

PETRA NEWS

ПОВЕЛѢ ГДЬ БГЪ АДАМА
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FORGIVENESS SUNDAY

WEEK OF MARCH 1ST 2020

HOSTS & VOLUNTEERS

MYRRHBEARERS
Cassie & Katie Tinsley,
Demetra Gregory

EPISTLE READER
Georgia Geerdes

USHERS
Jim Azar
(Tony & Rimona - 3/8)

FELLOWSHIP
Philoptochos

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Today, March 1

Forgiveness Vespers _____ 1pm

Monday, March 2

Clean Monday Retreat
at St Catherine's _____ 9am
Great Compline &
Canon of St Andrew _____ 6pm

Tuesday, March 3

Great Compline
& Canon of St Andrew _____ 8am

Wednesday, March 4

Presanctified Liturgy _____ 6pm
Pot Luck Lenten Dinner /
Lenten Reflection _____ 7:30pm

Thursday, March 5

Great Compline
& Canon of St Andrew _____ 8am

Friday, March 6

Presanctified Liturgy _____ 8am
Salutations (Hairitismi) _____ 6pm

Saturday, March 7

Saturday of the Souls
Orthros _____ 7am
Liturgy _____ 8am
Great Vespers _____ 5pm
Stewardship Social _____ 7pm

HYMNS OF THE DAY

RESURRECTION HYMN (4TH TONE, P. 84-85 GREEN HYMNAL)

*“When the tidings of the resurrection from the glorious angel
was proclaimed unto the women disciples and our ancestral
sentence had been abolished to the Apostles with boasting
did they proclaim that death is vanquished evermore
and Christ our God has risen from the dead
and granted to the world His great mercy.”*

HYMN FOR STS PETER AND PAUL

*“O leaders of the Apostles and teachers of the world,
intercede with the Master of all
that He may grant peace unto the world,
and to our souls His great mercy.”*

KONTAKION

*“O Thou Guide unto wisdom, Bestower of prudence,
Instructor of the foolish, and Defender of the poor:
establish and grant understanding unto my heart, O Master.
Grant me speech, O Word of the Father;
for behold, I shall not keep my lips from crying unto Thee:
have mercy, O Merciful One, one me who have fallen.”*

WEDNESDAY PRE-SANCTIFIED LENTEN DINNERS

During the Great and Holy Lent, the church celebrates the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy every Wednesday Evening (6pm), and Friday morning (8am). It has been a wonderful parish tradition to bring a Lenten dish to share with our parish family. The ministries of the Philoptochos, Parish Council, and Sunday School, will be hosting the Wednesday evening Lenten fellowships. Parishioners are welcome and encouraged to bring a Lenten dish. We will meet for dinner after service in the parish hall around 7:15pm. During the dinner fellowship, Father Jordan (and visiting speakers) will offer a Lenten reflection.

FORGIVENESS SUNDAY (CHEESEFARE SUNDAY)

FOURTH ORTHROS GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE 24:1-12

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women went to the tomb, taking the spices which they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel; and as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of man must be delivered in to the hands of sinful men, and be crucified,

and on the third day rise." And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told this to the apostles; but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.

But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home wondering at what had happened.

ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS 13:11-14; 14:1-4

Brethren, salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for God is able to make him stand.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 6:14-21

The Lord said, "If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

"And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father

who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

FORGIVENESS SUNDAY (CHEESEFARE SUNDAY)

FORGIVE AND YOU WILL BE FORGIVEN

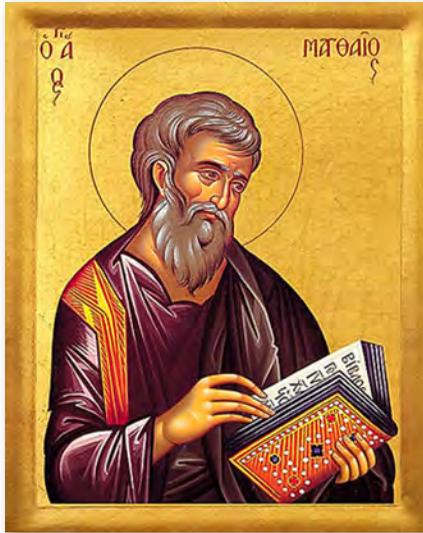
The day before Lent is Forgiveness Sunday, when we hear this Gospel lesson:

*“If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.
But if you do not forgive me their trespasses,
neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses”*
— Mathew 6:14-15

If Lent is to be a truly Christian fast, it must be accompanied by love and forgiveness. Thus, before Lent begins, we are called to forgive everyone who has injured or offended us from the bottom of our hearts. Only then can we have a truly Christian Lent. Only then can our fast be pleasing to God.

The hymns and prayers on Forgiveness Sunday calls us to lay aside all memories of evil. The memory of evils or wrongs is something the saints and fathers of the Church constantly warn us against. How often we hear people say things like, **“I forgive but I do not forget!”** Is this not another way of saying **“I forgive, but not really”?** Surely, if we refuse to forget the sins committed against us, we have not truly forgiven them. We are still bearing a grudge in our hearts.

Forgiveness is intimately connected with the love of our enemies. We are to forgive our enemies, which means we are not to bear a grudge or hold their wrongs against them, we are not to return evil for evil; we are to show them mercy and compassion. This divine love and forgiveness is the imitation of God, and our Lord refers to it as spiritual perfection:



“You have heard it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you... (Matt 5:43-48)

Lent calls us to spiritual perfection, which is impossible without love and forgiveness. Thus, before Lent begins, we are called to forgive all those who have wronged us. Only then can we hope to attain perfection, which is the likeness of God. (Fr Vassilios Papavassiliou, Meditations for Great Lent)

This evening (Sunday, March 1st), we begin the Great and Holy Fast with the Forgiveness of Vespers Service at 5 pm. Please come and participate in the beautiful service of forgiveness. We are all encouraged to receive the sacrament of confession during this Holy Lenten Season. Father Jordan will be hearing confessions during Great Lent prior to the weekday Lenten services.

THE FAST BEGINS

“The season of the holy Fast is now at hand. Let us begin it with good actions; for it is said, fast not for strife and debate.” Clean Monday Hymn

The gospel tells us plainly that God will judge us by love, by whether we have, amongst other things, given food to the hungry. And here we can pinpoint one of the key purposes of fasting.

We abstain from food not simply as an exercise in ascetics, sobriety, and self-control, but out of love for others. Let us suppose that I normally spent X amount of money a week on meat. That amount I have not spent during the weeks of Lent I spend not on substitutes - not on gorging myself on delicacies which, while they may fall within the prescribed rules of fasting, betray its spirit and purpose. Nor do I spend it on other pointless luxuries I could easily do without - be it a movie I want to see or a pair of fancy shoes to add to my already vast collection. Rather, I give money to those who do not have food or drink or clothing or shelter. I give it to those who are in need.

THE GREAT LENTEN CANON OF ANDREW

Celebrated the First Week of Great Lent

The central theme of Great Lent is repentance. This theme is at the heart of the Great Canon of Andrew. An extract of the Canon is offered each day during the first week of Lent as part of Great Compline (Monday 6pm, Tuesday 8 am, Wednesday, Thursday 8am). The Canon is a dialogue between the Christian and his/her soul. The central theme is the urgent exhortation to change one's life. The church knows that repentance is not easy. It is never too late to repent, as we are reminded in the Paschal Sermon of St John. We are urged not to put it off any longer. In the Canon of St Andrew, we are reminded that death is always at the door, and Christ, the Bridegroom of the church, is near

Are you ready to meet Him?

We are reminded that fasting is not the be-all an end-all of Lent. If the fast is not a means to improving our spiritual lives, if we fast from food but not from sin, then we are no better than devils! The demons do not eat, but they are no closer to God for it.

But Lenten Fasting is not simply fasting from food. We must also fast from criticizing and judging others, from slander and gossip, from pride and vanity. Physical fasting is a reminder of and an aid to spiritual fasting. The following hymn for the first week of Lent spells this out quite plainly:

“Come, O faithful, and in the night let us perform the works of God; let us walk honestly as in the day. Let us cast away every unjust accusation against our neighbor, not placing any cause of stumbling in his path. Let us lay aside the pleasures of the flesh and increase the spiritual gifts of our soul. Let us give bread to those in need, and let us draw near to Christ, crying in penitence, “O our God, have mercy on us.”



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

Beginning Wednesday, March 4th at 7:30pm and each Wednesday evening throughout Lent. Fr Jordan and visiting speakers will offer Lenten reflections related to the Sunday themes of Great Lent and the meaning of Holy Week.

Recommended Books: Great Lent by Fr Alexander Schmemmann and the Holy Week Service Book by Fr George Papadeas.

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY CELEBRATION

**PAN ORTHODOX VESPERS &
MISSION AWARENESS DINNER
SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH - 5PM**

The Assumption Greek Orthodox Cathedral
4610 E. Alameda Ave., Denver, CO 80246

Guest Speaker: Fr. Christopher Rowe, OCMC Development Officer. Contact Stellee Papadeas at vyng4@msn.com

UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

COME ONE, COME ALL!

March 7, in Erie, with Michael & Shannon Bateh

128 S McGregor Circle, Erie, CO 80516

RSVP: Shanyn at 303-709-7775 or shany.elserougi@gmail.com

Upcoming:

May 2, Longmont, with Kostas & Erinn Pagratis

June 6, Boulder, with Fr Jordan & Presbyteria Marika

*Feel free to bring a Lenten dish to share.
Children Welcome!*

UPCOMING RETREATS

CLEAN MONDAY RETREAT

Host: St Catherine Greek Orthodox Parish

When: Monday, March 2, 1st day of Great Lent

Retreat Master: Father Nicholas Louh (host of Healthy Souls & Healthy Mind on Ancient Faith)

Theme: Jesus's Seven Last Statements on the Cross
Seven Principles for Renewing our lives

Car pool sign up: Please contact Father Jordan

MARRIAGE RETREAT

Host: St Elias Antiochian Orthodox Parish

When: Saturday, March 28

Retreat Master: Father Constantine Nasr

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

TEEN YOUTH FIRESIDE CHAT WITH FATHER JORDAN

Saturday, March 14, 6pm Dinner,
Discussion, Q&A

COLLEGE MINISTRY ATTENTION CU STUDENTS!

Lunch on campus! Tuesday, March 10, 11:3am
- 1pm. St Thomas Student Catholic Center,
14th & Euclid



**OCF COLLEGE RETREAT
APRIL 3 - 5, 2020**

Prophet Elias Chapel, Hot Sulphur Springs

Questions & Registration, please contact

Fr Jordan @ frjordanbrown@gmail.com



Sharing in the Life of God

SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH, 9AM - 1PM

"The power of prayer fulfills the sacrament of our union with God."

— St Gregory Palamas

Saint Gregory Palamas taught that through faith, prayer, and the sacraments of the church, Christians experience

a personal sharing in the life of God. Father Paul will offer reflections on the Orthodox Christian Tradition of Theosis "becoming like God." Make the time to get serious about Great Lent and developing a life of prayer.

Father Paul has served as a priest of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America for over 41 years. In addition to his work as a Parish Priest, Fr. Paul has served and continues to serve our Church in various capacities both at the Archdiocesan and Metropolis levels.

RETREAT SCHEDULE

9:00am	Morning Prayer
9:30am	Coffee and Tea
10:00am	Session 2 with Fr Paul, Q&A
11:00am	Lunch
Noon	Session 2 with Fr Paul, Q&A
1:00pm	Closing Prayer

Cost: Free Will Offering (suggested donation \$25)
Childcare will be provided. **RSVP** for the Retreat and childcare by calling the Church Office at 303-581-1434 or frjordanbrown@gmail.com



2020 Philoptochos Membership Drive

Why Join the Philoptochos?

"If there is among you a poor man...you shall open your hand wide to him and willingly lend him sufficient for his need, whatever he needs...for this thing the Lord your God will bless you in all your works and in all to which you put Your Hand." — Deuteronomy 15:7-10

Philoptochos is the philanthropic arm of Sts Peter & Paul Church. We give to various charitable organizations in our local community as well as through the Denver Metropolis & National Philoptochos.

But we don't stop there!

We support 2 Colorado Monasteries and assist our own church family; helping with rent/utilities, youth programs, scholarships, senior & college student programs, and church altar needs.

We can't do it without YOU!

Our Philoptochos members organize fund raisers (luncheons, cookie baskets), special events (annual winter dinner), community volunteering/events (senior luncheons, prepare and bring food for church families during difficult times, help at local food kitchens, and much more!

Join Today!

A minimum stewardship pledge of \$25 for the year is all that is required. Of that, \$15 goes to the National Philoptochos and \$7 goes to the Metropolis of Denver Philoptochos. If additional pledge amount is given, that stays at the Sts Peter & Paul Philoptochos to help fund our worthy causes.

Membership forms available in the Fellowship Hall



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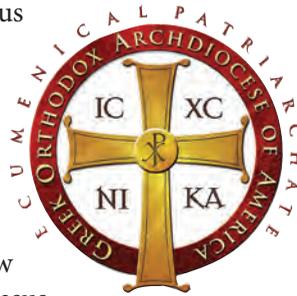
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ABOUT OUR PARISH

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 'antidoros' (blessed bread) at the end of the Divine Liturgy.



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RECURRING SERVICES

Orthros - Sundays, 8:15am
Divine Liturgy - Sundays, 9:30am
Great Vespers - Saturdays, 5pm
Confession by appointment.