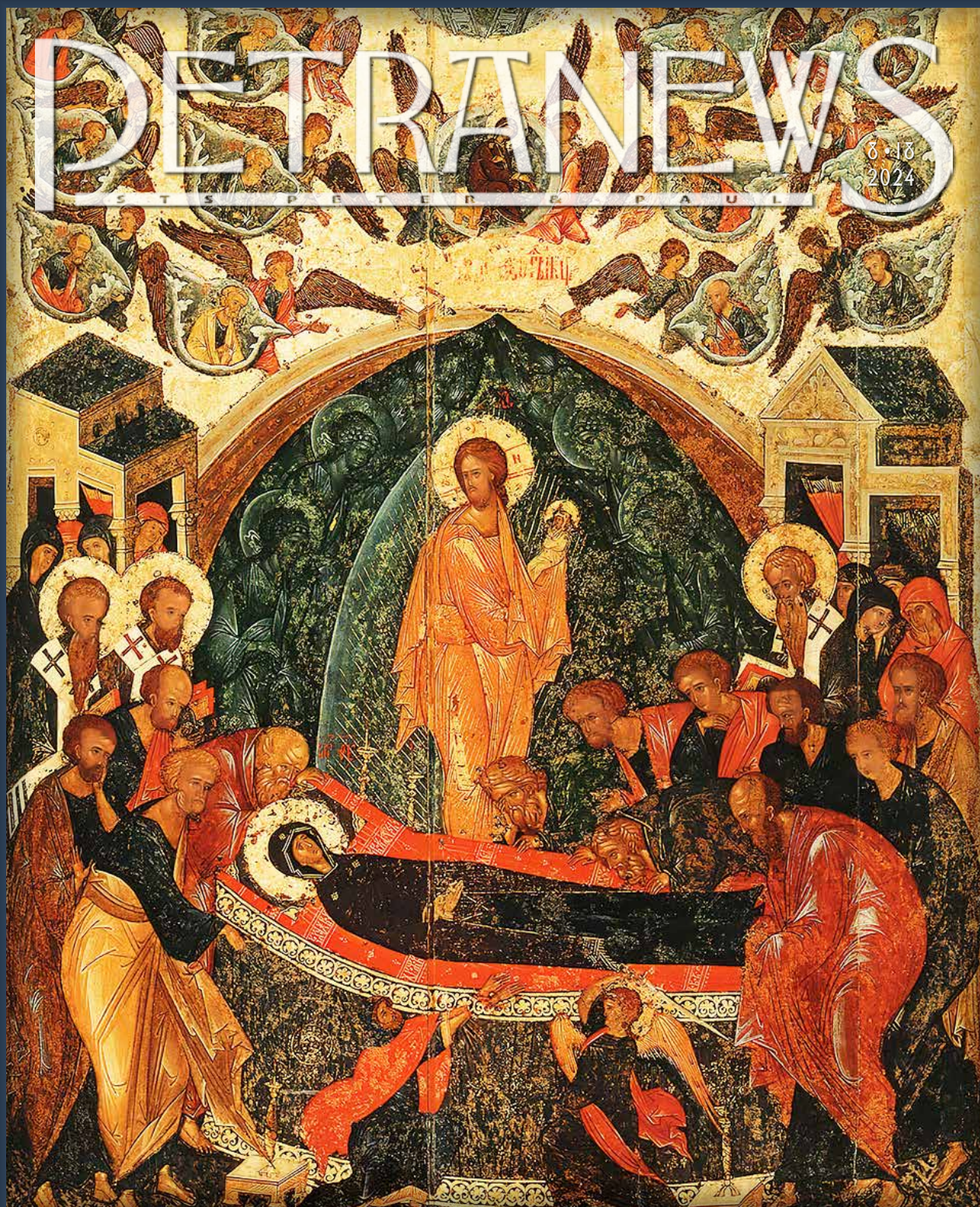


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This Week's Services

Tuesday, August 20	
Prophet Samuel	
Divine Liturgy _____	8:00am
Wednesday, August 21	
Paraklesis _____	6:00pm
Saturday, August 24	
Vespers _____	5:00pm
Sunday, August 25	
Orthros _____	8:30am
Divine Liturgy _____	9:30am

Fellowship Hour

Thank you to our Philoptochos and women in the parish that provided Fellowship Hour today!

8/25: DZ's Costume Fundraiser
9/1: Theodora Kolias
9/8: Taste of Orthodoxy

Fellowship hosts are needed!
We invite you to sign up to host Fellowship Hour by visiting our website at stspeterandpaulboulder.org/fellowship. Pair up with a friend or another family, and plan to offer something easy, such as donuts or bagels!

Hymns for the Sunday after the Dormition of the Theotokos

Apolytikion for the Dormition

Mode 1

*In giving birth, thou didst preserve thy virginity;
in thy dormition, thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos.
Thou wast translated unto life, since thou art the Mother of Life;
and by thine intercessions dost thou redeem our souls from death.*

Resurrection Apolytikion

Grave Mode

*By Thy Cross Thou didst abolish death;
to the thief Thou didst open Paradise;
Thou didst transform the myrrhbearers' lamentation,
and didst order Thine Apostles to preach that Thou art risen,
O Christ our God,
bestowing great mercy upon the world.*

Apolytikion of our Patron Saints

Mode 4

*O leaders of the Apostles, and teachers of the world,
intercede with the Master of all,
that He may grant peace unto the world,
and to our souls His great mercy.*

Kontakion of the Dormition

Mode 2

*The grave and death could not hold the Theotokos,
who is unsleeping in her intercessions
and an unfailling hope in her mediations.
For as the Mother of Life she was translated to life
by Him Who dwelt in her ever-virgin womb.*

Scripture Readings for the Sunday after the Dormition of the Theotokos

The Orthros Gospel according to John, 20:11-18

At that time, Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus has lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." Saying this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom do you seek?" Supposing



him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabboni," which means Teacher. Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." Mary Magdalene went and said to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Epistle: St Paul's letter to the Corinthians, 1:10-17

Brethren, I appeal to you by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was



Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius; lest any one should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any one else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

The Gospel according to Matthew, 14:14-22

At that time, Jesus saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass;



and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

Sunday after the Dormition of the Theotokos

Sermon of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos

– by St. John of Kronstadt

“Magnify O my soul, the honorable Translation of the Mother of God from earth to heaven.” (Refrain for the 9th Ode of the Canon)

Let us be happy, beloved brothers and sisters that we belong to the Holy Orthodox Church, worthily and rightly glorifying the Most Holy Sovereign Theotokos on this eminent day out of all the days of the year with special solemnity. There exists on earth many societies and entire governments that do not consider the need nor the obligation to call upon and glorify the Queen of heaven and earth, the Mother of Our Divine Lord Jesus Christ, and other saints and angels; to submissively serve Her lovingly, as the true Mother of God. Sadly in Russia nowadays we have heretics (among us) who actively dishonor the Mother of God, the saints, their icons, their relics and their festivals. O, if only they also unanimously with us glorified the worthy Queen of heaven and earth!

Today the Holy Church solemnly glorifies the honorable Dormition or translation of the Mother of God from earth to heaven. A wonderful translation - she died without serious illness, peacefully. Her soul is taken up in the divine hands of Her Son and carried up into the heavenly abode, accompanied by the sweet singing of angels. And then, her most pure body is transferred by the apostles to Gethsemane where it is honorably buried, and on the third day it is resurrected and taken up to heaven. You see this on the icon of the Dormition of the Theotokos. On it is represented the life-bearing body of the Theotokos laying on a bier, surrounded by the apostles and hierarchs, and in the center of the icon the Lord holding in His hands the most pure soul of the

Theotokos. The translation of the Mother of God is a paradigm of the translation in general of the souls of Christians to the other world.

We say that our dead have “fallen asleep” or “passed away.” What does this mean? This means that for the true Christian there is no death. Death was conquered by Christ on the cross. But there is a translation, i.e., a rearrangement of his condition, i.e. his soul is in another place, in another age, in another world beyond the grave, eternal, without end, that is what is meant by “falling asleep”. It is as if it were a temporary dream after which, by the voice of the Lord and the fearful yet wonderful trumpet of the Archangel, all the dead shall live and come forth each to his place: either to the resurrection of life or to the resurrection of condemnation (John 5:29). This is what the Christian means by translation. We should be ready for this translation, for the day of the general resurrection and judgment, for this indescribable world event, recorded in the Holy Scriptures.

This preparation for the meeting of the heavenly King before the dread judgment seat, after death, is essentially the person’s preparation throughout the whole of his life. This preparation means a change in all his thoughts, and the moral change of all his being, so that the whole man would be pure and white as snow, washing clean everything that defiles the body and spirit, so that he is adorned with every virtue: repentance, meekness, humility, gentleness, simplicity, chastity, mercifulness, abstention, spiritual contemplation, and burning love for God and neighbor.

Our preparation for meeting the heavenly King, and for the inheritance of eternal life in heaven, should consist of these things. The heavenly King desires souls adorned with immutable virtue, souls prepared so that the Very Lord Himself could abide in them. Do not marvel that the Very Lord wants to live in us. In fact the human soul is more spacious than the heavens and the earth, for it exists in the image of God. And if one removes sins from the soul, the Lord of all will settle in it and will fill it with Himself. “We will come to him and make our dwelling with him” (John 14:23), says the Lord about the souls who love Him.

And so, ye participants in the Christian feasts, and especially the present feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God, ye who are brightly adorned with every virtue and translated to the heavenly kingdom, to Her Son and God, proclaim to each and every one about preparing their souls to be the dwelling place of the Lord, about continual repentance, and about the incorruptible adornment of Christian virtue. Let your death also be unashamed and peaceful, serving as the pledge of a good answer at the dread judgment seat of Christ. Amen.



Events & Announcements

Rooted Campus Ministry

Today!



Rooted, a partner ministry of OCF, is starting their first Fall at the University of Colorado. Join us after Liturgy in Father Gabriel's office to hear about Rooted. Then, if you are a college student at CU or interested in volunteering with Rooted, join us the following Saturday, August 24th, for a 'Welcome Back to Campus' cookout at Saints Peter and Paul at 12pm.

Akathist to St. Olga

Sunday, August 25th
Following Fellowship



Join the St. Olga Prayer Ministry to pray the AKATHIST TO OUR RIGHTEOUS MATUSHKA OLGA MICHAEL, our newest North American Saint. This group has adopted St. Olga as our patron saint, and we look to her as we continue to intercede for the many needs in our parish. We welcome new members to our group. It's a tremendous blessing to receive regular updates, to pray for individual parishioners and others (last names and specifics are not necessary) and to know our prayers are making a difference in people's lives. Call Vuka Mitchell with any questions at 303-589-1352. Texts will be provided on August 25.

Bible Study

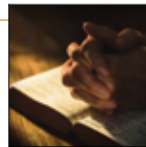
Begins Wednesday
September 11th



Fr. Gabriel will continue the study of St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, covering the topics of: How Worship Should be Conducted, The Eucharist, The Body of Christ, Spiritual Gifts, Love - The Highest Gift, and The Resurrection and the Coming Kingdom.

Prayer Class

Beginning September 11th



Fr. Gabriel will begin a class on prayer on Wednesday evenings. He will be using the book, The Beginnings of a Life of Prayer by Matthew Steenburg. You can purchase the book in our bookstore to follow along with the discussion. Grab a flyer in the Narthex for more information.

Sisterhood Camping Retreat

September 20-22nd



The women of Sts. Peter and Paul are invited to join a Sisterhood Camping Retreat. It will take place at the Crow Valley Campground at the Pawnee Buttes National Grasslands (East of Greeley). Come for one day, both days, or just drop in and hang out with some really cool women. If you are interested in learning more, contact Juli Sarris at JL80303@gmail.com or Cindy Stamus at CGSTAMUS@gmail.com.

Men's Fall Retreat

September 26-28th



The men of Sts. Peter and Paul are invited to a Fall Men's Retreat in Leadville, CO! Join us in fellowship for fishing, food, and fun! Space is limited. Contact Dean Tinsley at dtins77@gmail.com for more details.

GOYA Front Range Fall Retreat

October 18-20th



Save the date for the upcoming GOYA Front Range Fall Retreat! It will take place at Ponderosa Retreat Center in Larkspur, CO. Registration will open in September!

Taste of Orthodoxy

September 6-8th

70% Filled!



Like a fast-paced job? Sign up for the food tent! Prefer a job by yourself? We need help directing cars to park. We also need help with set-up the week before and take down on Sunday afternoon. Contact Nicole Tsiouvaras, 303-489-4491, if you need help choosing a spot

Dancing Zorbas

Practice Today

Practice will continue on Sundays following Fellowship. We've also added a practice every other Wednesday. Check the Church Calendar on our website for practice dates.

Adult Practice

Practice times will alternate each week based on the children's practice schedule:
8/21, 6:45pm – 8/28, 8:00pm

Dancing Zorbas' Costume Pizza Fundraiser

Sunday, August 25th

To help with the cost of costumes we're hosting a pizza fellowship. Minimum donation per plate is \$15. This includes 2 slices of pizza and salad. Thank for your support, OpA!

Medical Personnel On-Call?

If you are currently first-aid or CPR certified, or are a medical professional who will be working the festival, please contact Nicole Tsiouvaras to add your name to our list of emergency responders.

Still-To-Do List

Help Promote ToO

Ask the businesses you frequent to hang a Festival Poster and if they'd like to be a Festival Sponsor by purchasing an ad in this year's program. Stop by the festival table for posters and information for potential sponsors.

Tent Setup – Sunday, following Fellowship

See Nick Kallan following Fellowship to get started.

Baking Days

Tuesday, August 20th 10am

Thursday, August 22nd 10am

Come help bake baklava and melomakarouna for the festival. Light lunch provided. Contact Pam Torrance with questions 720-517-6459

Facebook ToO

Be sure to visit, 'Like, and Share,' our Facebook page with family and friends. facebook.com/TasteOfOrthodoxy/

Beverage Donations

Donating beverages to the cause is a great way to help reduce the costs of hosting our event. Please bring your donations to the hall by August 31st. Soda 'CANS' only.

Last names beginning A-E: Coke; F-K: Diet Coke; L-R: Sprite; S-Z: bottled water. Please bring your donations to the hall by August 31st. Soda 'CANS' only.

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Philoptochos Volunteer T-shirt Fundraiser

Last Day ToOrder!

Cost per shirt is \$15. Stop by the festival table to place your order or email Nicole, tsiouvaras@msn.com!



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About Our Parish

We welcome visitors worshiping with us today. Our diverse church family encompasses Greek, Arab, Romanian, Serbian and Russian Orthodox Christians as well as many converts to the Orthodox Christian Faith.

The foundation of the Orthodox Church are the teachings and Holy Tradition of Jesus Christ. We follow the first Christians who began to worship Jesus Christ after the Crucifixion and Resurrection.



Holy Communion

Holy Communion is reserved only for baptized and/or chrismated Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared by prayer, fasting, and confession.

The Orthodox Church understands the reception of Holy Communion to be the highest expression of our faith. Both Orthodox and non-Orthodox alike are invited to receive the 'antidoron' (blessed bread) at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

*If you are new to our Parish or just visiting,
please join us for our fellowship hour following this morning's service.*

Priest

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METROPOLIS
OF DENVER

Recurring Services

Saturday Vespers - 5pm • Sunday Divine Liturgy - 9:30am (Orthros - 8:30am)
Visit our website for a complete calendar of upcoming services and events.

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