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**This Week's Services**

**Saturday, July 6**

Vespers \_\_\_\_\_ 5:00pm

**Sunday, July 7**

Orthros \_\_\_\_\_ 8:30am

Divine Liturgy \_\_\_\_\_ 9:30am

**Fellowship Hour**

We invite all families of the parish to bring a potluck item to share for fellowship today! Please help clean up as you leave. Thank you for your contribution!

7/7: OPEN

7/14: Jim & Julie Powers

7/21: OPEN

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

Hymns for **Synaxis of the Twelve Holy Apostles**

**Resurrection Apolytikion**

*Mode Plagal 4*

*From the heights didst Thou come down,  
O Compassionate One.  
And Thou didst submit to three-day burial  
that from the passions Thou might deliver us.  
O our Life and Resurrection, O Lord,  
glory be to Thee.*

**Apolytikion for the Apostles**

*Mode 3*

*O holy Apostles, intercede with the merciful God  
that He grant unto our souls forgiveness of offences.*

**Apolytikion for the Saints**

*Mode 4*

*Adorned in the blood of Thy Martyrs throughout all the world  
as in purple and fine linen,  
Thy Church, through them, doth cry unto Thee, O Christ God:  
Send down Thy compassions upon Thy people;  
grant peace to Thy commonwealth, and great mercy to our souls.*

**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 for All Saints**

*Mode Plagal 4*

*As first-fruits of our nature to the Planter of created things,  
the world presenteth the God-bearing martyred Saints in offering unto Thee, O Lord.  
Through their earnest entreaties keep Thy Church in deep peace and divine tranquility,  
through the pure Theotokos, o Thou Who art greatly merciful.*

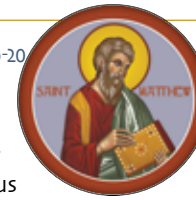
**Communion Hymn**

*Their proclamation went forth into all the earth,  
and their words to the ends of the world. Alleluia.*

Scripture Readings for **Synaxis of the Twelve Holy Apostles**

The **Orthros Gospel** according to **Matthew** 28:16-20

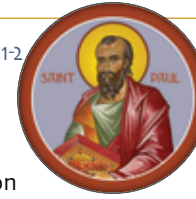
At that time, the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw Him they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make



disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age. Amen."

Epistle: **St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews** 11:33-40; 12:1-2

Brethren, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep



and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world was not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

The **Gospel** according to **Matthew** 9:36, 10:1-8

At that time, when Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every infirmity. The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the



tax collector; James the son of Alphaios, and Thaddaios; Simon the Cananaean. and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out, charging them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And preach as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying, give without pay."

## Synaxis of the Twelve Holy Apostles

During the time of Christ's earthly ministry, He emphasized three main ways in serving the people. He went about the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease. Christ came to save the whole of humanity, and for every individual, He came to serve the whole person — soul, body, and mind. He taught the people, stirring their minds toward God. He preached the Gospel, stirring their hearts toward repentance and hope in God. He also healed every disease, restoring health to the body, prefiguring the resurrection of the dead and life everlasting.

Every action of Jesus is driven by a deep, profound compassion for the people. He does not condemn them as sinners but loves them as lost sheep without a shepherd. He aims to provide rest for the weary, a home for the scattered, and security and love for those who are alone. The Greek word used to describe this compassion (σπλαγγίζομαι) is derived from a word (σπλάγχνα), which signifies the seat of the feelings, affections, and the heart. In essence, it is a profound feeling that stirs one at the core of their being. Compassion also means "to suffer with," which was demonstrated by Christ's sharing in our human nature and His death on the Cross. This is the kind of love and compassion the Lord has for us.

In His compassion, therefore, the Lord says that the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. The Son of God was sowing the seeds of eternal life, of freedom from sin and death, in the hearts of humanity. Now begins the work of harvesting, that is, bringing His people into the house of God, which is the Church. He says, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers.

Just as a large field yields abundant fruit, the owner needs many laborers to harvest it. If the fields are even more bountiful, the owner needs to recruit more laborers to ensure no harvest is lost. In this metaphor, the field represents the world — the "called" — and the harvest, those who will receive His salvation, is the "chosen." It is the chosen who are gathered to be brought into the Kingdom of God. The field's owner is God the Father. The field was cultivated by the Prophets,

especially Saint John the Baptist. And it is Jesus, the "Lord of the Harvest," who recruits the laborers — the Holy Apostles and their successors — for the reaping.

The tools of harvesting are the teaching of the New Law, the preaching of the Gospel, the healing of soul and body, and the transformation of the world through the Body and Blood of Christ. As the Lord Jesus was teaching, preaching, and healing, the Holy Apostles are now sent to do the same. This is because they are His representatives, His Body, and His servants empowered by Christ to continue His ministry. They go out to do the Master's work to bring eternal life to all the world. They travel throughout the cities and villages, teaching the people about the Kingdom of Heaven, preaching the coming of the Messiah, expelling evil spirits, and healing every sickness and every disease.

The Lord chooses 12 Apostles for this work out of His many disciples. This is significant because they represent the fulfillment of the 12 patriarchs and 12 tribes of Israel. In the Old Testament, God called Abraham and promised to give him as many descendants as the stars of the sky and the sand on the seashore. Abraham had 12 grandchildren, and the ancient nation of Israel developed from them.



of the 12 Holy Apostles of Christ.

The Holy Apostles are listed in groups of two because they traveled in twos. The Lord told them to begin their ministry with the Jewish people. They were the origin of the ancient people of God, and now they are the beginning point of the preaching of the Gospel, which goes into the whole world. They are the lost sheep, as we are. As Jesus said, we are like sheep, weary and scattered, having no shepherd. Because of this, His abundant mercy and compassion are given to us.

Jesus commissions them to preach that the Kingdom of Heaven has arrived in Christ the Messiah. As the Lord has come in His incarnation, ministry, death, and resurrection, He will come again with glory on the last day. In this way, the Kingdom is both here and yet to come. In the Church's life, we already begin

In the Old Testament, the 12 tribes were the people of God prepared for the coming of the Messiah. Now He has come, and He sanctifies the universe, calling peoples of every tribe, tongue, and nation to be His people. As the ancient Jewish people grew out of the 12 patriarchs, the Church grows from the ministry of Christ through His 12 Holy Apostles. In Christ, they are the foundations of the Church — the New Israel. The wall of the heavenly New Jerusalem has 12 foundations, and on them are the names

to experience the Kingdom, especially in the Divine Liturgy and Holy Communion, as with the other Holy Sacraments. At the same time, with hearts filled with expectation, we wait for the final, full coming of the Kingdom, where there will be no more death, sorrow, or pain.

As the Lord sends out the Holy Apostles, the power of the Holy Spirit confirms their preaching is of God. Saint John Chrysostom says, "Moses and the Prophets spoke of temporal promises of an earthly land. The Holy Apostles proclaimed the Kingdom of Heaven and all that this implies. Not only does the loftiness of their message characterize them as greater, but so does the lowly nature of their obedience . . . They immediately became heralds of the coming Kingdom."

They heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, and cast out demons because the Lord's commission is divine. This continues the work of Christ in the Church today. The Church is a hospital for humankind. Therefore, its ministry includes miracles, healing of all kinds, deliverances from evil influences, and everything the Lord empowers the Church to do. This Spirit-powered ministry comes from the Holy Apostles to their successors, the Bishops. From the hierarchy, the ministry spreads to the clergy and all the people of God. The Lord is the same yesterday, today, and forever, so His work through His people does not change or cease.

We are the people of God and are the fulfillment of the ancient 12 tribes of Israel. The Church continues to preach the Gospel, teach of Christ and His Kingdom, and heal the sick in soul and body. This ministry continues to be given to us, as governed by Christ through the Church's hierarchy.

As we have freely received forgiveness and eternal life, we also freely serve the Lord and become channels of His love and compassion. We, too, have a calling to open our hearts to Him and to the world. It is up to us to receive the call and to serve. When we do, the Lord blesses us abundantly, and through us, the whole world is blessed.

## Events & Announcements

### Dancing Zorbas

**Practice Today**

We will meet every Sunday in front of the Church following Fellowship Hour. This is a dance group for preschool to 12th grade. We will be practicing traditional Greek and Arabic/Mediterranean dance. Beginners are encouraged to join in! If you have any questions, please see Eleni Tsiouvaras, Amanda Nader or Melina Nolte.



### Movie Night

**July 1st, 5:30-8:30pm**  
**Rialto Theater, Loveland**

St. Spyridon invites all to the screening of the movie 'Amphilochios: Saint of Patmos' at the Rialto Theater in Loveland. The movie will be followed by appetizers and a Q&A with producer Thomaida Hudanish. Please grab a flyer in the Narthex or visit our website to RSVP and purchase tickets



### Pan-Orthodox Young Adults' BBQ & Social

**Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> 11am-3pm**

All young adults ages 19-25 are invited to a social gathering at St. John the Baptist Serbian Orthodox Church! Join us for Liturgy beginning at 9:30am, and then meet other young adults in our area for fellowship and a BBQ! Please RSVP to Georgia by July 10 at Georgia.geerdes@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!



### Assumption Cathedral Golf Tournament

**July 31<sup>st</sup>, 8am-2pm**

The Assumption Cathedral of Denver will be hosting their first Golf Tournament at the Red Hawk Ridge Golf Course in Castle Rock. The cost is \$185 per person. To learn more and register for the event, please visit [www.assumptioncathedral.org](http://www.assumptioncathedral.org).



### Rooted Campus Ministry

**August 18<sup>th</sup>**

Rooted, a partner ministry of OCF, is starting their first Fall at the University of Colorado. Join us after Liturgy on August 18th 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.



### Parish Pilgrimage

**November 11-15<sup>th</sup>**

Join us for our annual pilgrimage to St. Paisius Monastery in Safford, Arizona. Space is limited. If you are interested in attending, please contact Fr. Gabriel to reserve your spot.



### 2025 Parish Directory

Work has begun on the '25 directory and with everyone's help it could be done as soon as 2026! We're encouraging everyone to provide their own family or personal photo to include in the 'Family Album' section of the Directory. If you'd like tips on taking photos that will work best in the directory or would like to schedule a time to have one taken for you, contact Rick Leonidas; 720-314-5217, [rick@salmonroe.com](mailto:rick@salmonroe.com).



# WE NEED YOU!

## TASTE OF ORTHODOXY SEPTEMBER 6-8<sup>TH</sup>

THIS 3-DAY FESTIVAL IS OUR SIGNATURE EVENT SHOWCASING OUR FAITH AND COMMUNITY. IT'S ALSO A GREAT WAY TO GET TO KNOW YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO SIGN-UP FOR AS MANY SHIFTS AS YOU LIKE.

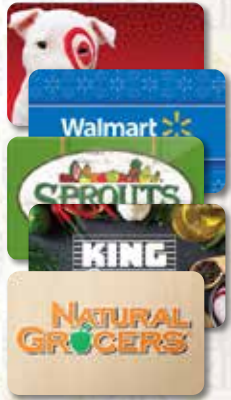
SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN-UP FOR FESTIVAL WEEKEND OR VISIT NICOLE IN THE HALL EACH SUNDAY FOLLOWING LITURGY.



## Philoptochos

### Grocery Cards

Philoptochos sells gift cards to Walmart/Target/Safeway/Albertsons, Natural Grocers Vitamin Cottage and Sprouts. See Julie Powers at the Philoptochos table in the Hall to make your purchase.



### King Soopers Shoppers:

Create an account with your loyalty card at [kingsoopers.com](http://kingsoopers.com). Then link your account to "Sts Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Church Philoptochos" by doing the following: 1) Sign-in to your account and select "community rewards" (left-hand side, under my account); 2) Search for "Sts Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Church Philoptochos", under category "faith based"; 3) Select enroll. Remember to use your loyalty card whenever you shop and your Philoptochos will receive a portion of your purchase.

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### About Our Parish

We welcome visitors worshipping 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

Fr Gabriel McHugh

### Church Office

Shanyn Bateh, Manager

### Choir Director

Presbyteria  
Kedrann Dotson

### Parish Council

Steven Dzilvelis, President  
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### 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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