



Sts. Peter & Paul Boulder

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Elevation of the Holy Cross



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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

Monday, September 17	St. Sophia & Her Three Daughters	
	Orthros	7 am
	Divine Liturgy	8 am
	Parish Council Meeting	6:30 pm
Wednesday, September 19	Paraclesis	6 pm
	Orthodox Faith Class	7 pm
Friday, September 21	Bible Study	9 am
Saturday, September 22	Sunday School Teachers Workshop	9 am
	Great Vespers	5 pm
	(At the Holy Transfiguration OCA Cathedral)	

Hosts & Volunteers

Ushers	Manny & Candy Soulakis
Myrrhbearers	Alexandra, Elizabeth, Cassie, Sophie
Epistle Reader	Georgia

Have an Announcement?

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

St. Nektarios on the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

By Archimandrite Vasilios Bakoyannis

In the early 20th century, when Theoklitos I (+ 1931) was Archbishop of Athens, there appeared in our homeland certain people who saw things through Protestant eyes, and they created a problem in the Church, especially in the local Church of Athens.

Archbishop Theoklitos commissioned the scholar Saint Nektarios, Metropolitan of Pentapolis (+ 1920), to undo their heretical beliefs. And the Saint, having investigated the matter from a historical and theological perspective, wrote the study titled *Historical Study of the Honorable Cross*.

In this study, the Saint occupied himself with the Great Feast of the Exaltation of the Honorable Cross (September 14). He says that this festival is related to that of the Inauguration of the Church of the Resurrection, which took place on 13 September 335. Thus it was not established by Emperor Heraclius, but under Heraclius it was reestablished.

In summary, Saint Helen, with the "blessing" of the emperor and her son, Constantine, went to Jerusalem in 326 to find the Honorable Cross. They found the Cross, and the three nails that pierced Christ.

It was 6 March 326. As the Synaxarion for March 6th reads: "On this day, we commemorate the Finding of the Honorable Cross by the blessed Helen," and, "On this day, we commemorate the Finding of the Honorable Nails. This event, namely the finding of the Cross, is celebrated by the Church on the Third Sunday of Great Lent. "Today there is joy in heaven and on earth, for the sign of the Cross, has appeared in the world" (*Triodion*, Ode 3, Canon from Matins of the Third Sunday of Great Lent).

The horizontal part of the wood of the Cross was left behind by Saint Helen in the local Church of Jerusalem; the vertical was delivered to her son, Emperor Constantine. She also gave him two of the three nails which crucified the Lord (the third fell into the sea on the way to Constantinople).

One nail the emperor placed in his crown, the other in the bridle of his horse, according to the prophecy of Zechariah: "On that day holy to the Lord will be inscribed on the bridles of the horses." As the iambic verses for March 6th read: "The Nails can be seen in the crown of the Emperor, stored in the statue, and in the bridle of sovereignty."

Saint Helen returned to Jerusalem and built the famous Church of the Resurrection. The inauguration took place on 13 September 335, when the wood of the Cross was deposited. The day after the inauguration, September 14, they again raised up the Cross for the faithful to venerate it.

Since then, along with the Inauguration of the Church of the Resurrection on September 13, the next day on September 14 was the Exaltation of the Honorable Cross. This entire day was dedicated to the Cross. For which reason when Saint John Chrysostom reposed on 14 September 407, his commemoration was transferred to November 13th.

In 615 the Persians invaded Jerusalem; among the evils they committed (such as the massacres and captivity of Christians), they took the Cross. This is when the festival of the Cross ceased on September 14th. Eleven years later, in 626, Emperor Heraclius went on a campaign against the Persians and retrieved the Cross. In late autumn of 628 he returned to Constantinople with the Cross.

There was a warm welcome when he entered the city; and a doxological celebration began in Hagia Sophia. The Cross led the procession on a special carriage, followed by the emperor on his carriage, to the applause and cheers of thousands of fellow citizens.

On 14 September 629 the emperor delivered the Cross to Jerusalem to Patriarch Zacharias, who had been captured by the Persians and rescued by the emperor.

The emperor with the Cross, the patriarch, and all the clergy and laity together went up to Golgotha. The emperor lifted the Cross high up. Everyone knelt, with their foreheads to the floor, chanting once again and many times: "Lord have mercy."

They applauded the emperor, chanted the National Anthem, "Save O Lord Your people...," and they departed. From then on (14 September 629) the festival was reestablished, and it is still celebrated today. "Cross of Christ, save us by Your power." Amen.

Events & Announcements

Memorial Service

This morning we offer memorial prayers for Edith Helen Doukas (mother of Dena Tinsley and Tony Doukas. May her memory be eternal

Today is the 1st Sunday of Sunday School

There will be a special blessing for the Sunday School New Year at the end of the Divine Liturgy. The young people will have classes in the parish hall. **The high school class will be meeting in the 'Quiet / Cry Room,'** located in the back of the church.

Special 2nd Tray Offering for the Holy Cross Seminary

Did you know that over 90% of priests serving in the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America today are graduates of Hellenic College Holy Cross? Your gift today is helping us educate the next generation of Orthodox priests and lay leaders. What could be more important? You can honor our seminary with a gift by visiting www.hchc.edu/give. All the parishes on this Sunday celebrating the Feast of the Holy Cross is making a difference in the life of the church. Thank you

Sunday School Teachers & Parent Retreat & Sunday School Kick-off lunch and pool party

Retreat: Saturday, September 22, 9 am - 12 noon (Lunch provided)

Retreat Speaker: Father Christodoulos Papadeas

Kick-off Lunch & Pool Party: Sunday, September 23, 12:30 pm - 2 pm

At the Tinsley Home (1825 Chilton Place, Broomfield)

When a child is filled with Christ and from a young age goes to church with his/her parents, takes communion, chants, prays; later on when the child grows up and is far from his parents, even in difficult circumstances, he/she will be fine. - St Paisius

One of the most important and vital church ministries is ministering to our youth. **On Saturday, September 22, Sts Peter Paul will host a morning retreat for Sunday School Teachers, Youth Worker and Parents.** Father Christodoulos will be our retreat speaker. Father has many years of youth experience. I strongly encourage parents to participate in the Saturday morning retreat.

Weekday Bible Study

The Weekday morning Bible Study Class will begin on Friday, September 21, 9 am. All are welcome to participate in the morning Bible Study. Class will begin at 9 am (1 hour). Coffee and refreshments are provided.

GOYA Fellowship: Movie & Lunch Movie: "Unbroken: Path to Redemption"

When: Saturday, September 29

Where: Century Theatre (located at the 29th Street Mall)

Time: 1 pm @ Five Guys (1710 29th St / 29th Street Mall across from Macy's)

Father Jordan will meet the youth @ Five Guys for lunch. The movie is rated PG-13. Based on the best selling book, 'Unbroken: Path to Redemption,' which tells the story of the Olympian runner Louis Zamperini, who was a POW during WW II. It is a powerful story of forgiveness and redemption. Please RSVP with Father Jordan in order to purchase the tickets.

Adult Education: Orthodox Christian Faith Series

Are you interested in learning more about the Orthodox Christian Church? Do you have a desire to become an Orthodox Christian? Please join us for our next class which will take place on Wednesday, September 19, 7 pm. **The class topic will be "Salvation: Are you saved?"** If you have questions, please contact Father Jordan @ frjordanbrown@gmail.com or 303-581-1434. Lenten Soup and Salad are provided.

2019 Church Ecclesiastical Calendar

If you would like to sponsor the 2019 Church Calendar with your business, please contact Father Jordan @ frjordanbrown@gmail.com or 303-581-1434.

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College Ministry

Welcome back students! Our next OCF fellowship on campus will be Tuesday, September 25, 6 pm. Please join us!

Young Adult Fellowship

When: Sunday, September 16th, 2 pm

Where: home of Lauren Tatusko & AnneGrace Knudtsen
(address 1109 Cholla Lane, Broomfield - across from Broomfield High school)

Bring food and drinks to share

If you are out of college, in your 20s, early 30s, please join us!

Let us know that you can come! lmtatusko@yahoo.com

Holy Transfiguration of Christ Orthodox Cathedral Serving Metro Denver in Historic Globeville

Join us for our...

120th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, September 22

4 pm Memorial Service / 5 pm Great Vespers / 6 pm Reception
349 East 47th Avenue, Denver Web: OrthodoxDenver.org

The Mother of Denver Orthodox Churches

The Cathedral of Holy Transfiguration is the historical beginning of Orthodoxy in the Denver Metro region. Ours is a story of immigrants gathered in worship and recovering their true spiritual roots. Our is a continuing story of heeding God's call as Denver Orthodox in the 21st Century. JOIN US!

Festival Appreciation Dinner

Thank you for a great festival! The volunteers made all the difference. Sts Peter Paul was blessed with a successful parish festival. In appreciation of all the hardworking volunteers, we have scheduled a special Appreciation Dinner, Saturday, September 29, 6 pm.

ToO Photos

Please share your photos of the Festival! Go to the Photos section of our web site and upload them using our Dropbox link <http://stspeterandpaulboulder.org/parish-life/photos/>

ToO Thank You!!!

Many thanks to everyone for making the 15th annual Taste of Orthodoxy a huge success. We received rave reviews about the new "town square" format, the food, and the sense of community that was on display. This was truly a community event and we appreciate all of the effort given by so many to pull this festival off. A recap meeting will be held on Sunday, Sept 23 at noon in the hall. All are invited and encouraged to attend to give feedback on what worked well and suggestions for the future. The Volunteer Appreciation party will be Saturday, Sept 29 at 5pm.

ToO Volunteer Appreciation Party

Volunteer appreciation party will be Sat, Sept 29 starting with Vespers at 5pm. All are invited to attend. Details to follow this week.