



Sts. Peter & Paul Boulder

Weekly Bulletin Week of November 11th, 2018



St. Menas, Feastday November 11th



Contact Info

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Greek Orthodox Church**
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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

Tuesday, November 13	OCF College Ministry	12 pm
Wednesday, November 14	Bible Study	9 am
	Divine Liturgy	6 pm
	Orthodox Christian Faith Class	7:30 pm
Thursday, November 16	Feast of St. Matthew	
	Divine Liturgy	7 am
Saturday, November 17	Great Vespers	5 pm

Hosts & Volunteers

Fellowship Host	Philoptochos
Ushers	Dion & Kiki Cheronis
Myrrhbearers	Alexandra, Elizabeth, Cassie, Sophie
Epistle Reader	Xander

Have an Announcement?

Please contact Aaron Wall:
awall609@yahoo.com;
(720) 400-6579
Deadline is every Wed. before Divine Liturgy.

Holy Martyr Menas of Egypt

(Feastday November 11th)

The Miracle of St. Menas in El Alamein in 1942



Fresco from the Holy Cell of St. Menas, Great Lavra Monastery, Mount Athos

In June 1942, during the North-Africa campaign that was decisive for the outcome of the Second World War, the German forces under the command of General Rommel were on their way to Alexandria, and happened to make a halt near a place which the Arabs call El Alamein (the place of Menas). An ancient ruined church nearby in Abu Mena was dedicated to Saint Menas; there some people say he is buried. Here the weaker Allied forces, including some Greeks, confronted the numerically and militarily superior German army, and the result of the coming battle of El Alamein seemed certain.

During the first night of engagement, at midnight, Saint Menas came out of his ruined church and appeared in the midst of the German camp at the head of a caravan of camels, exactly as he was shown on the walls of the ruined church in one of the frescoes depicting his miracles. This astounding and terrifying apparition so undermined German morale that it contributed to the brilliant victory of the Allies.

Winston Churchill said of this victory: "Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end, but it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning." He also wrote: "Before Alamein we never had a victory. After Alamein, we never had a defeat."

The Egyptian Gazette refers to this miracle in its November 10, 1942 issue. On November 11, 1942 the Patriarch of Alexandria Christophoros II celebrated the feast of Saint Menas in the Church of Saint Savvas and gave thanks to God for this miracle. As a token of gratitude for the victory, the Allies offered the site to the Patriarchate of Alexandria. The Church of Saint Menas was restored by the Coptic Church on November 27, 1959. These events helped revive the celebration of Saint Menas.

The 1826 Miracle of St. Menas in Heraklion, Crete

This miracle of Saint Menas took place in 1826 in Heraklion, Crete. Five years prior was the beginning of the Greek Revolution and the Turks had slaughtered a great number of Greeks in Crete, most noteworthy being the Metropolitan of Crete together with many of his bishops of various districts on June 24, 1821 in the Cathedral of Saint Menas, together with the officiating priest who was slaughtered on the very altar during the Divine Liturgy.

Five years later the Turks were devising another slaughter of the Christians on April 18, 1826, which was the Feast of Pascha when all Christians of the city would gather to celebrate the Feast of Feasts. To distract them they set fires on Pascha in various areas of the city and many gathered towards the church to celebrate the feast and sing "Christ is risen!"

As the gospel was being read proclaiming the Resurrection Feast, suddenly a gray haired man appeared and began running around the church holding a sword, and the faithful saw him chase away the Turks who were devising the slaughter.

The Turks thought the man was a fellow Muslim who was sent by the governor of the city to call off the slaughter. However the governor assured them he had sent no one and in fact had not left his home that night. It was then that the Turks realized that this was a miracle of Saint Menas to save the Greeks. It is for this reason that Muslims began honoring Saint Menas and bringing gifts to the church.

This event is celebrated annually at the Cathedral of Saint Menas by the people of Heraklion on Bright Tuesday, and during Great Vespers his relics are venerated by the faithful.

Events & Announcements

Today, We Welcome Father Thomas Lynch

Father Thomas serves the St. John Greek Orthodox Church located in Pueblo, Colorado. Father Jordan is with Archbishop Demetrios and Metropolitan Isaiah celebrating the 100th Year Anniversary of the Annunciation Cathedral of Houston, Texas.

Memorial Service

Today's memorial service is offered for the parents and relatives of Kiki Cheronis.

Dimitri, Ioanna (parents), **Christina, Eleni, Anastasia, Nikos, Efstathios and Athanasios** (aunts & uncles).

Special 2nd Tray Offering Today

The 2nd Tray today will be offered for the Philoptochos Ministry.

The fellowship coffee today is sponsored by the Philoptochos.

General Assembly Today

We will have our Fall General Assembly today immediately following services. Please make every effort to participate in today's General Assembly.

Philoptochos Sunday

Today is Philoptochos Sunday! Philoptochos is an army of women whose collective drive, dedication and heart help those who need it most. Philoptochos is compassion; it is love; it is strength. Philoptochos is everyone. Be part of a philanthropic movement! Join us for Sunday brunch after church to celebrate our movement. We will be collecting monetary donations for the Boulder County Head Start Angel Program. We thank you for sponsoring an angel from the tree, but we fall short every year, and are looking to raise an additional \$1000.00 to purchase clothing and gifts for these awesome kids.

Nativity Advent Fast - November 15th

The first day of the Advent Fast preparing the faithful for the celebration of our Lord and Savior's Birth begins on November 15. The Nativity Christmas Fast is a wonderful time to prayerfully reflect on the true meaning of Christmas, the Birth of Jesus Christ.

Orthodox Christian Faith Series - Wednesday, November 14, 7:30 pm

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. **The class topic will be "Prayer and Fasting."** If you have questions, please contact Father Jordan at frjordanbrown@gmail.com or 303-581-1434. A Lenten meal will be provided.

Weekday Bible Study - Wednesday, November 14, 9 am

All are welcome to participate in the morning Bible Study. Class will begin at 9 am. Coffee and refreshments are provided.

Philoptochos Annual Jewelry Fund Raiser - November 18th

On Sunday November 18th following Divine Liturgy, Heather Gilmore with Premier Designs will be with us showcasing Premier's jewelry collection. Stop by the table set up in the hall and order some jewelry. For every \$75 you purchase, you will receive any item for 50% off. If you are unable to make it this Sunday but would like to see a catalog, see Lis Troicky or you can view the catalog online at www.GilmoreGems.com. When you place your order, don't forget to mention that your order is to benefit the Philoptochos of Sts Peter & Paul! Thank you for your support!

Advent Kickoff – December 1st, 4 pm - 7 pm

St. Spyridon Orthodox Church will host a Community Advent Event. Join us and build an advent calendar to use throughout the month of December. The event will include Vespers, a homily given by guest speaker Fr. Jordan Brown, and a potluck dinner. The Nativity calendars will contain - a daily jigsaw piece culminating in a icon of the Nativity of Christ, daily readings in preparation for the feast, coins for kindness, weekly feast day icon ornaments, and much more!

Registration deadline is November 25th. Register at:

stspyridon.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/174738

Cost: \$25.00 per Calendar (We recommend one calendar for each household)

Contact Anna Grace Knudtsen with any questions; agknudtsen@saintspyridon.church; 303-667-9871

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Upcoming Youth Events

OCF - College Ministry
Lunch on campus: Tuesday, November 13, 12-2 pm
Dinner, November 27, 6 pm

GOYA Fall Retreat - November 17 & 18

GOYA Fireside Chat (Discussion & Dinner) - Saturday, December 8
Where: Home of Fr. Jordan & Presbyteria Marika

Shut-in & Nursing Home Visitations with Father Jordan - December 15
We will prepare gift bags and sing Christmas Carols / Nativity Hymns

GOYA Christmas Carol Visitations with Father Jordan
Saturday, December 15

Sunday School Christmas Pageant
Sunday, December 16

St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival

The official topics for the 2019 St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival have been released. We usually hold a parish-level festival in early spring, so if you're interested in competing and you're in grades 7 through 12, please see this page for further information about choosing a topic:

<https://www.goarch.org/-/2019-st-john-chrysostom-oratorical-festival-topics?inheritRedirect=true>

Church Etiquette

The Holy Bread - Antidoron

After taking Holy Communion and at the end of the Liturgy, it is traditional to eat a piece of holy bread or antidoron - the Holy Bread that was left over after Holy Communion was prepared. While antidoron is not Holy Communion, it is blessed bread, and as such, should be eaten properly so that crumbs do not fall all over the place. After taking Communion and at the end of the Divine Liturgy, receive the antidoron, and when you return to your seat, eat the blessed bread trying not to drop the crumbs. Please help your children to receive the antidoron, and eat it respectfully. We have a tradition in the church to take extra antidoron, and eat a small piece with Holy Water in the morning during the week days. The antidoron is available in the parish hall after the Divine Services for you to take home.

Wearing Chapstick, Lip Gloss, & Lipstick

Please blot your lips well before venerating an icon, taking Holy Communion, or kissing the cross or the hands of clergy. Lip products may look good on you, but they look horrible on our icons, crosses, the Communion spoon, and the hands of clergy.

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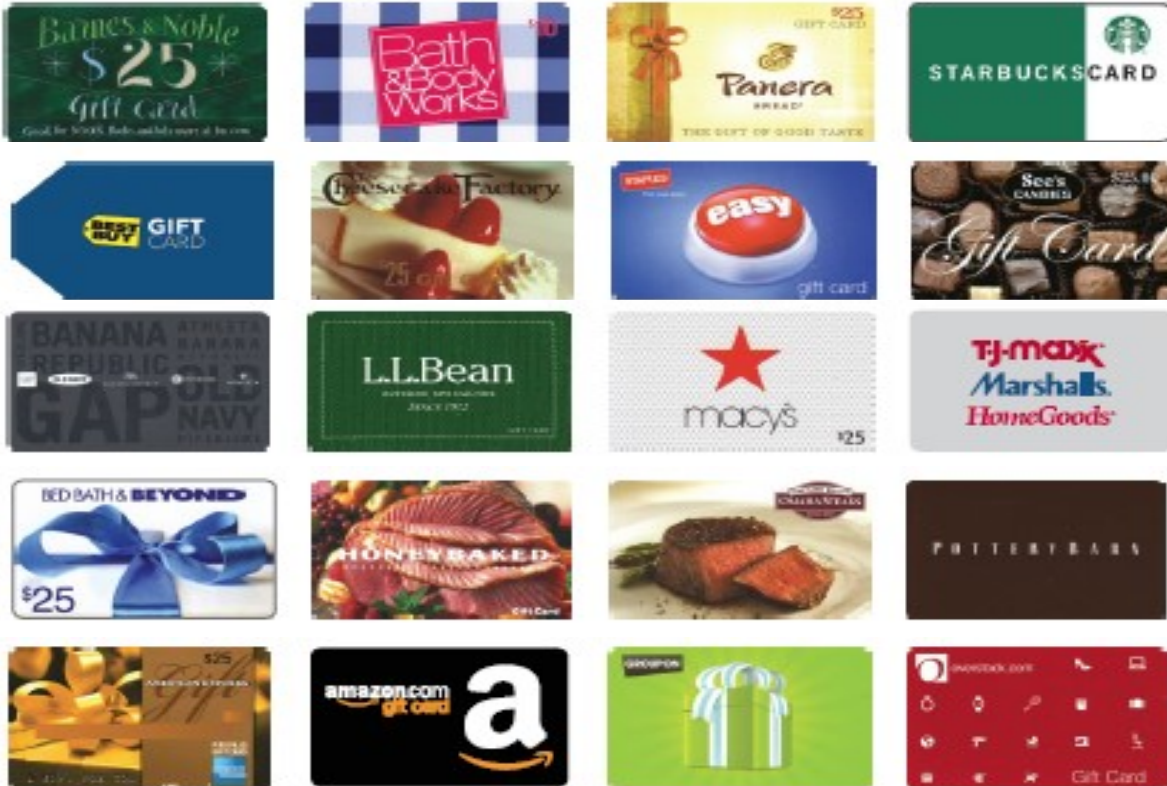
Bi-Annual Philoptochos Fund Raiser:

Various Gift Cards

Support Philoptochos
with special order gift cards!

A percentage of every sale comes directly to us!

• Christmas * Birthdays * Personal Shopping *



...and hundreds more!

Order Deadline: Nov 11th to receive by Nov 18

See Lis Troicky after church on Nov 11th to view a list of gift cards and place your order - or - 720-771-7786 / etroick@aol.com



2018 Head Start Angel Project

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 12th, a Christmas tree with Angels will be displayed in the fellowship hall. 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.)**

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 complete angels as you can provide for. Please return the bags by Sunday, December 9th!**

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

Please see Ashley Dzielvelis (303.884.7088 or ashleydz1@hotmail.com)

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

If you would like to help with the delivery of the gifts on Tuesday, December 18th

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