



Sts. Peter & Paul Boulder

Weekly Bulletin Week of October 14th, 2018



St. Longinus the Centurion, October 16th



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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.

Have an Announcement?

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

Service Schedule & Parish Activities

Tuesday, October 16	Feast St. Longinus	
	Orthros Service	8 am
	Divine Liturgy	9 am
Wednesday, October 17	Bible Study	9 am
	Paraclesis Service	6 pm
	Orthodox Faith Class	7 pm
Thursday, October 18	Feast of St Luke	
	Evening Divine Liturgy	5:30 pm
	(Service will be celebrated at the St Luke Church in Erie.)	
Friday, October 20	Feast of Sts Gerasimos & Artemios	
	Orthros Service	7 am
	Divine Liturgy	8 am
Saturday, October 20	Great Vespers	5 pm

Hosts & Volunteers

Ushers	Jim Ziximos
Myrrhbearers	Alexandra, Elizabeth, Cassie, Sophie
Epistle Reader	Georgia

The Holy Martyr Longinus the Centurion

(Commemorated October 16th)

By St. Nikolai Velimirovich

The divine Matthew the Evangelist, in describing the passion of the Lord Jesus Christ, says: "Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, "Truly this was the Son of God"" (Matthew 27:54). That centurion was this blessed Longinus, who with two other of his soldiers came to believe in Jesus, the Son of God.

Longinus was chief of the soldiers who were present at the Crucifixion of the Lord on Golgotha, and was also the chief of the watch that guarded the tomb. When the Jewish elders learned of the Resurrection of Christ, they bribed the soldiers to spread the false news that Christ did not resurrect, but rather that His disciples stole His body. The Jews also tried to bribe Longinus, but he did not allow himself to be bribed. Then the Jews resorted to their usual strategy: they decided to kill Longinus. Learning of this, Longinus removed his military belt, was baptized with his two companions by an apostle, secretly left Jerusalem and moved to Cappadocia with his companions. There, he devoted himself to fasting and prayer and, as a living witness of Christ's Resurrection, converted many pagans to the true Faith by his witness.

After that, he withdrew to a village on the estate of his father. Even there, however, the malice of the Jews did not leave him in peace. Due to the calumnies of the Jews, Pilate dispatched soldiers to behead Longinus. St. Longinus foresaw in the spirit the approach of his executioners and went out to meet them. He brought them to his home, not telling them who he was.

He was a good host to the soldiers, and soon they lay down to sleep. But St. Longinus stood up to pray, and prayed all night long, preparing himself for death. In the morning, he called his two companions to him, clothed himself in white burial clothes, and instructed the other members of his household to bury him on a particular small hill. He then went to the soldiers and told them that he was that Longinus whom they were seeking. The soldiers were perplexed and ashamed, and could not even contemplate beheading Longinus, but he insisted that they fulfill the order of their superior.

Thus, Longinus and his two companions were beheaded. The soldiers took Longinus's head to Pilate, and he turned it over to the Jews. They threw it on a dung heap outside the city.

The first appearance of the Holy Martyr Longinus was as follows: Much time had passed since his martyrdom when it happened that a widow in Cappadocia became blind. The doctors were unable to do anything at all for her. Suddenly, the thought came to her to go to Jerusalem and venerate the holy places there, hoping that she might find help. She had an only son, a boy, who served as her guide, but as soon as they arrived in Jerusalem, her son died of an illness. Oh, how immeasurable was her sorrow! Having lost her eyes, she now lost her only son, whose eyes had guided her. But in her pain and sorrow, St. Longinus appeared to her and comforted her with the promise that he would restore her sight and reveal to her the heavenly glory in which her son now dwelt. Longinus told her everything about himself, and told her to go outside the city walls to the dung heap, and there to dig up his head, and that she herself would see what would happen next. The woman arose and, stumbling, somehow managed to get out of the city. She cried out for someone to lead her to the dung heap and to leave her there. When she was led to the dung heap, she bent down and began to dig with her hands, having a strong faith that she would find that for which the saint asked. As she was digging, she touched the holy martyr's buried head, and her eyes were opened, and she saw a man's head beneath her hands. Filled with gratitude to God and great joy, she took the head of St. Longinus, washed it, censed it, and placed it in her home as the most precious treasure on earth.

The second appearance of the Holy Martyr Longinus: When Longinus appeared to the blind widow whose son had died, he promised to restore her sight and to reveal her son in great glory. Finding the relics of the holy martyr and touching them with her hands, the widow immediately regained her sight, and thus, one promise was fulfilled. The following night, St. Longinus appeared to the widow in radiant attire, holding her son by the hand, who was also clothed resplendently. Caressing the child like a father, Longinus said: "Woman, behold your son for whom you weep so much! Look at the honor and glory given him; look and be comforted. God has numbered him among the heavenly ranks who live in His Kingdom. I have now brought him from the Savior, and he will never be parted from me. Take my head and your son's body, and bury them together in one coffin. Mourn your son no longer, and let not your heart be troubled, for great glory, joy, and endless rejoicing is given him from God." Seeing and hearing all this, the woman was filled with great joy, and she returned to her home, saying to herself: "I asked for bodily eyes and I found spiritual eyes. I was saddened at the death of my son, and now I have him in heaven, where he remains in glory with the prophets and rejoices with them unceasingly."

Events & Announcements

Weekday Bible Study - Wednesday, October 17, 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.

Orthodox Christian Faith Series - Wednesday, October 17, 7 pm

Are you interested in learning more about the Orthodox Christian Church? Do you have a desire to become an Orthodox Christian? **The class topic will be “The Presence of Jesus Christ: Sacrament of Holy Communion,” part 2 and “The Virgin Mary & the Saints.”** If you have have questions, please contact Father Jordan @ frjordanbrown@gmail.com or 303-581-1434. Lenten meal is provided.

GOYA High School Lunch - Sunday, October 14, 12:30 pm

Attention all high schoolers! We will meet at the ‘Smash Burger’ located at the 29th Street Mall. Parents, please drop off your children, and pick them up around 1:30 pm. This is a great opportunity for our young people to have some real one on one time with Father Jordan. Cost: 1 big smile

Middle School/High School GOYA Lunch - Sunday, October 28, 12:30 pm

Where: @ the home of Dana Gall (3988 Campo Court)

Parents please drop off your children at 12:30, and pick them up at 1:30 pm.

College Ministry - Tuesday, October 23, 6 pm

Please join us for our next OCF fellowship on campus! 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.**

St Luke Feast Day - Thursday, October 18, 5:30 pm

Our sister parish, St Luke Antiochian Orthodox Church, located in Erie, will be celebrating their Patronal Feast Day.

Pan - Orthodox Youth Corn Maze! – Registration Deadline October 22nd

This year, Sts Peter and Paul will be hosting this annual Youth Event. This special youth event is offered for all middle and high school age children. **Tickets at the group rate are \$16 / person. Dinner will be provided. RSVP Deadline is Monday, October 22nd.** Please contact Father Jordan at 720-329-5212 or frjordanbrown@gmail.com to reserve your spot. **Youth from our sister parishes will join us for Saturday Evening Prayers (Vespers) at 5 pm. We will have dinner in the parish hall at 6 pm, and depart for Anderson Farms Corn Maze.** Please call Father Jordan if you are able to help with driving.

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.

Events & Announcements

Adult Parish Retreat

Thursday, November 1st, 11 am

Saturday, November 3rd, 5 pm

Theme: "The Heart of a Shepherd"

Speakers: Father Gregory and Kouria Frederica Mathewes - Green

Location: St Spyridon Orthodox Church, Loveland, CO

With great joy and anticipation, St. Spyridon Orthodox Church is pleased to announce the visit of Fr Gregory & Frederica Mathewes-Green. **Khouria (Presbytera Frederica will speak after the Liturgy for Sts Cosmas and Damian on November 1 (around 11 am) about her life as a Khouria (the title of an Antiochian priest's wife) and as an Orthodox writer.** Free-will offererings will be taken. After Vespers (5 pm) on November 3rd, Fr Gregory will reflect on his 40 years of experience as a parish priest. There will be refreshments after each event.

Fr Gregory is the founding pastor of Holy Cross Orthodox Church, located in Linthicum, MD. He was as Episcopal priest for 15 years before he made the decision to enter Holy Orthodoxy. Fr Gregory recently retired and moved to Tennessee where he will assist his son at Christ the Savior Greek Orthodox Church, in Bluff City, TN. **Frederica Mathewes-Green is an author and speaker. She has written 10 books on Orthodoxy.** She also writes movie reviews and commentary for National Review Online, and other articles for a wide range of publications including Christianity Today, Books & Culture, and First Things. She and Fr Gregory have been married since 1974 and have three children and fourteen grandchildren.

Dome & Cross Blessing - Sunday, November 4

Please join us for this Parish Milestone. His Eminence Metropolitan Isaiah will lead us in special prayers for the completion of the Dome and Cross. The blessing will take place during the Hierarchal Divine Liturgy beginning at 9:30 am. There will be a luncheon with His Eminence immediately following the Divine Services.

Would you consider becoming a member of the Parish Council?

We are seeking nominations for the 2019 Parish Council for our fall parish assembly on Sunday November 11. If you are interested or want to learn more about it, please contact Pete Stamus (pasconsulting@earthlink.net) or Father Jordan (frjordanbrown@gmail.com). Thank you!