



Sts. Peter & Paul Boulder

Weekly Bulletin Week of April 2nd, 2017

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

The St Luke Antiochian Orthodox Church will be hosting the Pan Orthodox Vespers this evening at 5 pm

April 3, Monday	6 pm	Great Compline
April 4, Tuesday	7 pm	OCF Fellowship
April 5, Wednesday	6 pm	Presanctified Liturgy (5:45 pm 9th Hour Prayers)
April 8, Saturday	8 am 9 am 10:30 am 5pm	Lazarus Saturday Orthros Divine Liturgy Pancake Breakfast & Palm-Making Great Vespers



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Recurring Services

Orthros
Sunday @ 8:15 am
Divine Liturgy
Sunday @ 9:30 am
Great Vespers
Saturday @ 5 pm

Parish Council

President - George Tsiouvaras;
Vice President - Nick Kallan
Treasurer - Oliver Huskey
Secretary - Steve Dzilveris

Jim Azar

Tom Jacky

Hosts & Volunteers

Ushers	Jim Zissimos
Fellowship Hour Host	Saliba Family (in honor of Cina)
Myrrhbearers	Alexandra, Elizabeth
Choir	Georgia, Demetra G.
Epistle Reader	Gus

Have an Announcement?

Please contact Aaron Wall:
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Deadline is every Wed.

Saint Mary of Egypt

Around the same time that St John Climacus was living in monastery in the mountains of Egypt, St Mary of Egypt was living in the busy city of Alexandria. The church dedicates the 5th Sunday of Great Lent to her because she is an example of someone who turned her life around in a dramatic way. She ran away from her parents when she was twelve years old. Then, for many years, St Mary lived a life of sin and indulgence in Alexandria.

One day she hopped aboard a ship with a group of sailors who were on their way to Jerusalem to venerate Christ's holy cross. When she arrived at the church where the cross was kept, she was surprised that something invisible was keeping her from setting foot inside. This was a sign that if she wanted to be near holiness, then she needed to change her life.

So she stopped searching for adventure and started searching for Christ. She fled from the cities that had so many temptations and instead wandered in the desert for forty years, praying and fasting. She met an elder named Father Zosimas, and she told him her story. They agreed to meet on the banks of the River Jordan at sunset the following year on Holy Thursday. At that time, St Mary received Holy Communion from Father Zosimas. They planned to meet at the same time and place the next year. When Father Zosimas returned, he found only her dead body. St

Mary had left him a message saying that she had died the previous year after receiving the sacrament. After years of wandering spiritually and physically, St Mary finally reached Christ.

The Sunday of St Mary of Egypt leads into the final week before Holy Week, and the Gospel reading starts the story of Christ's final earthly days. As He walks with the Apostles to Jerusalem, He tells that what will happen when they arrive. He will be arrested, mocked, and killed, and then He will rise after three days.

James and John immediately tell Him they want to be by His side not matter what. In response, Jesus warns them that this kind of commitment means sacrifice. He also helps all the Apostles understand that He is a new kind of leader, with a new kind of leadership. He explains that anyone who want to be great among His friends must be willing to serve others. Christ reminds the Apostles that He himself came "not to be served, but to serve." In Jesus's upcoming final days, He will show His Apostles what this means.

Our Journey through Holy Week

As Orthodox Christians, we believe that our salvation comes through the holy Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We spend a lot of time in church services during Holy Week, leading up to this great mystery. In these services, we remember and participate in the last days of Jesus earthly life. Holy Week will truly help shed light on what it means to be a Christian when we participate in the services.

During Holy Week, we hear stories from Holy Scripture that teach us about who Jesus is, who we are, and how we can live to grow closer to Christ. If we learn about the depth and meaning of these services, we can enter into the saving mystery of His Resurrection on Pascha Sunday with a fuller and more loving commitment to the resurrection that happens inside each of us. Holy Week can change your life.

Blessed Holy Week 'Kalo Pascha'

Events & Announcements

Pan Orthodox Lenten Vespers

The Orthodox Parishes in Denver and the Front Range area will be celebrating together every Sunday during Lent. This evening at 5 pm, the St Luke Antiochian Orthodox Church will be the host parish. This is a great opportunity to join in prayer and fellowship with our Orthodox family in the Front Range and the Denver Metro area.

Wednesday Lenten Evening Class

Please join us this Wednesday, and every Wednesday during Great Lent for a lenten supper and reflection. The Presanctified Liturgy will begin at 6 pm, and immediately following services we will dinner in the parish hall (7:30 pm). Please bring a lenten dish. During the meal, Father Jordan and additional guest speakers will be offering a lenten spiritual reflection.

Orthodox Campus Fellowship (OCF) - Tuesday, April 4, 7 pm

The OCF will be meeting this Tuesday for evening prayer and fellowship. We will meet at the St. Thomas Catholic Center (15th & Euclid). Dinner will be provided. Please contact our OCF President, Elias EJ Katsoulas at ejkatsoulas@gmail.com or Father Jordan, OCF Chaplain, at rjordanbrown@gmail.com with any questions.

Sacrament of Confession

Father Jordan will continue to hear confessions leading up to Holy Week. Please try to schedule your confession before Holy Wednesday, April 12th. Fr. Jordan will be visiting our shut-ins on Holy Wednesday and Thursday. The young people in Sunday School will have the opportunity to have confession on Saturday of Lazarus. Fr. Jordan will be available before and after services for confession on Sunday night, Holy Monday, and Holy Tuesday. You can reach Fr. Jordan at frjordanbrown@gmail.com or (720) 329-5212.

Saturday of Lazarus Feast Day - April 15th

The Feast of Lazarus brings us to the final days of the 40 day fast and opens the door to Holy Week. Divine Liturgy will begin at 9 am (8 am Orthros). Everyone is welcome to attend the Lazarus Pancake Breakfast which will begin immediately following services. Join us for a delicious pancake breakfast. Everyone is encouraged to prepare the palm crosses and clean the church in preparation for Holy Week.

Palm Sunday Luncheon - April 16th

We will receive the blessed palm crosses as a sign of our Lord's victory on the Cross. Please join us for a delicious fish luncheon immediately following services. The proceeds will help benefit the Philoptochos ministry.

Flower Donations for Holy Week

We are in need of donations to offset the cost of the Holy Week Flowers, especially to decorate the epitaphio (tomb of Christ) on Holy Friday. The donation basket is located in the narthex on the left side. Thank you for all your help.

Holy Thursday: Preparing the Paschal Eggs - April 13th

We have a beautiful tradition in our church on Holy Thursday to prepare the Pascha Eggs for the Anastasi Resurrection Service. On Holy Thursday, the church will celebrate the Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil beginning at 8 am. The Lord instituted the Divine Liturgy on Holy Thursday with His Disciples. Holy Thursday for the Orthodox Christians is the first celebration of the Holy Eucharist. It is very appropriate on this Holy Day for the faithful to prepare the Resurrection eggs, which symbolize Christ breaking the tomb and conquering death. Please join us for a Lenten meal immediately after service. We will prepare the eggs in the kitchen. We recommend bringing an extra shirt to wear under an apron. We will be working with a strong red dye. Please contact Fr. Jordan if you are able to help. We are asking for raw eggs to be brought on Palm Sunday. We need 20 dozen eggs total. There is a sign-up sheet in the hall.

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Philoptochos Special Gift Card Fund Raiser

Please consider purchasing gift cards through our local Philoptochos TODAY! Gift cards are perfect for gift-giving for graduations, birthdays, Pascha, Mother's day, Father's Day, distributions to those in need, or purchases you're planning to make in-store or online. Over 300 popular retailers are available (including Starbucks, AMC, Macy's, Target, and many, many more!) and give 3-18% of the sale back to Philoptochos. 100% of proceeds go to support local, national, and international charities. **The deadline to order is April 2nd for an April 9th delivery.** Lis Troicky will be taking your orders and payments. Contact Lis for more information at the gift card selling table in the hall, by email at etroick@aol.com, or phone at 720-771-7786. Thank you for your support of our Philoptochos!

Philoptochos Grocery Gift Cards and Old Chicago Pizza Palz

Don't forget to stop by the Philoptochos gift card table to purchase your weekly grocery gift cards or Old Chicago Pizza Palz gift cards. We have King Soopers reloadable gift cards at \$2.50 each, where you take the card to King Soopers and BEFORE the cashier scans your transaction, ask the cashier to put any denomination you wish on the card (or go to Customer Service). You can pay King Soopers with a credit card, check or cash to add money to the card! Philoptochos will receive 5% of your sale. Philoptochos also sells the following gift cards in \$25, \$50 and \$100 denominations: King Soopers, Safeway, Sprouts, Whole Foods, Vitamin Cottage and Lucky's. Stop by the Gift card table in the hall today!

Philoptochos Bookstore

Lenten Books have arrived! Lenten Podcasts available! The *Holy Week Easter Service Book* is available for pre-order! Limited quantities, so reserve your copy today! Some of our top picks include Fr Alexander Schmemmann's *Great Lent* and *Thirty Steps to Heaven* by Fr Vassilios Papavassiliou. For Great Lenten Listening, go to the Ancient Faith website and check out great sermons by Fr Thomas Hopko and "Coffee with Sister Vassa."

Sunday School Snack Sign-Up

Sunday School needs five more parents to sign up to provide snacks for the remainder of the school year. Sign-up at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054daca62da4f58-sunday>

Getting the Word Out

The Parish Council is implementing a new tool to facilitate more timely communication within our community. This tool is called Flocknote. In the coming weeks you will begin to see communications from Flocknote related to church services, events and ministries. We believe this tool will allow more timely exchange of information and help us to better serve our community.

Sunday Fellowship

Please let us know if you are interested and can help us out. Remember this doesn't have to be a full meal, just a light snack.. The calendar Fellowship sign up is in the fellowship hall. Presbyteria Kedrann, Fran Dzilvelis and Mary Lymberopoulos are coordinating the Sunday Fellowship Ministry. Please sign up today.

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