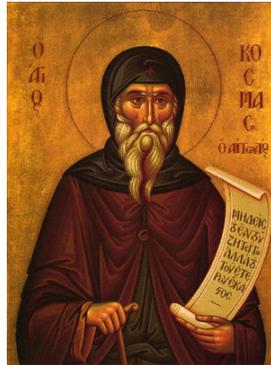




Sts. Peter & Paul Boulder

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Service Schedule & Parish Activities

Monday, August 21	Festival Baking (Tiropita) (Light Dinner Will Be Provided)	4p – 9p
Tuesday, August 22	Festival Baking (Baklava & Tsoureki)	9a – 3p
Wednesday, August 23	Festival Baking (Baklava & Melomakarona) Paraclesis Service	9a – 3p 6 p
Saturday, August 26	Sunday School Teachers Workshop Choir Practice Readers Vespers Service	9 a 4 p 5 p
Sunday, August 27	Sunday School Kick-Off Party	12:30 p

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.

Hosts & Volunteers

Fellowship Host	Marose/Swiszcz Family
Ushers	Pete & Cindy Stamus
Myrrhbearers	Alexandra, Elizabeth, Sophie
Choir	Demetra G., Georgia
Epistle Reader	Xander

Have an Announcement?

Please contact Aaron Wall:
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Deadline is every Wed. before Divine Liturgy.

The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America stands with all people of good will in condemning the hateful violence and lamenting the loss of life that resulted from the shameful efforts to promote racial bigotry and white supremacist ideology in Charlottesville, Virginia.

The Orthodox Church emphatically declares that it does not promote, protect or sanction participation in such reprehensible acts of hatred, racism, and discrimination, and proclaims that such beliefs and behaviors have no place in any community based in respect for the law and faith in a loving God.

The essence of the Christian Gospel and the spirit of the Orthodox Tradition are entirely and self-evidently incompatible with ideologies that declare the superiority of any race over another. Our God shows no partiality or favoritism (Deuteronomy 10:17, Romans 2:11). Our Lord Jesus Christ *broke down the dividing wall of hostility that had separated God from humans and humans from each other* (Ephesians 2:14). In Christ Jesus, the Church proclaims, there can be *neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male or female, but all are one* (Galatians 3:28). Furthermore, we call on one another *to have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather to expose them* (Ephesians 5:11). And what is darkness if not hatred? *The one who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness* (1 John 2:11)!

Furthermore, in 1872, Hierarchs from around the world assembled in Constantinople and denounced all forms of xenophobia and chauvinism (*phyletism*). They agreed that the promotion of racial or national supremacy and ethnic bias or dissension in the Church of Christ is to be censured as contrary to the sacred teachings of the Christian Gospel and the holy canons of the Church. It is formally condemned as heresy, the strongest category of false teaching.

Finally, such actions as we have witnessed in recent days, by self-proclaimed white supremacists, neo-Nazis, and various racists and fascists, betray the core human values of love and solidarity. In this, we pray wholeheartedly for the families of those who lost their lives or suffered in these tragic events. In like manner, we cannot condone any form of revenge or retaliation by any group or individual. Therefore, we fervently appeal to every person of good will, and especially the leaders of our great nation, to consider and adopt ways of reconciling differences in order to rise above any and all discrimination in our history, our present, and our future.

St. Kosmas the Aitolos: Liberator of Greece Without Weapons (Commemorated August 24)

By His Eminence Metropolitan Andrew of Dryinoupolis, Pogoniani and Konitsa

Rarely do we think about how much Saint Kosmas the Aitolos contributed to the liberation of the Greek nation. He had no weapons. He led no troops. He was not involved in wars and battles.

But he did have the weapons of the spirit: holiness of life and preaching, by which he awakened the consciousness of the enslaved Greeks, who thus learned about their Orthodox faith and the glorious history of their homeland.

"It is meet and blessed, my fellow Christians, as we learn from the holy Gospel and the sacred Scriptures, to begin our teaching with God. And when we finish to thank God, not because I am worthy to utter the name of my God, but because He has permitted it out of His compassion" (First Teaching).

"I studied about the sacred and about unbelievers, heretics, and atheists. I searched the depths of wisdom, but all the faiths are false. I learned this to be true, that only the faith of the Orthodox Christians is good and is sacred: to believe and to be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit... Rejoice that you are Orthodox Christians and weep for the impious and heretics who walk in darkness" (First Teaching).

Moreover, in various parts of enslaved Greece, he would habitually say in his sermons: "This one day will be Roman (Greek) and fortunate whoever lives in this kingdom" (Prophecies).

He made four missionary journeys in almost the entire Greek area, but especially in Epirus and in the area now called Northern Epirus. This was because Northern Epirus was in danger of Islamization, and worry was on the rise. It is known that those who were Islamized would lose their national identity, which constituted a deadly threat to Hellenism. Thus Saint Kosmas, going from village to village, brought the message of Orthodoxy and Hellenism. And except in a few instances, the Greeks remained firm in their beliefs about Religion and the Homeland.

One man, who was ardent and without self-interest, achieved the impossible: the salvation of Orthodox Hellenism, but also prepared for the national rebirth. But the fiery sermons of this Apostle to the Nation, and certain actions of his, such as shifting the bazaars from Sunday to Saturday, led, unsurprisingly, to reactions, especially from the Jews. They handed him over, therefore, to Kurt Pasha of Berat, whom they bribed. The Saint was arrested and condemned to death. Thus on 24 August 1779 he was hanged in Kalikontasi in Northern Epirus. Before breathing his last breath, he prayed, repeating the words of the Prophet David: "We went through fire and water, but you brought us to a place of abundance" (Psalm 65 (66):12), certainly prophesying about the liberation of the Nation.

Source: Translated by John Sanidopoulos.

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**Today's memorial service is offered for John Marose
May his memory be eternal!**

Fellowship Hour Sign up

We have no fellowship hour sponsors for the month of August and September. It is not fair, nor a good sign of stewardship, when the same two to three parishioners take care of the fellowship hour after the Sunday services. Please take the time today and sign up for at least one Sunday. Consider sponsoring a Sunday to honor a family birthday, name day, wedding anniversary or loved one's memorial. It is good idea to team up with one other family and co sponsor the fellowship hour. **The Fellowship Hour is a wonderful expression of our Christian hospitality.** There will be a sign up table located in the parish hall. Thank you for your help, and willingness to offer Philoxenia, Christian Hospitality.

Altar Boy Workshop

Sunday, August 20th, 12 noon - 3 pm

One of the greatest blessings for a young man is to serve in the Holy Altar. On Sunday, August 20, Father Jordan will meet with young men who would like to serve in the altar. Young men (elementary school, middle and high school) are encouraged to participate in the Altar Boy Workshop. The Workshop is for both new and experienced altar servers. The workshop will begin at 12 noon in the church. Parents, you are welcome to leave your boys, and return at 3 pm to pick them up. Father Jordan will be taking the altar boys out to lunch.

Men's Fall Retreat

The annual Front Range Men's Retreat is scheduled for September 24-27, 2017. This is a wonderful opportunity for great fellowship, growing in the faith, and enjoying the outdoors. The retreat will take place at the Water Valley Ranch located in Encampment, Wyoming. Please view the ranch website at watervalleyranch.com. If you have any questions, please contact Father Jordan. Registration and schedule to follow soon.

Pew Donation

The pews have arrived. The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral generously donated pews for Sts Peter Paul. The pews are in excellent condition. It is estimated that the cost for new pews would be around \$75,000 - \$100,000. The pews are an unexpected and incredible gift for Sts Peter Paul. The donated pews need to be slightly modified in order to properly fit in the church. **The cost to modify one row will be \$300-500. Thank you for your donations. 60 % of the cost to modify and install the pews has been raised.** Please prayerfully consider donating one row. Please visit with one of our Parish Council Members or Father Jordan with any questions. Thank you

Choir Practice

There will choir rehearsal on Saturday, August 26, at 4 pm. We will meet in the church. If you have any questions and would like to join the choir, please contact either Presbyteria Marika or Presbyteria Kedrann.

Sunday School Registration

Parents, on August 20th please register your youngsters for Sunday school, if you haven't already! Sunday school begins Sept. 17, and so far we have 18 students enrolled. The more, the merrier -- so please sign up for classes, and at the same time please sign up to bring a light snack for the kids. Sunday school is offered for Pre-K to grade 12.

Sunday School Kick-off Party

Sunday, August 27

Attention all Sunday School children and parents! Please join us on Sunday, August 27, 12:30 pm, at the home of Steve and Ashley Dzilvelis, for a great afternoon filled with great food and fellowship.

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Sunday School Teachers & Youth Workers Workshop **Saturday, August 26, 9 am - 12 noon**

We are looking forward to another year of fellowship and spiritual growth with our parish's children. In the gospel of Matthew, chapter 1, we see St Joseph the Betrothed was entrusted with the care of our Lord and Savior as a child. The Gospel says St Joseph was a "just man," he heard the word of the Lord, and "he did as the Lord commanded him." Working with children is a great opportunity for us adults to assess what we think is truly important and to get our lives in order. My prayer is that we can apply the example of St. Joseph, as parents entrusted with children and as Sunday school teachers entrusted with students. Please pray for us.

Bruce Geerdes, Sunday School Director bruce@geerdes.me

Orthodox Faith Classes

The Orthodox Christian Faith classes will begin this Fall (September 17th will be the first class). Classes will be led by Father Jordan after church on Sundays. Class will be held in the church beginning at 12 noon (45 minutes). The complete class schedule will be available next month. This will be a 10 part series, beginning on September 17th, and ending early December. If you are an inquirer, interested in the Orthodox Christian Faith or preparing to become an Orthodox Christian through the sacrament of Baptism, please join us. If you have any questions, please contact Father Jordan at frjordanbrown@gmail.com or 303-581-1434.

IOCC 5K Run / Walk Fundraiser

On Saturday, August 19, there will be a 5K Run / Walk held in South Denver. Everyone is invited to participate. You do not have to be a runner. Families are encouraged to participate. The 5K event will benefit the ministry of International Orthodox Christian Charities. The St. Catherine Greek Orthodox Parish of Greenwood Village will be sponsored with Parish family event. Sign up today! Information is on our website, parish announcement board and Petra Newsletter.

YARD DAY TODAY!

All ten tent tops were built last Sunday in a record 75 minutes! Thanks to everyone who helped get that done. Today we will work on beautifying the grounds in preparation for the festival. Please see Nick Kallan after Liturgy to get started.

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UPS

Sign up today! The paper sign-up sheets are on the table underneath the blue ToO signs in the hall. Kids are welcome to sign up with the approval of the booth chairperson. All Beer/Wine tent volunteers must speak with Chris Artemis before signing up. Prefer to sign up online? Here's the link: http://stspeterandpaulboulder.ivolunteer.com/too_2017

BOOTH SPONSORSHIPS

Help defray the cost of the festival by making a donation toward one of the booths. See Nicole or Joanne for details in the hall.

SODA DONATIONS

Each year, our parishioners donate the soda and water that is sold at the festival. Please bring your donations to the hall by September 8. **Last names beginning A - E: Coke; F - K: Diet Coke; L - R: Sprite; S - Z: bottled water.** The ToO Committee thanks you!

POSTERS are available in the Hall. Please take some to advertise in your favorite local businesses!

FRIDAY LUNCH

This year we will be offering a take-out lunch on Friday, September 8 from 11am-2pm. It's a limited menu and is being advertised to businesses in Gunbarrel only. **We need a few people to work this shift at the food tent.** Please see the Food Tent sign up sheet. We will also need a group of people to help put advertising flyers on windshields the week before the festival. More details on this as we get closer.

CALLING ALL YOUTH GROUPS

Does your scout troop or sports team need service hours? Volunteer opportunities are available during the festival. See Nicole Tsiouvaras or Joanne Ashmun for details.