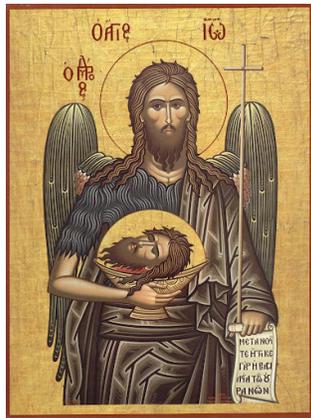




Sts. Peter & Paul Boulder

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Service Schedule & Parish Activities

Tuesday, August 29	Beheading of St. John the Baptist (Strict Fast Day) Orthros 8 am Divine Liturgy 9 am Orthodox Campus Fellowship Welcome Dinner 6 pm
Wednesday, August 30	Paraclesis Service 6 pm
Saturday, September 2	Choir Practice 4 pm Readers' Vespers 5 pm

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	Pam Torrance
Ushers	Alex & Lis Troicky
Myrrhbearers	Demetra G., Sophie
Choir	Georgia, Alexandra, Elizabeth
Epistle Reader	Alexandra

Have an Announcement?

Please contact Aaron Wall:
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 (720) 400-6579
 Deadline is every Wed. before Divine Liturgy.

On the Beheading of St. John the Baptist

The Forgotten Forerunner By Photios Kontoglou

Today as I write, August 29th, it is the commemoration of Saint John the Forerunner. Last night we chanted Vespers devoutly in a chapel, and there were only a few women and two or three men. This morning we chanted liturgy and again there were a few pilgrims. The shops were open, everyone worked as if it was not the feast of the greatest saint of our religion. In truth does the hymn say: "The memory of the just is celebrated with hymns of praise, but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for you, O Forerunner."

With eulogize and reverence did Orthodox Christians once celebrate the Forerunner, but now the testimony of the Lord suffices. This testimony will remain unto the ages, whether people celebrate him or not, whether he is remembered or forgotten. And the testimony is this: that Saint John the Forerunner is "the greatest man born of a woman," according to the words of Christ Himself. This is why our Church ordained for his icon to be next to the icon of Christ on the iconostasis of every Orthodox church....

Do we not have time to celebrate such a saint? But we do have time to celebrate and feast on food and drink like Herod, in a time when thousands of our brethren go hungry. It was during such a feast that the Forerunner was martyred, and we all know the story.

Synaxarion of the Beheading of the Holy and Glorious Prophet John the Forerunner

This great Forerunner of the Lord, according to the testimony of the Master Christ, was the greatest man to have ever been born of any woman, and the foremost of the Prophets. It was he who leaped for joy in the womb of his mother, and preached Christ to those people living on earth, and to the souls of the dead found in Hades.

He was the son of Zachariah the High Priest and Elizabeth, having been born after it was announced by the Archangel Gabriel. He was beheaded today by Herod Antipas, because he rebuked him for his unlawful mingling with Herodias. It was this great John who was clothed in holiness in the womb of his mother. It was he who had virginity and purity inhabiting his soul, and wholeheartedly loved prudence. It was he who practiced fasting and non-eating, and set himself apart from all contact with people. It was he who dwelled in the desert, and had contact with the wild beasts, and was covered with the hair of a camel, and girded himself at the waist with a leather belt. It was he who had his food prepared and ready like the birds, and was made worthy to exceed the laws of nature, and to baptize the pure and immaculate Christ, Who is beyond all nature. For this reason such a great Saint, having always studied the Law of God, considered all things in the world as second and below to keeping this divine law.

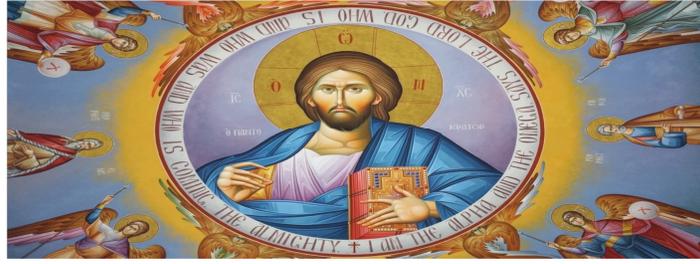
Herod the tetrarch of Judea, therefore, being very licentious and unbridled, took the wife of Philip his brother, at a time when his brother was still living, and who had a daughter with Herodias. Both of these things went against the divine Law. Wherefore the great Forerunner, moved by divinely inspired zeal, and armed with the weapons of truth, rebuked the licentious king: "It is not forgivable for you to have the wife of your brother." Herod was unable to bear this rebuke, so he bound the grace-filled John and put him in prison, at the influence of the unbridled adulterous Herodias.

When the time came for the birthday of Herod to be celebrated with his rulers, there was put together a rich dining table, with drinking and delight, which plunged Herod into drunkenness and senselessness. Then the daughter of Herodias came, and danced before the king. To her was given a reward for her unseemly dance, the murder, alas! of the great Prophet. Straightway, therefore, there was brought into the midst of the dining room on a platter, the head of the Righteous Forerunner, still dripping with blood and silently rebuking Herod, and it was given to that unbridled and adulterous woman.

These things took place in Sebaste, which is about a days journey from Jerusalem, where the ruler after Herod the tetrarch built his royal palace, and the aforesaid prophet-slayer held his drinking party. And there the all-honored and holy body of the great Prophet was buried by his disciples, and was reverently and honorably placed in his grave. His synaxis is celebrated in his Prophetic Temple in the Sphorakia district of Constantinople.

Source: Translated by John Sanidopoulos.

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Today's Artoclasia 'Blessing of the Loaves,' Service is offered in Commemoration of St Paraskevi. We thank Anthoula Theodosis for preparing and offering the bread.

Sunday School Kick-off Party Today, Sunday, August 27

Attention all Sunday School children and parents! Please join us after services today at 12:30 pm, at the home of Steve and Ashley Dzilvelis (5690 Steeplechase Dr., Longmont), for a great afternoon filled with great food and fellowship.

Fellowship Hour Sign up

Thank you dear parishioners who responded to the Fellowship Hour request. Almost all of the Sundays for August, September and October have been filled. Your commitment is a true sign of Christian hospitality and Philoxenia.

College Ministry: CU OCF Welcome Dinner – Tuesday, August 29 – 6 pm

Dear college students, Welcome back to Sts Peter Paul! What a great blessing to have new and returning students. Please know that our parish is your family. This coming Tuesday, we will have our welcome OCF dinner. We will be meeting at the St Thomas Student Catholic Center located on the corner of 15th and Euclid. Please join us for dinner, fellowship and prayer. If you have any questions, contact Father Jordan at frjordanbrown@gmail.com or 720-329-5212.

Young Adult Conference, September 1-3, Houston, Texas

Next weekend hundreds of college students and young adults from throughout the Archdiocese of America will be participating in this wonderful event. Father Jordan will be participating in the Young Adult Conference. On Sunday, September 3, Archimandrite Father Christodoulos Papadeas, will be serving Liturgy in the absence of Father Jordan.

Men's Fall Retreat - September 24-27, 2017

The annual Front Range Men's Retreat 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.

Choir Practice – Saturdays at 4 pm

There will be choir rehearsal on Saturday, September 2, 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.

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.

Philoptochos Gift Cards

Restock! We have more King Soopers reloadable gift cards! This is a great and easy way to benefit the Philoptochos. Simply refill the card every time you go to King Soopers and the Philoptochos will receive a percentage! We have already made over \$1000.00 in the last year with everyone's help! Keep it up and thanks a ton! Please see Liz Troicky or Ashley Dzilvelis for more information. If you don't shop at King Soopers, we have other gift cards for purchase to other grocery stores. Buy before you shop, and support this amazing organization!

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Philoptochos Scholarship

If you will be a college student for the 2017-18 academic year and would like to apply for a Philoptochos scholarship, please write a letter addressed to the President of the Philoptochos, Ashley Dzilvelis. In the letter please provide details such as what college you are attending, course of study, volunteer experience, personal achievements and why you think you are deserving of a scholarship. The deadline is September 10th, if we have not received your letter by then, you will not be considered. Please include the school address where to send the scholarship money. You may email the letter to boulderphiloptochos@gmail.com.

TWO MORE WEEKS until 2017 Taste of Orthodoxy

TODAY AFTER LITURGY

We will be adding legs to our tents and moving them into position for the festival. Please bring a change of clothes and a water bottle and plan to stay and help for an hour or two. See Nick Kallan or Philip Haratsaris to get started.

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UPS

Many shifts are still open for festival weekend! Sign-up online at http://stspeterandpaulboulder.ivolunteer.com/too_2017 or see Nicole Tsiouvaras or Joanne Ashmun after church to sign up on paper.

FESTIVAL SPONSORSHIP

Help defray the costs of the festival by purchasing some of the food or ingredients needed. A chart will be on the wall in the hall showing approximate costs for some of the key items. Please see Candy Soulakis for more details or to make a donation.

SODA/WATER DONATIONS

We still need lots of soda and water to sell at the festival. You can bring in 12-packs OR you can donate money and we will buy the soda. Thanks to everyone who has already donated!

POSTERS

We still have several beautiful full-color 11x17 posters for you to take to local businesses to advertise the festival. Please help by taking a few today!

FRIDAY LUNCH ADVERTISING

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 on Weds, Sept 6 and Thursday, Sept 7.** Please see Eric Elias or Nicole Tsiouvaras if you can help with this project.