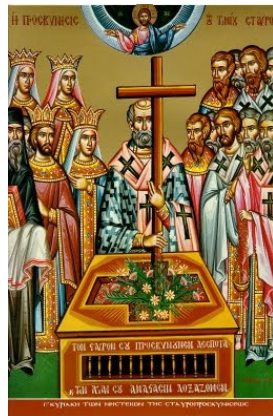




Sts. Peter & Paul Boulder

Weekly Bulletin Week of March 11, 2018



Sunday of the Holy Cross



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Service Schedule & Parish Activities

Pan Orthodox Vespers
Sunday, March 11, 5 pm

Host parish: St Dimitri Romanian (6060 Puritan Ln., Frederick)

Monday, March 12	Great Compline	6 pm
Wednesday, March 14	Presanctified Liturgy Lenten Dinner	6 pm 7:30 pm
Friday, March 16	Presanctified Liturgy Readers Salutations	8 am 7 pm
Saturday, March 17	Readers Vespers	5 pm
Sunday, March 18	Pan Orthodox Vespers St Elias Antiochian (7580 Pierce St, Arvada)	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

Ushers	Brian Gregory
Myrrhbearers	Alexandra, Elizabeth, Sophie, Cassie
Choir	Demetra, Georgia
Epistle Reader	Xander

Have an Announcement?

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

Why We Glorify the Cross During Great Lent

By Sergei V. Bulgakov

The purpose of instituting the Holy Cross in the service on the third Sunday will be revealed as a beautiful comparison by the Holy Church to the tree of life in paradise, the tree which sweetened the bitter waters of Marah, the tree with the canopy of leaves under whose shade tired travelers seeking the eternal promised land may find coolness and rest. Thus, the Holy Church offers the Holy Cross for spiritual reinforcement to those going through the ascetic effort of the fast, just as food, drink and rest serve as bodily reinforcement. This spiritual reinforcement is given as the representation of the love of God to man for whom the Son of God turned Himself over to death on the Cross. It is especially necessary in the middle of our effort because now our ascetic efforts already have lost much of the freshness of its power and however yet cannot hopefully enliven itself for the near and successful ending of our ascetical effort. Having concentrated all that is the most severe and sorrowful in the worship services of the previous weeks, especially during the first, that may both frighten the sinner and apparently touch the hardest of human hearts, now in the middle of the large and difficult arena of the Holy Forty Day Fast the Holy Church offers the Holy Cross for great comfort and encouragement as needed for raising the flagging strength of those fasting. Wherefore nothing can console, encourage, and inspire the fatigued, or perhaps even the Christian weakened in spirit so much as the presentation of the eternal divine love of the Savior who turned Himself over to the struggle on the Cross for the sake of our salvation.

For such a purpose the Holy Church offers the Cross on the third Sunday of Great Lent from of old. If the Lord suffered on a Cross for our sake then we also should practice asceticism unceasingly in fasting, prayer and other efforts of piety for His sake, discharging from ourselves and destroying in ourselves all that interferes with these efforts.

But how and for what will they approach the life-giving Cross of Christ in the course of the holy days of "the soul-pleasing Forty Day Fast" when they lead the usual sinful, vain, sensual life which, perhaps, even after Holy Confession and Holy Communion remain the same as before, with the same passions and with the same insensitivity and hardness of heart? How will they kiss the Holy Cross when during the holy days of the fast they strayed to the way of vice and yet have not taken the way to true repentance, the real struggle against their passions? How will they touch the pierced side of Christ, who in their heart and during the days the Lenten tenderness did not cease to be the source only of "evil desire, theft, usury, insult, cunning, temptation, shunning, abuse, arrogance, and foolishness"? How will those touch the Holy Tree, when their impure mouth opened only for idle talk and malicious gossip, for condemnation and slander, for grumbling and indignation? How will they look on the stretched body of Christ hanging on the Cross, who with cowardice yielded to any need of the flesh, satisfied all whims, and were afraid to give up for themselves even the excessively fashionable food and clothes? Will they even worship the Crucified One on the Cross? But then will their acts of worship be distinct from those genuflections, with which the warriors of Pilate fearlessly greeted the condemned Jesus on the cross? Will they even kiss the wounds of Christ? But would these kisses be better than the kiss of Judas?

So the negligence of people and the very saving suffering of Christ can turn into condemnation, and the word of comfort cross changes to a word of bitter accusations! So from the one cup of the eternal covenant, the Christian, faithful to his name, vigilant about his salvation, or renewed by true repentance, sings of life eternal; but those uncaring about salvation, insensitive to the voice of the grace of God sings eternal condemnation! But the Holy Church offers the life-giving Cross of Christ also to the careless in hope that the beneficial power of the Cross will also touch their heart and will urge them away from the deep sleep of the sinner. "They will respect my son" said the owner of the vineyard, sending his only son to the tenants who were grumbling against him (Mt. 21:7). "They will respect the wounds of the Son of God", as if thus the Holy Church speaks about her prodigal and disobedient children, offering them the sight of the life-giving Cross of Christ. She hopes that the sight of the Divine Sufferer will remind the sinners, that as they were baptized into the death of Christ, they promised to serve the Lord instead of the world and the devil, to please God instead of their flesh, to obey the will of God instead of their lusts and passions.

The Holy Church hopes that souls will be found though guilty, but not fallen into the depths of evil, not going towards the edge of hardness, by which a look at the instrument of the suffering of the Son of God will shakes the conscience, will prick the heart, will make the saving change of thoughts and feelings so that they will return from the temple as many returned from Golgotha, "beating their breasts" (Lk. 23:48), and in their life from now on will go by the way of faith, repentance and Christian piety. (See details in "Full Collection of the Sermons of Demetrius, Archbishop of Chersonese", vol. 4, pages 324-326). They, as Ambrose of Milan teaches, should "grieve and cry, however not pushing to despair, because the One who has enlightened the eyes of the man blind from birth (Jn. 9), can make them both zealous and firm in His service if only they want to return with a pure heart. Therefore, let them recognize they are in their blindness and let them run to the Physician who can enlighten them."

Events & Announcements

Special Tray for Holy Cross Seminary

Today, the Third Sunday of Great Lent, as we celebrate the Veneration of the Holy Cross, the Greek Orthodox Parishes throughout the Archdiocese of North America are offering a special gift for our Holy Cross Seminary located in Brookline, MA. The 2nd Tray offering will go directly to Holy Cross. **There are 3000 colleges and universities in America, 1200 of them faith-based, but here is only one Orthodox College, graduate school, and seminary in the Greek Orthodox Church.** Please help support the Holy Cross Seminary. Thank you

Sacrament of Confession

Father Jordan is available to hear confessions before the weekday lenten services. Contact Fr. Jordan to schedule your confession.

Liturgy of Saint Basil

The Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil is celebrated on the Sundays of Great Lent. The additional special prayers are available in the Narthex.

Pre-Sanctified Lenten Dinners

Wednesday Evenings During Great Lent

During the Great and Holy Lent, the church celebrates the Pre-sanctified Liturgy every Wednesday Evening (6 pm) and Friday morning (8 am). It has been a parish tradition to bring a Lenten dish. Parishioners are welcome and encouraged to bring a Lenten meal to the Wednesday evening service. On Wednesday, March 14th, the OCF College Ministry will be the host ministry for dinner.

Pan Orthodox Lenten Vespers, Sunday Evenings 5 pm

Each year the faithful of the Orthodox Christian churches throughout Colorado unite by visiting one another's parishes on the Sunday Evenings of Great Lent. We will gather this evening, March 11, at the St Dimitri Romanian Orthodox Church.

Pan-Orthodox Front Range Women's Retreat

"Journeying towards the Kingdom: a retreat for women, by women"

The Metropolis of Denver 2018 Women's Retreat will be held at Holy Apostles Orthodox Christian Church in Cheyenne, Wyoming. The event will take place from Friday, April 20, 2018, until Sunday, April 22, 2018. Women over the age of 18 years are invited to attend. The retreat is supported by the Holy Apostles Ladies Philoptochos of Cheyenne. Spread the word and register today! Lodging information and pertinent details are available at <https://denver.goarch.org/womens-retreat>

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Capital Maintenance Fundraiser

The Parish Council has identified several significant repairs necessary to the Fellowship Hall in order to keep the building safe and functional for the near future. These include repairs to the roof, replacement of crumbling bricks on the north side of the building, and the purchase of a new air conditioning unit. To make the needed repairs, we are initiating a Capital Maintenance fundraiser to raise \$35,000. To accomplish this, **all proceeds from the second basket will be directed toward the Capital Maintenance fund.** Additionally, any member of the congregation who would like to make a directed donation may speak with Fr. Jordan or any member of the Parish Council.

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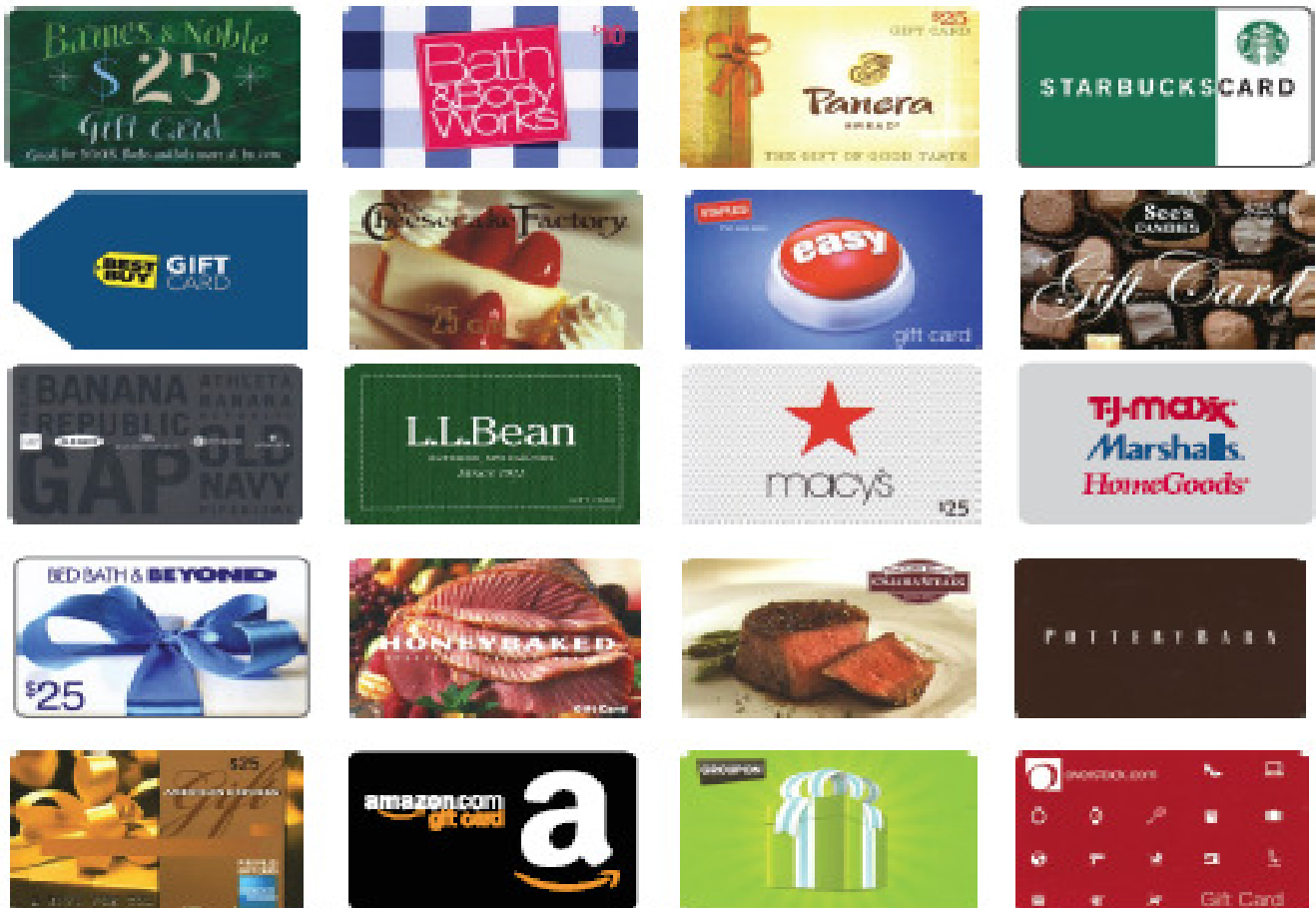
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