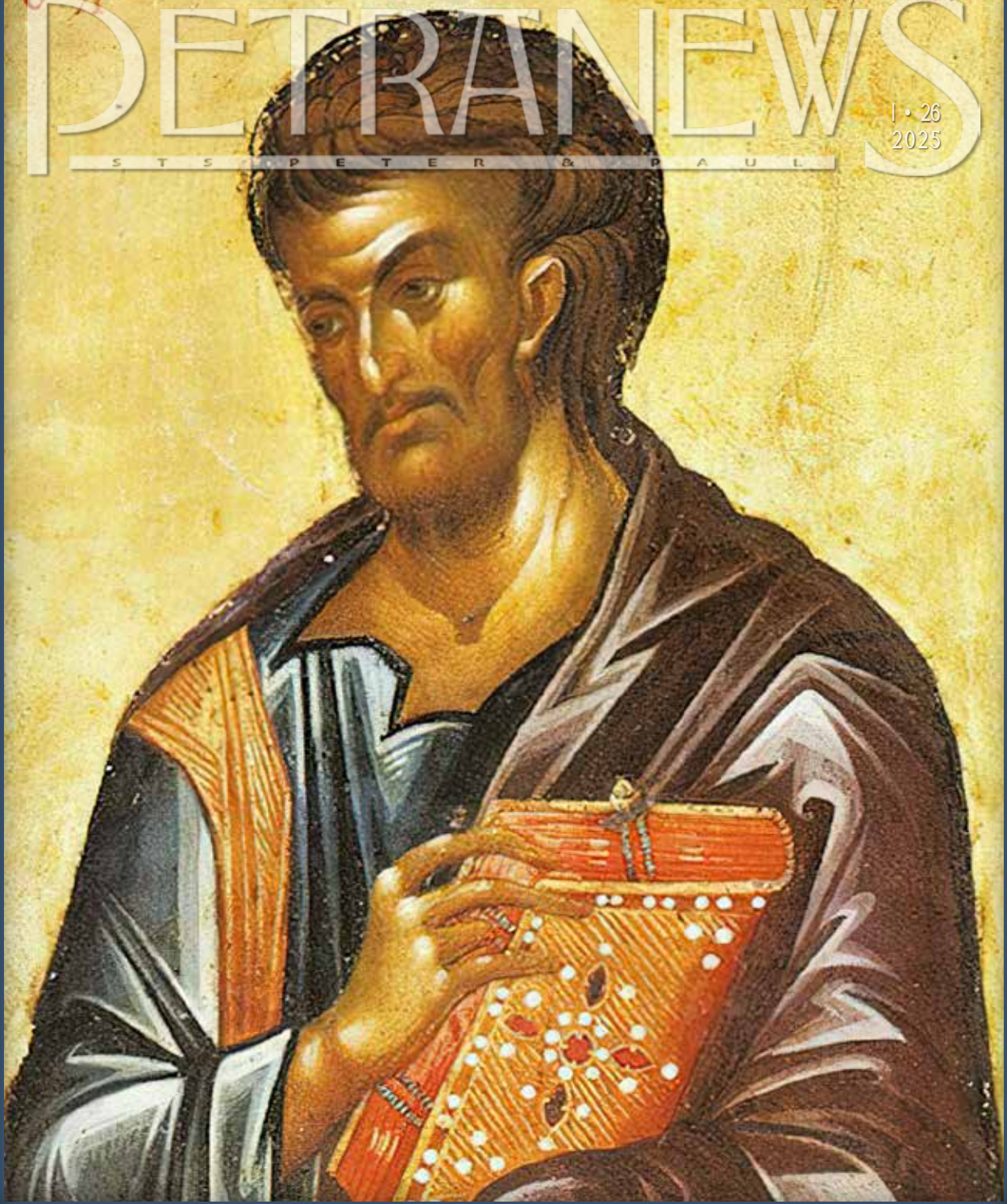


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**This Week's Services**

**Thursday, January 30**

**Synaxis of the Three Hierarchs**

Orthros \_\_\_\_\_ 8:30am

Divine Liturgy \_\_\_\_\_ 9:30am

**Saturday, February 1**

Vespers \_\_\_\_\_ 5:00pm

**Sunday, February 2**

Orthros \_\_\_\_\_ 8:30am

Divine Liturgy \_\_\_\_\_ 9:30am

**Fellowship Hour**

Thank you to Ileana Barbu and Dana Gall for hosting fellowship today!

2/2: OPEN

2/9: Sunday School

2/16: YAL

Fellowship hosts are needed! We invite you to sign up to host Fellowship Hour by visiting our website at [stpeterandpaulboulder.org/fellowship](http://stpeterandpaulboulder.org/fellowship).

**Hymns for the Fifteenth Sunday of Luke**

**Resurrection Apolytikion**

*Mode Plagal 2*

*When the angelic powers were at Thy tomb, then they that guarded Thee became as dead.*

*And Mary stood beside the grave seeking Thine immaculate body.*

*Thou hast despoiled Hades and wast not tried thereby.*

*Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst grant life to us.*

*O Thou Who art risen from the dead, Lord glory be to Thee.*

**Apolytikion of our Patron Saints**

*Mode 4*

*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 for the Meeting of Christ in the Temple**

*Mode 1*

*Thou Who didst sanctify the Virgin's womb by Thy birth, and didst bless Symeon's hands as was meet,*

*by anticipation hast even now saved us, O Christ God.*

*But grant peace in the midst of wars unto Thy commonwealth*

*and strengthen the hierarchs whom Thou hast loved,*

*O only Friend of man.*

Scripture Readings for the **Fifteenth Sunday of Luke**

The **Orthros Gospel** according to **John**, 20:19-31

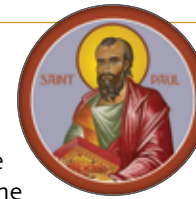
On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger



in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe." Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

Epistle: **St Paul's First letter to Timothy**, 4:9-15

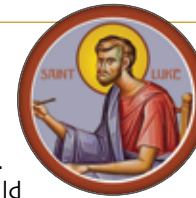
Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and suffer reproach, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech



and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to reading, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

The **Gospel** according to **Luke**, 19:1-10

At that time, Jesus was passing through Jericho. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he



made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."



### Three Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom

During the reign of the Emperor Alexius Comnenus (1081-1118), a controversy arose in Constantinople among men learned in Faith and zealous for virtue about the three holy Hierarchs and Fathers of the Church, Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom. Some argued for Saint Basil above the other two because he was able, as none other, to explain the mysteries of the Faith, and rose to angelic rank by his virtues. Organizer of monastic life, leader of the entire Church in the struggle with heresy, austere and demanding shepherd as to Christian morals, in him there was nothing base or of the earth. Hence, said they, he was superior to Saint Chrysostom who was by nature more easily inclined to absolve sinners.

The partisans of Saint Chrysostom retorted that the illustrious Archbishop of Constantinople had been no less zealous than Saint Basil in combating vices, in bringing sinners to repentance and in raising up the whole people to the perfection of the Gospel. The golden-mouthed shepherd of matchless eloquence has watered the Church with a stream of homilies in which he interprets the divine word and shows its application in daily life with more accomplished mastery than the two other holy Doctors.

According to a third group, Saint Gregory the Theologian was to be preferred to the others by reason of the majesty, purity and profundity of his language. Possessing a sovereign mastery of

all the wisdom and eloquence of ancient Greece, he had attained, they said to such a pitch in the contemplation of God that no one had been able to express the dogma of the Holy Trinity as perfectly as he.

With each faction setting up one of the Fathers against the other two in this way, the whole Christian people were soon caught up in the dispute, which far from promoting devotion to the Saints in the City, resulted in nothing but ill-feeling and endless argument. Then one night the three holy Hierarchs appeared in a dream to Saint John Mauropus, the Metropolitan of Euchaïta (5 Oct.), separately at first, then together and, speaking with a single voice, they said: "As you see, the three of us are with God and no discord or rivalry divides us. Each of us, according to the circumstances and according to the inspiration that he received from the Holy Spirit, wrote and taught what befits the salvation of mankind. There is not among us a first, a second or a third, and if you invoke one of us the other two are immediately present with him. Therefore, tell those who are quarreling not to create divisions in the Church because of us, for when we were on earth we spared no effort to re-establish unity and concord in the world. You can conjoin our three commemorations in one feast and compose a service for it, inserting the hymns dedicated to each of us according to the skill and knowledge that God has given you.

Then transmit it to the Christians with the command to celebrate it each year. If they honor us thus as being with and in God, we give them our word that we will intercede for their salvation in our common prayer." At these words, the Saints were taken up into heaven in a boundless light while conversing with one another by name.

Saint John immediately assembled the people and informed them of this revelation. As he was respected by all for his virtue and admired for his powerful eloquence, the three parties made peace and every one urged him to lose no time in composing the service of the joint feast. With fine discernment, he selected 30 January as appropriate to the celebration, for it would set the seal to the month in which each of the three Hierarchs already had a separate commemoration (Saint Basil – January 1; Saint Gregory – January 25; Saint John (translation of relics) – January 27).

The three Hierarchs—an earthly trinity as they are called in some of the wonderful troparia of their service—have taught us in their writings and equally by their lives, to worship and to glorify the Holy Trinity, the One God in three Persons. These three luminaries of the Church have shed the light of the true Faith all over the world, scorning dangers and persecutions, and they have left us, their

descendants, this sacred inheritance by which we too can attain to utmost blessedness and everlasting life in the presence of God and of all the Saints.

With the feast of the three Hierarchs at the end of January—the month in which we keep the memory of so many glorious bishops, confessors and ascetics—the Church in a way recapitulates the memory of all the Saints who have witnessed to the Orthodox faith by their writings and by their lives. In this feast we honor the whole ministry of teaching of the holy Church, namely, the illumination of the hearts and minds of the faithful through the commemoration of all the Fathers of the Church, those models of evangelic perfection which the Holy Spirit has raised up from age to age and from place to place to be new Prophets and new Apostles, guides of souls heavenward, comforters of the people and fiery pillars of prayer, supporting the Church and confirming her in the truth.

Adapted from *The Synaxarion: The Lives of the Saints of the Orthodox Church*, Vol. 3, compiled by Hieromonk Makarios of Simonos Petra and translated from the French by Christopher Hookway (Chalkidike, Greece: Holy Convent of the Annunciation of Our Lady, 2001) pp. 352-354.

## Events & Announcements

### 2025 Usher Meeting

**Today!**

We will have a brief (about 15-20 minute) usher orientation after Divine Liturgy this Sunday in the Church narthex. Any current ushers as well as anyone interested in ushering are welcome to attend. If you would like to join the rotation, please contact Joe Cooper at: [joe.cooper@comcast.net](mailto:joe.cooper@comcast.net) or (720) 854-5612.



### Stewardship 2025

**Deadline, Today!**

Every year we ask our members to complete a new stewardship card for the upcoming year. This card reflects not only your financial support to the church, but it also gives you a chance to consider where you would like to participate in the life of the parish. It is most helpful if every person (or family) completes a card every year. Paper copies are available in the narthex, or you can complete one on-line by clicking the button below. Please submit your card by Sunday, January 26. Also be sure to pick up your 2025 calendar from the narthex. If you have any questions, contact Nicole Tsiouvaras at 303-489-4491. Thank you!



### Bible Study Canceled

Bible Study will be canceled this week with class resuming on Wednesday, February 5th. In the meantime you can get caught up with Fr. Gabriel's study of St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians by listening to his podcast "Alive in Christ" by visiting our website at [stpeterandpaulboulder.org/podcast](http://stpeterandpaulboulder.org/podcast).



### GOYA

**Ice Skating Rescheduled**  
February 2nd, 1pm-3pm



We will meet at 1pm at the Longmont Outdoor Ice Rink (725 8th Avenue, Longmont, CO). The cost is \$6.50 for Longmont residents; \$8 for non-residents and \$4 for skate rental. Snacks and drinks will be provided with much thanks to the Tsiouvaras family.

**Colorado Eagles Hockey!**  
Tuesday, March 18 at 7pm

We are planning a night out to watch the Colorado Eagles ice hockey game in Loveland! Tickets cost \$24. Please RSVP to Sally by February 9 if you are interested in attending. 360.930.4867, [sallyjbryson@gmail.com](mailto:sallyjbryson@gmail.com)

### Souper Bowl of Caring

**Sunday, February 9th**

Sunday School welcomes the parish to help them tackle hunger! Please consider bringing in a nonperishable food item or making monetary donation between now and February 9th. 100% of every dollar or food item collected will go directly to Harvest of Hope Pantry. To thank you for your generosity, we'll be serving up home-cooked chili and fixin's in preparation for the big game! Put your game face on and don't miss this big event!



### Painting Bowls for OUR Center's Empty Bowls Fundraiser

**Sunday, February 9 at 2:30pm**

**OUR Center** is hosting their 22nd Annual Empty Bowls fundraiser at Crackpots in Longmont. Each person will pay \$18 to paint a soup bowl that will then be auctioned off at their Empty Bowls fundraiser. We have a room reserved for 8 or more people. All ages are welcome to participate. RSVP with Ashley Dzilvelis, [ashleydz1@hotmail.com](mailto:ashleydz1@hotmail.com).



### Paximathia Baking Class

**Saturday, February 1st**  
10:00-12:00



Although some people call these "Greek biscotti," paximathia have a long history in Greece, dating back to the first century and as a staple food in Crete. There are endless varieties – some sweet, some savory, some with nuts, some sprinkled with cinnamon. But they all share one commonality – they are twice baked.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall and learn how to bake paximathia. You will leave with a box of cookies that you baked and the self confidence to bake at home and participate in Festival baking.

Questions? Contact us  
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### Lost & Found

There are several items that need to be picked up from the table at the entrance of the fellowship hall. Please stop by and see if any of the jackets or other miscellaneous items belong to you. Thank you!



### Consecration Registry

The Consecration of Sts. Peter and Paul is a once-in-a-lifetime event in our church, much like our own baptism. To make this special weekend as glorious as possible, we are raising funds to purchase new liturgical items, make improvements to the church building, and offer hospitality to our guests. Please grab a flyer in the Narthex to learn more about our needs for Consecration.

If you would like to make a gift towards our Consecration, please visit our website at [stpeterandpaulboulder.org/consecration](http://stpeterandpaulboulder.org/consecration).



## Philoptochos

### Monthly Service Project

**Tomorrow, January 27<sup>th</sup>**  
10am-12pm

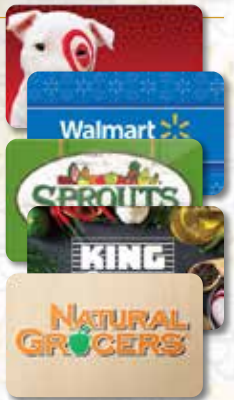


We'll be volunteering at **There With Care** and assembling care packages for sick children in need with the items that we purchased in December. If you have any questions, please contact Ashley Dzilvelis at 303-884-7088 or [ashleydz1@hotmail.com](mailto:ashleydz1@hotmail.com)!

### Grocery Cards

Philoptochos sells gift cards to Walmart, Target, Safeway, Albertsons, Natural Grocers Vitamin Cottage, and Sprouts. See Julie Powers at the Philoptochos table in the Hall to make your purchase.

**King Soopers Shoppers:** Create an account with your loyalty card at [kingsoopers.com](http://kingsoopers.com). Then link your account to "Sts Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Church Philoptochos" by doing the following: 1) Sign-in to your account and select "community rewards" (left-hand side, under my account); 2) Search for "Sts Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Church Philoptochos", under category "faith based"; 3) Select enroll. Remember to use your loyalty card whenever you shop and your Philoptochos will receive a portion of your purchase.





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### About Our Parish

We welcome visitors worshipping with us today. Our diverse church family encompasses Greek, Arab, Romanian, Serbian and Russian Orthodox Christians as well as many converts to the Orthodox Christian Faith.

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.

### Holy Communion

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

*If you are new to our Parish or just visiting,  
please join us for our fellowship hour following this morning's service.*

#### Priest

Fr Gabriel McHugh

#### Church Office

Shanyn Bateh, Manager

#### Choir Director

Presbytera Kedrann Dotson

#### Petranews

Rick Leonidas & Shanyn Bateh

#### Parish Council

- Steven Dzilvelis, President
- Michael Bateh, Vice-President
- Jim Azar, Treasurer
- Gabriel Chiriac, Secretary
- Andriy Andreyev
- Chris Artemis
- David Dinsmore
- Nick Karis
- Nicole Tsiouvaras

#### Philoptochos

- Dana Gall & Lis Tricky, Presidents
- Julie Powers, Treasurer
- Olga Coleman, Secretary & Bookstore
- Photini Westover, Corresponding Secretary

### Recurring Services

Sunday Divine Liturgy - 9:30am (Orthros - 8:30am) • Saturday Vespers - 5pm  
Visit our website for a complete calendar of upcoming services and events.



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