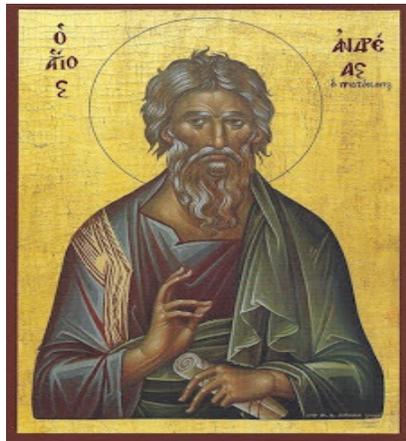




# Sts. Peter & Paul Boulder

## Weekly Bulletin Week of November 26th, 2017



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### 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.

### Service Schedule & Parish Activities

|                               |                                   |                |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Tuesday, November 28</b>   | <b>Church Cleaning</b>            | <b>9:30 am</b> |
|                               | <b>College OCF Ministry</b>       | <b>6 pm</b>    |
| <b>Wednesday, November 29</b> | <b>Feastday of St. Andrew</b>     |                |
|                               | <b>Bible Study</b>                | <b>10 am</b>   |
|                               | <b>Orthros</b>                    | <b>5 pm</b>    |
|                               | <b>Divine Liturgy</b>             | <b>6 pm</b>    |
| <b>Saturday, December 2</b>   | <b>Feastday of St. Porphyrios</b> |                |
|                               | <b>Orthros</b>                    | <b>7 am</b>    |
|                               | <b>Divine Liturgy</b>             | <b>8 am</b>    |
|                               | <b>Choir Practice</b>             | <b>4 pm</b>    |
|                               | <b>Great Vespers</b>              | <b>5 pm</b>    |

### Hosts & Volunteers

|                       |                              |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Ushers</b>         | George & Charleen Pappas     |
| <b>Myrrhbearers</b>   | Alexandra, Elizabeth, Sophie |
| <b>Choir</b>          | Demetra G., Georgia          |
| <b>Epistle Reader</b> | Georgia                      |

### Have an Announcement?

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

# Homily on the Holy Apostle Andrew (November 29)

By St. John of Kronstadt

The holy Apostle of Christ, Andrew the first-called, was originally a disciple of St. John the Baptist who prepared the people to receive the Messiah. When the Saviour came out of the wilderness, the Forerunner told the people: "Behold, the Lamb of God" (John 1:36). Immediately Andrew followed after Him. Turning round and seeing him together with St. John's other disciples, the Lord asked them: "What do ye seek?" They answered: "Master, where dost Thou dwell?" He said to them: "Come and see."

The disciples saw where He lived and spent the day there with Him. Soon after this the Lord called Andrew and his brother Peter to follow after Him and told them that they were to become fishers of men unto the salvation of many. From that time forth, they remained with Christ; they were faithful to Him to the end and gave their very lives out of love for Him.

Dear brothers and sisters on this day I would ask you the same question: What are you seeking? Why did you come to church today? What are we all seeking in our lives? Are we seeking Christ, as He was first sought by those humble fishermen, among who was the Apostle Andrew?

What is it that people seek in life? They seek health, riches, success, acquaintances, friends, prestige, various worldly pleasures, vain knowledge... Only a few seek Christ the Saviour. Some may even think it strange to seek Christ. They say, "we call ourselves Christians after Christ, we see His holy image both in our homes and at church; we pronounce His sweetest name and hear it in God's temple." It appears we have no need to seek Christ. People seek that which they don't have, that which they need. But we seem to have Christ; at least that is what we think...

It's true, we have icons of Christ, but we do not have Christ Himself; we have His name, but only on our lips -- not in our hearts; we know Him, but only in word -- not in deed. Here, beloved, is a big difference; it is the same difference as between a shadow and the object which casts the shadow. It is, however, precisely with the heart that Christ is truly known, that is, in our inner man -- in our soul; because Christ, as God, is Spirit, "Who is everywhere and filleth all things."

"The kingdom of God is within You" (Luke 17:21), says the Lord. The holy Apostle Paul earnestly desired that, through faith, Christ would dwell in the hearts of Christians. He wrote: "May God grant you according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith." (Eph. 3:16-17)

We have to admit that most of us do not have Christ in our hearts. Instead, our hearts are occupied with that which is opposed to Christ -- our God and Savior, that which is opposed to our own good, which hinders the salvation of our souls. And because of this we do not lead a genuine Christian life. What is it that occupies our hearts? God "alone, Who searchest out the hearts and reins" (Ps. 7:9), sees what is in our hearts, its attachments. If the Lord granted us to see the full depths of our hearts, we would turn our eyes away in horror from such an overwhelming accumulation of filth. Let each of us look into his heart and say before the witness of our conscience what it is that occupies our hearts most of all.

Passions, sins, voluntary and involuntary -- are these not our heart's constant inhabitants? But where does Christ dwell? He dwells in pure hearts, hearts that are humble and contrite, there where He is not grieved by doubt or unbelief, by indifference towards Him Who is God and Savior; there where men do not prefer the temporal sweetness of sin; where the idols of the passions have been chased out; where crude materiality is not preferred to the Kingdom of God; where Christians often turn their thoughts to the heavenly, as those created for heaven, for eternity; there where they seek God's truth, where every day and every hour they are attentive to His commandments. Therein is where Christ dwells. And what does He do there? If only we knew (some, of course, do know) what He does in souls worthy of His abiding presence -- what rest, comfort and joy He imparts, what paradisaical bliss He gives them to experience while still on this earth...

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Having once embraced Christ, the holy Apostle Andrew became entirely committed to Him, and no matter what difficulties, sorrows, misfortunes and persecutions -- unavoidable in preaching the Gospel -- came his way, he remained faithful to Christ, enduring everything out of love for Him, even crucifixion. It is of utmost importance that we seek after Christ and that we find Him. Without Christ, who will save us from our sins which ensnare us every day and hour, and from the eternal torments? Only the Son of God has power on earth to forgive sins; He alone has the keys to hell and death, the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven and life.

To find Christ is not difficult. He is everywhere, filling the world with Himself. God says to us through His prophet Jeremiah: "Am I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off?" (Jer. 23:23) As soon as He sees our hearts incline to receive His grace, He immediately enters, bringing with Him peace and comfort. "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me" (Rev. 3:20), says the Lord. Oh, how often He converses with His faithful servants, as with true friends. Christ Himself is seeking you: if you but incline your heart toward Him, you will surely find Him.

But how are we to know if we have found Christ and are close to Him? Those close to Christ often turn to Him in prayer with faith and love; they often pronounce from their heart His sweetest name, often call upon Him for help; they often read or listen to His word with childlike simplicity and love; they seek frequent union with Him in His life-giving Mysteries; they are satisfied with whatever they have and accepting of what happens to them; they strive according to their strength to fulfill Christ's commandments... It happens that they also experience trials which are allowed by the loving Master, in order that their hearts be cleansed of every sinful impurity. Those who desire to be with Christ must not run away from trials, but even in times of joy, they must not forsake the carrying of their cross.

My dear brothers and sisters! Seek Jesus Christ with faith and love. Do not forget that He gave His life on the Cross for our sakes, to deliver us from sin and eternal torment, and to dwell in our hearts, that we might have great joy. Do not forget, we have all been bought with the price of His blood, and we should belong to Him, as to our Redeemer.

Our days are numbered. Every stroke of the clock reminds us to seek Him Who created time and Himself stands above the measure of time. He alone is able to pluck us out from the ravaging torrent of time... Every stroke of the clock tells us: Be watchful! You now have one hour less until you must cross the threshold into life after death which knows neither days nor hours. Do not be seduced by the momentary sweetness of sin which vanishes like a dream, leaving the soul empty, ailing, anguishing; it steals away precious time and ruins it forever. Do not waste time in useless occupations or idleness. Every one of you has a God-given talent to put to use. Busy yourselves in acquiring incorruptible wealth in the Kingdom of Heaven. Take the example of the thousands who have gone before you, having attained eternal rest and joy through their ceaseless labors in this temporal life, through sweat and tears.

Make haste to uproot from yourselves sin in all its various manifestations, through the help of Christ the Savior. Remember, man sows what he reaps (Gal. 6:7), according to the immutable law of God's righteousness. While there is still time, therefore, let us hasten to find Christ and in faith create for Him an abode in our hearts that we not fall prey to the fire of Gehenna, as it is written: "If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them and cast them into the fire, and they are burned" (John 15:6). Amen.

# Events & Announcements

## **Adult Education: Orthodox Faith Class – December 6th, 12 pm**

### **Topic - The Virgin Mary & The Saints**

If you are inquirer, interested in the Orthodox Christian Faith or preparing to become an Orthodox Christian through the sacrament of Baptism and Chrismation, please join us. Father Jordan will be leading the class. If you have any questions, please contact Father Jordan. Class will be held in the Church/Quiet Room.

### **Calling All Bakers!**

Philoptochos is looking for bakers to bake 9 dozen of their favorite cookie for our annual Christmas cookie basket project. If you would like to bake cookies, please see Fran Dzilvelis after Divine

Liturgy or call her at 303-775-6138. We need to have them at the church no later than Wednesday December 13th.

### **Holiday Gift Cards Available**

In addition to the Grocery gift cards that the Philoptochos sells each Sunday, starting today, we will offer many other gift cards for the holiday gift giving season. A list of all gift cards available is located in the fellowship hall where the Philoptochos is set up to sell gift cards. It is a long list, but some of the gift cards available are Target, Macy's, local movie theaters, many restaurants. Stop by and order yours today and thank you for supporting the Philoptochos!

### **Wednesday Morning Bible Study - November 29th, 10 am**

Please join us for the Wednesday Morning Bible Study. We begin at 10 am, and end around 11:15 am. Everyone is welcome to participate. Please join us as we strive to apply prayer and scripture to our spiritual life, working to grow closer to God. Bible Study is a great opportunity to study the scriptures and have a deeper understanding of the Sunday and Feast day readings as they apply to our every day life.

### **OCF College Ministry - Tuesday, November 28th, 6 pm**

OCF will take place at the St Thomas Student Catholic Center (located @ 14th & Euclid). We will begin with evening prayer in the chapel @ 6 pm, and dinner in the center around 6:30/45. The OCF will be meeting for dinner on Sunday, December 3, 5 pm, at a restaurant near campus (location TBA). If you have any questions, please contact Father Jordan.

### **Stewardship Christmas Party: Adults Only - Sunday, December 10th, 4 pm**

Please join us for an evening of food and fellowship! Hosted by George Saliba RSVP: [tamsinj@yahoo.com](mailto:tamsinj@yahoo.com); (720) 880-8599

### **Philoptochos Christmas Brunch - Saturday, December 16th, 11 am**

Hosted by Mary Lymberopoulos

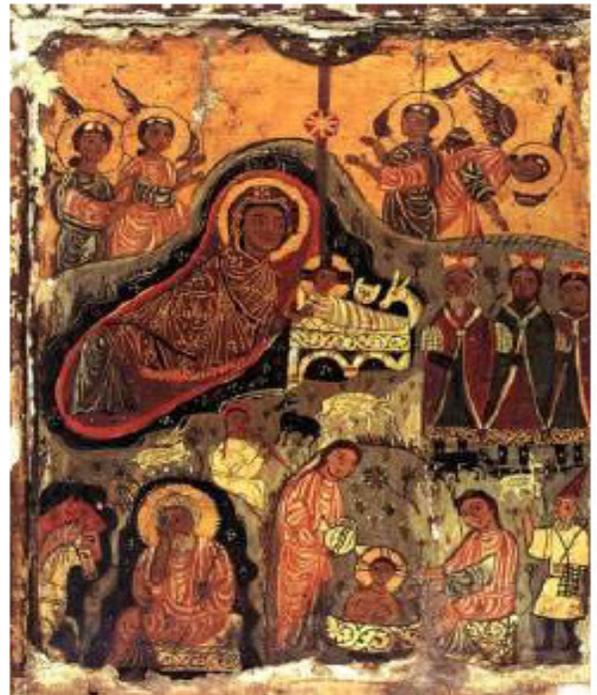
## SAT. DEC 9TH

# ADVENT RETREAT

### Preparing for the Greatest Gift: The Birth of Jesus Christ

**Featured Speak Fr. Christopher Xanthos** was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on November 1, 2014 at his home parish of the Cathedral of Saint Paul in Hempstead, New York. He then began serving at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Houston, Texas where he was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on March 25, 2015 by His Eminence, Metropolitan ISAIAH of Denver. Currently he serves as the Presiding Priest at Holy Apostles Orthodox Christian Church of Cheyenne.

Father Christopher grew up on Long Island, New York with his wonderful parents, four sisters, and a large extended family. His grandparents, immigrants from Constantinople and Mani, Greece, helped to instill in him a love of the Orthodox faith and Hellenic language and culture from a young age. He holds a bachelor's degree in political science from the State University of New York at Cortland. While pursuing his undergraduate studies, he served as a United States Marine, deploying on two tours to Kuwait and Iraq in 2003 and 2005. Upon his second return from Iraq, he enrolled at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline, Massachusetts, earning his Master of Divinity in 2009. After graduating from the seminary, he worked for several years in youth ministry in both Denver, Colorado and Norfolk, Virginia. It was in Virginia where he met his wife, Presvytera Annabelle. The two were married in 2013. Father Christopher and Presvytera Annabelle reside in Cheyenne along with their son Petros.



### Schedule

**7:00 am** Orthros  
**8:00 am** Divine Liturgy  
**9:30 am** Coffee & Refreshments  
**10:00 am** Session 1  
**10:45 am** Break  
**11:15 am** Session 2  
**12:00 pm** Lunch  
**1:00 pm** Closing Prayer

**\$25 suggested donation,**  
includes refreshments.

Childcare available! Please email  
[lizsoderberg@outlook.com](mailto:lizsoderberg@outlook.com) in  
advance to reserve a spot.

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## Head Start Angel Project

November 14, 2017



For over 20 years, the parishioners of Sts. Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Church have generously purchased gifts for the children of the Boulder Head Start Program schools. Starting Sunday, November 11th, a Christmas tree with Angels will be displayed in the narthex. Each paper angel represents one child and is labeled with that child's name, age, and clothing sizes.

To participate in this wonderful program, please take one or more angels from the tree. Sign your name, and phone number on the correct color-coded angel list. (i.e. the color of the angel determines the color list.) **THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT!!!**

Take a shopping bag for each angel you choose. On the back of the angel is a list of items the child needs. Please try and provide **ALL** these items, in the correct sizes. It is also nice to provide a toy, but **NO CANDY**. **Please only do as many angels as you can provide for. Please return the bags by Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>!**

Please keep in mind that your purchases may be the only gifts the children receive for Christmas.

Please see Ashley Dzilvelis (303.884.7088 or [ashleydz1@hotmail.com](mailto:ashleydz1@hotmail.com))

~If you would prefer to make a cash donation, or give to Liz Troicky and Julie Powers.

~If you would like to help with the delivery of the gifts on Tuesday, December 19th.

Both Sts. Peter and Paul Philoptochos and the children of the Head Start program are very grateful for your loving spirit and kindness.

Thank you!