

Petra News

Week of
May 12th,
2019

*Christ is
Risen!
Truly He is
Risen!*

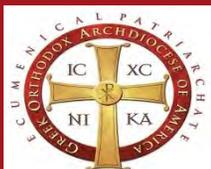
*Χριστός ἀνέστη!
Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη!*

*al-Masih qām!
Haqqan qām!*

*Christos a
învîat!
Adevărat a
învîat!*

*Χριστος
воскрес!
Восстину
воскрес!*

*¡Cristo ha
resucitado!
¡En verdad ha
resucitado!*



METROPOLIS
OF DENVER



THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN

SUNDAY, MAY 12TH, 2019

HOSTS & VOLUNTEERS

Fellowship Host	Juli Sarris
Ushers	Matt Melonakis
Myrrhbearers	Demetra, Cassie
Epistle Reader	Georgia

HYMNS OF THE DAY

Pascha Resurrection Hymn

“Christ is Risen from the dead, by death, trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.” “Christos anesti ek nekron, thanato thanaton patisas, ke tis en tis mnimasi, zoin charisamenos.”

Special Entrance Hymn

“Bless God in the churches, the Lord from the fountains of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.”

Resurrection Hymn (2nd Tone, p. 81-82 Green Hymnal)

“When You descended to the realm of death You as life immortal rendered to Hades a mortal blow by You all radiant divinity. And when You from infernal depths and the darkness below did raise the dead all the hosts of heavens powers did proclaim and cry out O life-giving Christ and our God we give glory.”

Hymn for St Joseph of Arimatias

“When he took down Your immaculate Body from the Cross, the honorable Joseph wrapped it in a clean linen shroud with spices and laid it for burial in a new tomb. But on the third day You arose, O Lord, and granted the world Your great mercy.”

Hymn for the Myrrh-Bearing Women

“The Angel standing at the sepulcher cried out and said to the ointment-bearing women: The ointments are appropriate for mortal men, but Christ has been shown to be a stranger to decay. So go and cry aloud, The Lord has risen and granted the world His great mercy.”

Kontakion Hymn

“Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out “Rejoice” to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection.”

Special Hymn in place of “Axion estin... It is truly worthy..

“The angel cried to her who is full of grace: O pure Virgin, rejoice, and again, I say: Rejoice; for your Son has risen from the grave on the third day. Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you; dance now and be glad Zion, and do you exult O pure Theotokos, in the arising of Him who you did bear.”

Special Communion Hymn

“Body of Christ receive, the fountain of life, taste the source of immortal life. (p. 104)

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES WEEK OF MAY 12, 2019

Tuesday, May 14

**St. Isidoros
8a - Divine Liturgy**

Wednesday, May 15

**6p - Paraclesis
7p - Orthodox Faith Class**

Saturday, May 18

5p - Great Vespers

MAY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
12 Mother's Day 8:15a Orthros 9:30a Liturgy 11a Sunday School Graduation	13	14 St. Isidore 8a Divine Liturgy	15 6p Paraclesis 7p Orthodox Faith Class	16	17	18 5p Great Vespers
19 8:15a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy 11:30a General Assembly	20	21 Constantine & Helen 9a Liturgy 10:30a Senior Brunch	22 6p Paraclesis 7p Orthodox Faith Class	23	24	25 5p Great Vespers
26 8:15a Orthros 9:30a Divine Liturgy	27	28	29 6p Paraclesis 7p Orthodox Faith Class	30	31	Shaded Days = Fasting Days

Midsummer Gala

Please join us for a wonderful evening of cocktails, dinner, dancing, and a silent auction benefiting the philanthropic mission of Philoptochos.

Saturday, June 22nd, 2019

6:30 - 10 p.m. (Cocktails at 6:30 p.m.)

Copper Leaf Gardens & Event Center

1200 Miramonte Street, Broomfield, CO

*Buffet Dinner: Beef & Chicken**

Cash Bar

Adult: \$80 (\$150 per couple)

Child age 3-11: \$45

June 2nd is the last day to purchase your tickets at the Philoptochos table in the fellowship hall.

Tickets are not available at the door.

*Vegetarian or special dietary options are available when requested in advance only.

Please contact Ashley Dzilvelis at 303-884-7099.

DAILY READINGS SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN

EPISTLE READING ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 6: 1-7

In those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "it is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochoros, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

THE GOSPEL OF MARK 15: 43-47; 16:1-8

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where he was laid.

And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

St. Salome the Myrrh-bearer As a Model for Our Lives

By Protopresbyter Fr. George Papavarnavas

Saint Salome was the wife of Zebedee and mother of the Apostles James and John, as well as a first cousin of the Panagia. Together with other women she followed Christ and was present at His martyrdom by crucifixion at Golgotha. Also, together with other Myrrhbearing women she went to the tomb of Christ to anoint His Body with spices and myrrh, and she was made worthy to hear from the Angel the joyful news of the Resurrection of the Lord.

Saint Salome, as Matthew the Evangelist says, at one point was motivated by motherly love, so she went to Christ with her sons and pleaded with Him to honor them with positions. "Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of Him. 'What is it you want?' He asked. She said, 'Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at Your right and the other at Your left in Your kingdom'" (Matt. 20:20-21). And then Christ, having told them that they did not understand what they were asking for, spoke about His "cup". That is, while they asked Him for positions Christ spoke to them about His martyr's death. "'You don't know what you are asking,' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?' 'We can,' they answered" (Matt. 20:22).

Later, Saint Salome, like her two sons, drank the cup of Christ, because at Golgotha they became partakers of His death by crucifixion, but also because she experienced the deep pain of a mother who saw the lifeless body of her child and accompanied it to the grave, when the "frivolous" Herod beheaded her firstborn son, the Apostle James. However, her hope in Christ, and her expectation of the good things to come, strengthened her and instilled in her heart heavenly sweetness and consolation and thus she was prevented from being led into despair. And the end of her life was peaceful.

Her life and disposition gives us the opportunity to highlight the following:

All God's creations have a beginning and end, including the life of man on earth. Human life, however, has no end, because this is how God wanted it. This means that at some point the human body is dissolved into the elements, while the soul is immortal by Grace and will once again unite with the body, when it will rise again at the Second Coming of Christ.

Of course, it is desirable for the parents to first depart from this present life, when they have advanced in age, and then the children. But when the opposite takes place according to the delegation of God, then the pain of the parents is very great and without the strength of God it is truly unbearable. It is like a two-edged sword piercing the heart of a man, as Saint Symeon the God-Receiver said to the Panagia, when he foresaw the death by crucifixion of her Son: "And a sword will pierce through your own soul also." It is essentially a martyrdom, which is impossible for a person to endure without the Grace of God.

Folk wisdom stresses that "for the wounds of death, the earth has no herbs". And this is absolutely true, because human words, as merciful and compassionate as they are, fail to provide essential consolation, and more so it doesn't have the power to heal wounds and ease pain, which is caused by the loss of a loved one. Rather, the herbs of heaven - the uncreated Grace of the Triune God and the words of Christ and the saints



A Great Way to Help Our Philoptochos!!!

If you shop at King Soopers, here is an easy way to support the Philoptochos. All you need to do is have a King Soopers Loyalty Card & a King Soopers online account. Every time you shop, Philoptochos will receive a percentage of your purchases whenever you use your loyalty card.

- 1) You have to have a King Soopers loyalty card (links to your "alternate id"-phone number). If you do not have a King Soopers loyalty card, visit your nearest King Soopers to get one.
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- 3) Sign in to your account and select <Community Rewards> (located on the left-hand side, under My Account)
- 4) Search for "Sts Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Church Philoptocho", under category "Faith-based"
- 5) Select <Enroll>

That's it!!! Now you are supporting the Philoptochos and we are ever so grateful to you! This is such an easy fund raiser and we hope everyone will participate!

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Lis Troicky, etroick@aol.com or 720-771-7786.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Churching of Kington George Hess

Today, Christel & George Hess, along with big sister Nola, will be churching their new addition, Kington George Hess.

Orthodox Faith Class - On the Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Wednesday Evenings, 7 pm

May 15 (first class), 22 & 29

We will discuss the crucifixion of Christ, His descent into Hades, and His Resurrection. Father Jordan will present references to Holy Scripture and the teachings of the Orthodox Church regarding the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Senior Lunch Bunch - Tuesday, May 21st

Our next Luncheon will be right after the services of the Feast Day of Sts. Constantine & Helen on Tuesday May 21st. The liturgy will begin at 9:00 am that morning.

Adult Education - Summer Series

A Journey to Fullness: Introduction to the Fullness of the Original Christian Faith

Are you interested in the Orthodox Faith? Father Jordan will offer a special summer series for inquirers interested in Orthodoxy, and church family members who may want to learn more about the Orthodox Faith and Church. The class will meet in June (2, 9, 23 & 30) and August (4, 11, 18 & 25), 12 pm for one hour.

DJ for Philoptochos Midsummer Gala

We are looking for a DJ for the Midsummer Gala. Do you know someone who is fun, affordable, and loves a good party? If so, please see Ashley Dzilvelis, Sharon Dzilvelis, or Rola DeGeorge.

Help IOCC Rebuild

Want to help your neighbors get back on their feet? In the wake of a disaster, families often need help rebuilding and repairing their homes. Father Jordan will be leading a team July 22 - 27, in Houston, Texas. Please prayerfully consider joining Father Jordan for a week to help individuals and families more toward long-term recovery. **Requirements & Cost:** You don't need to be a skilled - just energetic! You must be 18 years old or older, but 16 & 17 year olds may volunteer if accompanied by a parent / guardian. Be able to deploy for a week. Provide your own transportation to / from Houston. \$100 covers all your costs on ground (room/board & local transportation). **Questions and sign up, please contact Father Jordan (slots are filling up fast).**



Sunday, May 12

Sunday School Graduation Showcase

Sunday, June 9

GOYA Pool Party & BBQ

SAINTS & FEASTDAYS

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transfuse strength and hope and have the ability to sweeten the pain, to heal wounds, and to truly console a person.

This truth is stressed by Basil the Great in a letter he sent to the wife of Nektarios, together with a letter he sent to him, in order to console her for the loss of her son. Nektarios is probably the person who was to later become Archbishop of Constantinople, who succeeded Saint Gregory the Theologian. He writes, therefore, among other things, the following:

"You have lost a son whom, while he was alive, all mothers called blessed, with prayers that their own might be like him... But our lives are not without Providence. So we have learned in the Gospel, for not a sparrow falls to the ground without the will of our Father. Whatever has come to pass has come to pass by the will of our Creator. And who can resist God's will? Let us accept what has befallen us; for if we take it ill we do not mend the past and we work our own ruin. Do not let us arraign the just judgment of God. We are all too untaught to assail His ineffable sentences. The Lord is now making trial of your love for Him. Now there is an opportunity for you, through your patience, to take the martyr's lot... When first you were made a mother, and saw your boy, and thanked God, you knew all the while that, a mortal yourself, you had given birth to a mortal. What is there astonishing in the death of a mortal?... Above all, one thing I would strongly urge; spare your husband. Be a comfort to others. Do not make his trouble harder to bear by wearing yourself away with sorrow. Mere words I know cannot give comfort. Just now what is wanted is prayer; and I do pray the Lord Himself to touch your heart by His unspeakable power, and through good thoughts to cause light to shine upon your soul, that you may have a source of consolation in yourself" (Letter 6).

Let us struggle to live in accordance with the will of God, so that uncreated divine Grace will touch our hearts and then, during the sorrowful events that will take place in our lives, we will not need external consolation, because genuine and true consolation will flow from within us

FROM THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE

Metropolitan Elpidophoros of Bursa Elected Unanimously Archbishop of America

Today, Saturday May 11 2019, the Holy and Sacred Synod, continuing its work, proceeded to fill the vacated seat of the Archdiocese of America following the voluntary resignation of its shepherd, His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios Geron of America.

Therefore, following the suggestion, permission and exhortation of His-All Holiness, the holy synodical members upon invocation of the Holy Spirit, dully casted their votes and unanimously elected as Archbishop of America His Eminence Metropolitan Elpidophoros of Bursa, Abbot of the Holy Monastery of the Holy Trinity in Halki and Professor of the Theological School of the Aristoteleian University of Thessaloniki.

Protocol No. 74/19
May 8, 2019

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Χριστὸς Ἀνέστη! *Christ is Risen!*

Following the Apostolic injunction of *speaking the truth in love* (Ephesians 4:15), I have today the great honor to communicate with you in a spirit of truth and love, in order to share with you some important items related to the life and progress in Christ of our holy Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

By the blessing of God, twenty years ago, I received the singular honor of being elected Archbishop of America by our Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and the Holy and Sacred Synod of our Ecumenical Patriarchate.

On September 18, 1999, in my enthronement address I emphasized the necessity of cultivating three very important areas. First, the cultivation and growth of our Orthodox faith which our Ecumenical Patriarchate has preserved intact and immaculate. Second, the establishment of a spirit and action of love, charity, and care for the human being, without any limitation, discrimination or reservation. And third, the promotion of unbreakable unity, concord, and unanimity of our ecclesiastical body, and of our Greek Orthodox Community in general, remembering what the Lord prayed to His Father, *that they may all be one; even as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be one in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me* (John 17:21).

For twenty years, through an intense effort to cover the multifaceted spiritual, educational and cultural needs of our Archdiocese, I have tried, in cooperation with the grace of God to remain faithful to the aforementioned aims of Faith, Love, and Unity. In addition, major themes related to the important diptych of Orthodoxy and Hellenism such as the religious freedom of our Ecumenical Patriarchate, the tragedy of the foreign occupation of Cyprus, and the Macedonian issue, have also been areas of our concern and action. All of the above have been realized through strong and substantive cooperation with the distinguished and beloved brother hierarchs, pious priests, deacons, monks, and nuns, the dedicated lay people of the major organizations of the holy Archdiocese and the Omogenia, and with the impressive contribution and help of the more than 500 parishes in America. An integral part of this twenty-year effort has been the unfailing care and support in every way of our Ecumenical Patriarchate.

It must be earnestly noted that such an undertaking extending over a twenty-year period has gone through various challenges, unpredictable difficulties, unjust attacks and actions by various people, something that has been happening to the Church from its inception to our own times. In every case, I have remembered daily what St. Paul said that, *a great and effective door has opened to me, and there are many opponents* (1 Corinthians 16:9), and also the text from the Book of Revelation, *Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut* (Revelation 3:8). Glory and honor and thanksgiving belong to the almighty and merciful God, Who did not allow for us to be

crushed, but on the contrary, He granted us the gift of having among us inspiring examples of many faithful clergy and laity who remained strong and dedicated to God in spite of all difficulties.

Such a long and intense undertaking certainly was not free from human mistakes and possible wrong actions. I express my sincere sorrow for all of them, accompanied by the assurance that any mistakes and wrong actions were not the result of bad intent, indifference or selfishness. If I have caused pain to any, I ask for forgiveness; while from my heart I offer forgiveness to anyone who caused pain to me.

And now, having the very great blessing of reaching the twentieth year of my diakonia as Archbishop, and by the grace of God running the course of the 92nd year of my long life, and keeping in mind the Biblical counsel from the Book of Ecclesiastes that, *There is a time for everything under heaven* (Ecclesiastes 3:1), I thought it appropriate and timely to place at the disposal and discretion of our Ecumenical Patriarch and the Holy and Sacred Synod of our Ecumenical Patriarchate my resignation. At the same time, I am praying that my successor in the holy throne of the Archbishop of America will receive in abundance the grace and power of the Crucified and Risen Lord, so that he will be able to realize important and sacred work in America; and specifically, in continuing and completing the construction of the historic Church and National Shrine of St. Nicholas in New York, and for the building up of our Hellenic College and Holy Cross Greek School of Theology in Brookline, MA.

In my new status, I will have the opportunity to dedicate ample time to prayer: prayer not only for you, my beloved brothers and sisters and for the holy Archdiocese of America, but also for the Omogenia, for our Ecumenical Patriarchate, and for all people finding themselves under difficulties, torments and tragic conditions.

As I bring to a close now and look back over the long span of my theological and ecclesiastical diakonia in the United States, I offer glory and praise and thanksgiving to God for the honor and love you have displayed abundantly to my person. And in all humility, but also in clear conscience, I repeat the beautiful confession of St. Paul, *I have fought the good fight, I have completed the course, I have kept the faith* (2 Timothy 4:7).

You and your noble families have my continuous and warmest prayers for abundant grace from God, for joyful progress and fulfillment in all aspects of your lives and endeavors, and for your fully enjoying the magnificent biblical blessing, *The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace* (Numbers 6:24-26).

With paternal love and highest esteem in Christ, Our Crucified and Risen Lord and God,

† **DEMETRIOS**
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Recurring Services

Orthros - Sundays, 8:15 am
Divine Liturgy - Sundays, 9:30 am

Great Vespers - Saturdays, 5 pm
Confession by appt.

About Our Parish

We welcome visitors worshipping with us today. Our diverse church family encompasses many converts to the Orthodox Christian Faith, as well as Greek, Arab, Romanian, Serbian and Russian Orthodox Christians. The foundation of the Orthodox Church are the teachings and Holy Tradition of Jesus Christ. We follow the first Christians who began to worship Jesus Christ after the Crucifixion and Resurrection.

Please introduce yourself to our priest and members of our community. We also encourage you to join us for our fellowship after services in the parish hall and visit our bookstore. If you are interested in learning more about the Orthodox Christian faith, please visit with our priest, Fr. Jordan Brown.

Holy Communion in the Orthodox Church

Holy Communion is reserved only for baptized and/or chrismated Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared by prayer, fasting, and confession. The Orthodox Church understands the reception of Holy Communion to be the highest expression of our faith. Both Orthodox and non-Orthodox alike are invited to receive the blessed bread 'antidoros' at the end of the Divine Liturgy.