mistakes and transmit the faults they have within them. If the parents do not live a holy life and do not display love towards each other, the devil torments the parents with the reactions of the children. Love, harmony and understanding between parents are what are required for the children. This provides a great sense of security and certainty.”

*Excerpts taken from *Wounded by Love*

Events & Announcements

General Assembly

The Parish General Assembly will take place today immediately following the Divine Liturgy. This will be a very important General Assembly. We will be discussing the 2019 Parish Council Elections and Parish Budget of 2019. Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

Orthodox Christian Faith Series – Tuesday, December 11, 7 pm

Please note the schedule change for December. Please join us for the remaining classes left in this series. The topic is “Baptism: Sacrament of Chrismation”. A Lenten Meal is offered. You may bring a dish to share. Please be mindful of the Nativity Fast. We are fasting from meat and dairy products.

Head Start Angels

It is Christmas time and that means it is time to grab a Head Start Angel off the tree! Each year we help around 70 Boulder County Head Start kids with clothes and presents. We still have a few angels on the tree in the fellowship hall! We will be delivering the angels on Tuesday, December 18th. If you would like to join us, and Santa Claus, meet us at the church around 8:30am. Everyone is welcome and lunch will be provided. It is such a special day, and the kids are thrilled to see Santa and their gifts. For some kids, this may be the only presents they receive for Christmas.

Christmas Cookie Basket Fund Raiser – Order Deadline December 16

Gift Basket includes a variety of cookies (Mediterranean, European, Middle Eastern, American, Christmas favorites!) Donation is \$20.00 per basket Please order on or before, December 16. Pick up your basket at the Church Sunday Dec 23, 11:30am to 12:30pm. Please see the full-page flyer for more info and order form.

Christmas Cookie Basket Fund Raiser: Attention Bakers!!!

We are in need of cookies for our annual Christmas cookie basket fund raiser! If you can help by baking 9 dozen cookies (Ethnic, American, Christmas, etc), please contact Fran Dzilvelis (303-775-6138; fran_dzilvelis@yahoo.com) or Lis Troicky (720-771-7786; etroick@aol.com). Cookies are due to the church on Sunday December 16th (or before assembly night on Thursday December 20th). Please join us as we assemble the cookie baskets on Thursday December 20th starting at 6pm.

Philoptochos Sisterhood Christmas Brunch - Saturday, December 8, 10 am

At the home of Mary Lymberopoulos
4495 Chippewa Drive, Boulder

Please bring: A meatless (vegetarian and/or fish) dish to share and a \$10 gift for a White Elephant Gift Exchange

RSVP To Rola Awad: Roawad@hotmail.com; 720-261-6520

OCF Orthodox Campus Fellowship - Sunday, December 9th, 5 pm

All college students are invited to the home of Fr Jordan and Presbyteria Marika (7793 Essex Place, Boulder). Please RSVP to frjordanbrown@gmail.com

Youth Shut-In Visitations - Saturday, December 15, 10:30 am - 4 pm

Our parish youth will join Father Jordan for a day of shut-in visitations. We will meet at the church at 10 am to prepare the care packages. This is a great blessing to visit our parishioners who have difficulty driving to church. The children will present Christmas care packages and sing Christmas Carols / Nativity hymns. We are in need of a few adult drivers and chaperones. At the end of the day, we will gather at the home of Dana Gall (3988 Campo Court, Boulder) around 4 pm for dinner and fellowship.

December Ushers

Dec 9	Brian Gregory
Dec 16	Odeta & Gaby Kapatayes
Dec 23	Matt Melonakis
Dec 24	Parish Council
Dec 25	Parish Council
Dec 30	Jacques & Amanda Nader

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Nativity Christmas Pageant - Sunday, December 16th Practices 12/2 & 12/9

Dear Parents, our parish will hold a Nativity program on Sunday, Dec. 16th, after the Liturgy. Your children are invited and encouraged to participate in the program, which will incorporate singing, instrumental music and readings. Pres. Marika has met several times with the junior- and senior-high students to teach them songs, so they can provide the backbone of the program. **Pres. Marika would like to practice with children of all ages on 12/2 & 12/9.** We will be meeting in the junior-high room. We'll start at 11:30 a.m., after an abbreviated Sunday school class. She will teach the preschoolers "Jingle Bells." If you want to get a head start and practice the song at home with your little ones, please do so. She will teach the other children Nativity hymns and Christmas carols. Please contact her if you are able to help her with the program. You can email her at marikadb@aol.com. Your participation will be a wonderful gift to the congregation!

Senior Lunch Bunch - January 15, 11:30 am - 2:00 pm

Introducing a new ministry for the "young at heart" of our parish that includes social, cultural and religious activities. You are such an integral part of our community and we want to set aside one day a month to honor you. The group will be meeting monthly, generally the second or third Tuesday of each month. We will be providing lunch as well as a spiritual talk from Fr. Jordan and a variety of activities; such as musicians, guest speakers, etc. Our first official get together will be in the home of Dena and Dean Tinsley 1825 Chilton Pl. Broomfield, on Tuesday, January 15 from 11:30 am - 2:00 pm. Please R.S.V.P. to Dena Tinsley (724)705-3225. Also, if you need help with arranging transportation, please call Dena or Fr. Jordan.

Senior Lunch Volunteers Needed

We are looking for help with transportation for those who are home-bound, and help providing the luncheon dishes. Please contact Dena Tinsley (724)705-3225 if you would like to help with this new ministry. This is a great opportunity for our members of our community to take an active involvement in enhancing the lives of our senior members.

Sunday Fellowship Host: Share the Gift of Fellowship

We need everyone's help. The Fellowship Hour after Sunday Liturgy is a wonderful expression of Christian Hospitality. The coffee hour is a great time to visit with friends and welcome visitors. Please consider hosting a Sunday. **We have only one sponsor for the month of December.** We recommend joining with a family member or parish friend and host together the Sunday fellowship. This a great way to celebrate a name day, birthday or memorial of a loved one. Please sign up today. The sign up sheet is located in the parish hall. Thank you

Monastery Pilgrimage - February 15 - 17, 2019

Father Jordan will be leading pilgrimage to the Life Giving Greek Orthodox Women's Monastery located in Dunlap, California, February 15 - 17, 2019. There will be a planning meeting to discuss the pilgrimage on Sunday, December 9, during the Fellowship Hour. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Jordan.

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*Sponsored by and benefits the many philanthropic projects of
Sts. Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church Philoptochos Society*



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along with your check made payable to **Philoptochos**:

Christmas Cookie Basket Fund Raiser
Sts. Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church
5640 Jay Road; Boulder, CO 80301
720-771-7786 (Lis)

2018 Christmas Cookie Basket Fund Raiser ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

_____ Number of baskets (minimum \$20 donation per basket) = \$ _____ Total

Paid Check # _____ Cash _____

Please make checks payable to Philoptochos
Thank you for your support!

Merry Christmas!