



Sts. Peter & Paul Boulder

Weekly Bulletin Week of November 18th, 2018



Entrance of the Theotokos - November 21st



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

Wednesday, November 21

Entrance of the Theotokos
Orthros
Divine Liturgy

8 am
9 am

Saturday, November 24

Feast of St Catherine
Great Vespers

6 pm

(at St Catherine Greek Orthodox Church, Greenwood Village)

Hosts & Volunteers

Ushers	John & Sharon Dzilvelis
Myrrhbearers	Demetra, Cassie, Sophie
Epistle Reader	Niko

Have an Announcement?

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

The House of God: A Homily for the Entry of the Theotokos (Commemorated November 21st)

By St. John of Kronstadt

*Let us faithfully praise the Virgin Mary,
for she is brought into the Holy of Holies,
to be raised in the Lord.*

Oikos from Matins

On this day, my brethren, the holy Church celebrates the solemn Entry into the temple in Jerusalem of the three-year-old child, Mary—the blessed daughter of righteous parents, Joachim and Anna—to be instructed in the Lord. Zacharias—the elder and high priest—meets her with priestly splendor; and as he was instructed to do by the Spirit of God, he brings her, accompanied by young maidens, into the most interior part of the temple, the Holy of Holies, where the high priest himself enters but once a year, and where the Holy of Holies, the Lord Himself dwelt—for she was to become the Mother of His flesh.

How did the most blessed Virgin spend her time in the temple? Taught the Hebrew written language and prayer by the Holy Spirit through the maidens, she spent her time in prayer, reading of the word of God (as you can see on the icon of the Annunciation), in divine contemplation, and handiwork. Her love for converse with God and for reading the word of God was so great that she forgot about food and drink, and an Archangel brought her heavenly food at God's request, as the Church sings in the stichera for today's feast.

What an excellent example for fathers, mothers, and their children; for Christian maidens and youths! They are obligated as followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, as servants of the Heavenly Queen, the Mother of God, and Founder of Spiritual Instruction (meaning the Church to which they belong), to emulate as well as they can her fervent love for God, her zeal for reading the word of God, for prayer, for divine contemplation, self-restraint, and love of labor! If we do not want to be falsely called spiritual members of Christ's Church—that holy House of God, the Queen and Mother of which is the Most Holy Virgin—then we should also have the same thoughts as She has. May her children by grace be of one spirit with Her! Let them learn from her how to love the Lord, our Creator, more than anything else in the world, more than father and mother, more than anyone dear to us; how to avidly study the word of God—something unfortunately not seen amongst the disciples of Jesus Christ; learn with what warmth of heart and love we must pray to the Lord; how we must dedicate ourselves to him wholeheartedly; how to entrust our fate to His wise and all-good Providence; with what purity, meekness, humility, and patience we must always clothe and adorn ourselves and not with the vain embellishments of this adulterous and sinful world which knows no bounds of luxury and elegance in bodily clothing; how to love a life with God and the saints "more than to dwell in the tents of sinners" (Ps. 83:11).

Since the Most Holy Virgin was brought into the temple to be instructed in the Lord, let us talk now about the benefit and necessity of going to the church of God as the house of God and place where we are raised for the Heavenly Fatherland. We are called Christians, and we are all called by Jesus Christ to the Heavenly Fatherland, to be heavenly citizens, Divine inheritors, co-inheritors with Christ. Our calling is very high, our duties are also just as important; our spirit should be very exalted, holy, meek, and humble.

Who will show us what makes up our Christian calling and duty, of what spirit we must be, and how we should behave ourselves in various life situations? Who will give us the strength to live in the spirit of Christ—holy? The Church gives us all this. We can receive these spiritual powers in the temple of God through the Sacraments. Here a heavenly, unearthly spirit hovers; here is the school of Jesus Christ, in which future heavenly citizens are educated. Here you will receive heavenly lessons from the Divine Teacher, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit in the Gospels. Here is heavenly food and heavenly drink, spiritual, heavenly garments, and spiritual armaments against the enemies of salvation. Here you will receive the peace that is a foretaste of heaven, so necessary to our spiritual activity and education, and strength for spiritual labors and struggle with sin. Here we partake of sweet conversation with our Heavenly Father and the Most Holy Queen and Mother of God, with the angels of the Lord and saints. Here we learn how to pray, and for what to pray. Here you will find examples of all the Christian virtues in the saints who are glorified each day by the Church. Here, gathered together in the house of God, as children of one Heavenly Father, as members of the mystical body of Christ, we learn how to love one another—member loving member, as members of Christ, as Christ Himself.

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See how beneficial, how necessary it is for a Christian to visit God's church. It is a school of faith and piety founded by God, a sacred treasure "according as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness" (2 Pet. 1:3), the treasury of all the Mysteries of Christ! But the benefit and necessity for the Christian of attending God's church is more clearly revealed by comparing the church with the vain world, to which we prefer to go instead of church. What do you find in the world, and what in church?

In the world, at every step there is vanity, delusion, and vice; in the church is truth, sanctity, and every kind of virtue. In the world is corruption, sin, and death; in the church is the incorruption of the saints and eternal life. Outside the church you see objects of worldly vanity that feed on "the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life" (1 Jn. 2:16). You see the things that constantly entice and captivate people, and cause them to neglect the commandments of God, the Creator and Savior of all. For example, here in this building were kept fabrics of every sort and color. Those fabrics are the object of adoration of the daughters of men. They lived for them, were inspired by them, rejoiced over them, but not over God. Here the sparkle of various items of silver and gold stunned and enticed the gaze of those who worship everything glittering and beautiful. In a word—no matter where you direct your attention in the world, you will see only decay, vanity, and sin; everywhere is the earthly and worldly. Empty, vain conversations, vain activity that gives almost no reminder of heaven, God, and the other life. Only in pious homes do the icons of the Lord Jesus Christ, His Most Pure Mother, and His saints remind the thoughtful that we, Christians and members of Christ, members of His kingdom, look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the age to come, in which we shall unite with the Lord and the saints, having cleansed ourselves of all defilement of flesh and spirit.

Thus, do you see what a difference there is between the temple--the house of God, and the world? Do you see how beneficial and necessary it is for a Christian to visit the temple of God in order to educate himself for the Heavenly Fatherland, in order to bring the spirit of Christ into himself, to engender heavenly, saintly manners? For, where else besides God's temple will you hear the word of God; where, beside in church, will you receive the mysteries of faith; where will you obtain the strength to live in a Christian way? All of this is in church and from church.

Love going to God's church, and prepare a temple of your own selves for God: "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ" (1 Pet. 2:5). Let parents, teachers, and relatives take or send their children to church often, every Sunday and feast day without fail, and not to the theatre, where they will only learn what the young should not know. In church, they will hear the name of the Lord more frequently; they will learn the great truth of the creation of the world and mankind; they will come to know the Savior, the Mother of God, and the names of the saints. They will learn about the resurrection of the dead, the future judgment, the future life, and the eternal torments of sinners. They will learn from the Spirit of God to be good Christians; and that is more valuable than anything in the world. Amen.



DECEMBER 1ST, 2018 ADVENT KICKOFF

Build Your Way Through Advent...

Join us for our community Advent kickoff, and build an advent calendar to use throughout the month of December. The event will also 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 an icon of the Nativity of Christ, daily readings in preparation for the feast, coins for kindness, weekly feast day icon ornaments, and much more!

Register: stspyridon.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/174738

- Deadline November 25th

Cost: \$25.00 per Calendar

- We recommend one calendar for each household

Contact: AnnaGrace Knudtsen with any questions

- agknudtsen@saintspyridon.church
- 303-667-9871

**Create a Nativity
Icon Jigsaw Puzzle in
Advent!**

**Vespers and Potluck
Dinner**

**Speaker Fr. Jordan
Brown**

**Saturday 4:00 –
7:00pm**

**Register by
November 25th!**

**ST. SPYRIDON ORTHODOX
CHURCH**

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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.

Events & Announcements

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).

40 Day Blessing

Congratulations to Jamie and Philip Inzerillo on the birth of their daughter, Collette. Today we celebrate the 40 day blessing for mother and daughter.

Philoptochos Annual Jewelry Fund Raiser – TODAY - November 18th

Today, 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 (makes GREAT gifts for birthdays, Christmas!). 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!

General Assembly - Sunday, December 2

Please note our Fall General Assembly has been rescheduled for **Sunday, December 2**. This will be a very important General Assembly. We will be discussing the Parish Council Elections and Parish Budget of 2019. Your participation will be greatly appreciated. Thank you

Nativity Advent Fast Begins

The first day of the Advent Fast preparing the faithful for the celebration of our Lord and Savior's Birth began 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. **There is dispensation to break the fast on Thanksgiving Day.**

Nativity Christmas Pageant Practice

There will be no practice for the Pageant today. The next practice for our young people preparing for the Nativity Pageant will be Sunday, December 2. Pageant Practice will take place in the church on December 2. If you have questions, please see Presbytera Marika.

Orthodox Christian Faith Series - Wednesday, November 28, 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 "The Sacrament of Baptism." 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 28, 9 am

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

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!

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OCF Campus Ministry - Tuesday, November 27, 6 pm

Attention all college students! Father Jordan will be on campus on Tuesday 11/27. Dinner will be provided. Please meet Father Jordan at the St Thomas Student Catholic Center located on the corner of 15th & Euclid. Come hungry!

Events & Announcements

Upcoming Youth Events

OCF - College Ministry
Dinner, November 27, 6 pm

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

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.