



Sts. Peter & Paul Boulder

Weekly Bulletin Week of September 30th, 2018



St. Gregory, Enlightener of Armenia (September 30th)



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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

Wednesday, October 3	Bible Study	9 am
	Paracletis	6:00 pm
	Orthodox Faith Class	7:00 pm
Saturday, October 6	Philothonos Board Meeting	9 am
	Philothonos Brunch	10:30 am
	Readers Vespers	5 pm

Hosts & Volunteers

Fellowship Host	Zaronias Family
Ushers	Pete & Cindy Stamus
Myrrhbearers	Alexandra, Elizabeth, Cassie, Sophie
Epistle Reader	Xander

Have an Announcement?

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

Hieromartyr Gregory the Bishop of Greater Armenia, Equal of the Apostles and Enlightener of Armenia

(September 30th)

Life

The Hieromartyr Gregory, Enlightener of Greater Armenia, was born in the year 257. He was descended from the line of the Parthian Arsakid emperors. The father of Saint Gregory, Anak, in striving after the Armenian throne, had murdered his kinsman, the emperor Kursar, in consequence of which all the line of Anak was marked for destruction.

A certain kinsman saved Gregory: he carried off the infant from Armenia to Caesarea in Cappadocia and raised him in the Christian Faith. At maturity, Gregory married, had two sons, but soon was left a widower. Gregory raised his sons in piety. One of them -- Orthanes, afterwards became a priest, and the other -- Arostanes, accepted monasticism and went off into the wilderness.

In order to atone for the sin of his father, who had murdered the father of Tiridates, Gregory entered into the service of the latter and was a faithful servant to him. Tiridates loved Gregory like a friend, but he was intolerant of the Christian confession of faith. After ascending the Armenian throne, he began to demand that Saint Gregory renounce the Christian Faith.

The steadfastness of the saint embittered Tiridates, and he gave his faithful servant over to cruel tortures: they suspended the sufferer head downwards with a stone about his neck, for several days they choked him with a stinking smoke, they beat and ridiculed him, and forced him to walk in iron sandals inset with nails.

At the time of these sufferings Saint Gregory sang Psalms. In prison the Lord healed all his wounds. When Gregory again stood before the emperor cheerful and unharmed, he was astonished and gave orders to repeat the torments. Saint Gregory endured them, not wavering, with all his former determination and bearing. They then poured hot tin over him and threw him into a pit filled with vipers. The Lord, however, saved His chosen one: the snakes did him no harm.

Some pious women fed him with bread, secretly lowering it into the pit. A holy angel, appeared to the martyr, strengthening and encouraging him. Saint Gregory remained in the pit for fourteen years. During this time the emperor Tiridates executed the holy virgin Saint Rhipsime, the aged abbess Gaiana and another 35 virgins from one of the monasteries of Asia Minor. As punishment for this horrible deed, the king's face became disfigured.

Saint Gregory was released from the pit, and buried the relics of the holy virgins with honor. Then he began to preach to the people, urging them to turn away from the darkness of idolatry and toward Christ. The people came to believe in Christ, and wished to build a large church. When it was completed, Saint Gregory had the relics of the holy nuns brought into it. Then he brought King Tiridates there before the bodies of the saints whom he had slain. He repented, and immediately his face was made whole once more.

Soon all of Armenia was converted to Christ. The temples of the idols were destroyed, and churches for the worship of the true God were built. Saint Gregory ordained priests, established schools, founded monasteries, and provided for the good order of the Church.

Saint Gregory went into the wilderness, where he departed to the Lord. His son Aristanes was made a bishop in Cappadocia, and was one of the 318 holy Fathers at the Council of Nicea.

Reflection

By St. Nikolai Velimirovich

Marvelous changes occur daily in the destiny of men - in the present, as in times past. Those humiliated for the sake of God's righteousness are raised to great heights, and the blasphemers of the Faith are converted to servants of the Faith. King Tiridates threw St. Gregory into a deep pit. The saint spent fourteen years in that pit, forgotten by the entire world, but not by God. Who among men could have thought that the greatest light of the Armenian people was to be found in the darkness of a pit? And who would have ever thought that the powerful and tyrannical King Tiridates would one day save the life of that same Gregory, whom he had condemned to death, and would help him more than the rest of the whole world could help him? After fourteen years, God revealed Gregory as still alive. Gregory then miraculously healed the insane king. King Tiridates, the unrestrained persecutor of Christ, was baptized and became the greatest zealot for the Christian Faith! It could be said that, with God's help, Gregory and Tiridates were both drawn out of the pit of darkness - Gregory a physical one, and Tiridates a spiritual one. Oh, the infinite wisdom of God in governing the destinies of men! The formerly wild and passionate Tiridates was softened and ennobled so much by repentance and the Christian Faith, that he came to resemble St. Gregory more than his old, unrepentant self.

Events & Announcements

Youth Nativity Choir Practice

Middle-school and high-school students, after Sunday school please join Presbytera Marika in the middle-school room at 11:15 a.m. to learn Nativity hymns. This will help to prepare for our Nativity program.

Memorial Service

Today's memorial service is offered for Ioannis Zaronias, father of Dr Dimitri Zaronias. May his memory be eternal. The Fellowship hour is sponsored today by the Zaronias family in memory of Ioannis.

2nd Tray Offering

The 2nd Tray donations go directly to the needs of parish hall improvements and repairs. On special occasions, the 2nd Tray will be offered for the Seminary and ministry of International Orthodox Charities (Hurricane / Flood Relief Funds), and St Basil's Academy. Thank you for all your support!

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, October 3, 7 pm. **The class topic will be "The Presence of Jesus Christ: Sacrament of Holy Communion."** If you have have questions, please contact Father Jordan @ frjordanbrown@gmail.com or 303-581-1434. Lenten meal is provided.

Weekday Bible Study - Wednesday, October 3, 9 am

All our welcome to participate in the morning Bible Study. Class will begin at 9 am (1 hour). Coffee and refreshments 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.

College Ministry—Tuesday, October 9, 6 pm

Attention college students! Join us for lunch today at 1 pm. We will meet for lunch with Fr. Jordan at the "Five Guys Burgers" located at the 29th Street Mall (across from the Macy's) We will meet for dinner & fellowship at the St Thomas Student Catholic Center (corner of 15th & Euclid / near the Hill) at 6 pm. Evening prayer in the chapel at 7 pm. **If you need a ride to church on Sunday, please contact Father Jordan.**

Senior Ministry Brunch - Friday, October 26th; 9:30 am

Dear Seniors, Please join us on the Feast of St Dimitrios for a wonderful time of prayer and fellowship. There will be a special brunch offered for our Seniors after the Divine Liturgy. If you have any questions or need a ride, please contact Dena Tinsley @ 724-705-3225 or Father Jordan @ 720-329-5212. Dena Tinsley and Nicole Tsiouvaras will be coordinating the Senior Ministry for Sts Peter Paul. It is our hope to have a monthly activity for our seniors scheduled around a weekday Church Feast Day. If you would like to help with one of the monthly senior luncheons, please contact either Dena, Nicole or Father Jordan.

Usher Schedule or October

Oct 7	George & Nicole Tsiouvaras
Oct 14	Jim Zissimos
Oct 21	Chris & Nancy Artemis
Oct 28	Jim Azar