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Memory Eternal

Please join us in prayer for the 1-year memorial of Aristotle Koliass. May his memory be eternal!

**This Week's Services**

**Wednesday, September 4**

Vespers \_\_\_\_\_ 6:00pm

**Thursday, September 5**

Sts. Zacharias and Elizabeth

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

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

**Saturday, September 7**

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

**Sunday, September 8**

**Please note earlier service times.**

Orthros \_\_\_\_\_ 8:00am

Divine Liturgy \_\_\_\_\_ 9:00am

Fellowship Hour

Thank you to Theodora Koliass for hosting fellowship hour today!

9:8: Taste of Orthodoxy

9/15: OPEN

9/22: 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 the Beginning of the New Year  
Memory of our Devout Father Symeon the Stylite

**Resurrection Apolytikion**, Mode 1

*When the stone was sealed by the Jews and the soldiers were guarding Thine immaculate body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life unto the world. For which cause the powers of heaven cried out to Thee, O Life-giver: Glory to Thy resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Thy Kingdom. Glory to Thy dispensation, O only Friend of man.*

**Apolytikion for the Indication**, Mode 2

*O Maker of all creation, Who hast established the times and the seasons in Thine own power: Bless the crown of this year with Thy goodness, O Lord, and keep our rulers and Thy flock in peace, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, and save us.*

**Apolytikion for the Theotokos of Miasenae**, Grave Mode

*Rejoice, thou who art full of grace, O Virgin Theotokos, haven and protection of the race of man; for the Redeemer of the world became incarnate of thee; for thou alone art both mother and virgin, ever blessed and glorified. Intercede with Christ God that peace be granted unto all the world.*

**Apolytikion for Saint Symeon the Stylite**, Mode 1

*Thou becamest a pillar of patience and didst emulate the Forefathers, O righteous one: Job in his sufferings, Joseph in temptations, and the life of the bodiless while in the body. O Symeon, our righteous Father, intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.*

**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 the Indication**, Mode 4

*O God of all, Thou Who hast made all the ages, O Sovereign Lord, truly transcendent in essence, bestow Thy grace and blessing on the year to come; and O Most Compassionate, in Thine infinite mercy save all them that worship Thee, Who alone art our Master, and that with fear, O Saviour, cry to Thee: Grant unto all men a fruitful and godly year.*

The Orthros Gospel according to John, 21:1-14

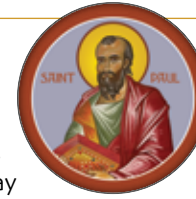
At that time, Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he revealed himself in this way. Simon Peter, Thomas, called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the beach, yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any fish?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, for the quantity of fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put



on his clothes, for he was stripped for work, and sprang into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off. When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire there with fish lying on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and although there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Epistle: St Paul's letter to the Timothy, 2:1-7

Timothy, my son, first of all I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all men, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, godly and respectful in every way. This is good, and it is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there



is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, the testimony to which was borne at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and apostle (I am telling the truth in Christ, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The Gospel according to Luke, 4:16-22

At that time, Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up; and he went to the synagogue, as his custom was, on the sabbath day. And he stood up to read; and there was given to him the book of the prophet Isaiah. He opened the book and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those



who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." And he closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke well of him, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth.

## Ecclesiastical New Year

On September 1st, we celebrate the Ecclesiastical New Year. This feast has its roots in 4th century Constantinople, when Emperor Constantine introduced an imperial decree, or Indiction, following his vision of the Holy Cross in the sky and subsequent victory over Maxentius. The Indiction established a new taxation period for the Roman army and marked the beginning of a new year. Taking the Indiction as a reference to God's creation of the world (the beginning of time), the Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council set September 1st as the beginning of the Church year. Since then, the late Ecumenical Patriarch Demetrios I, declared September 1st, 1989, the first annual "Day of Prayer for Creation." Later, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew named September 1st the "Day of the Protection of the Environment," encouraging the faithful to rediscover their commitment to protecting the environment.

His All-Holiness continues the early Church's practice of praying for the environment on September 1st. The new Ecclesiastical year marks a time when farmers finish harvesting crops from the previous year and prepare to plant new seeds for the coming year. On this feast day, the Church thanks God for the rich harvest He granted the prior year and prays for favorable weather in the coming year.

Just as the Church blesses the earth to yield abundant fruits in the coming year on September 1st, so does the Church bless us to produce abundant spiritual fruit. The Apostle Paul writes, "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Galatians 5:22-23). As we begin a new year, we can ask ourselves if we bear these fruits. We can reflect, seeing if we have love for God and others, peace in our hearts, kindness toward others' suffering, goodness in our thoughts, faithfulness in our relationships, gentleness in our speech, and self-control in our actions. With the new Ecclesiastical year, the Church calls us to grow these virtues by orienting our lives to eternity.

In the Gospel reading, Christ stands up to read in the middle of the synagogue. Opening the book given to

Him, He turns to the prophecy of Isaiah and says: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor...to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." All eyes in the synagogue are on this unassuming Jewish Man as He sits back down. Simply, humbly, and gently, He says: "Today, this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." Christ begins His public ministry with these few words, proclaiming a new era—a new "acceptable year of the Lord."

By saying "Today," He sanctifies time. He is the Word that came forth out of silence, leaving the bosom of the Holy Trinity to create all things out of nothing. He is the Word of God, Who took on human nature as a divine person and became like us in every way—except sin. He is the anointed One Who appears in the midst of the synagogue as a humble Man to fulfill Isaiah's prophecy. His presence in time redeems time, transforming it into a meeting place with Him, a vehicle of salvation. His presence in time brings eternity into the present. "Today" becomes an eternal today. Christ gives humanity a new perspective—a perspective of eternity. On September 1st, the Church calls us to adopt this perspective of eternity.

To guide us, the Church gives us a clearly devout example: Saint Simeon the Stylite, commemorated on September 1st. He lived in intense prayer and fasting. Later, he built a tower upon which to live and increase his dedication to God. That is, he wanted to focus his mind on God alone and not on the things below. Progressively, he made the tower higher and higher as people flocked to him for guidance. As he fled from people, he drew closer to God, so great was his longing to be with Him. Still, on earth, he had an eternal perspective. While Saint Simeon's way of living is challenging, we can still strive to imitate his longing for God by orienting our lives toward eternity.

Many of us find it challenging to be present. Our homes are full of technology that steals our attention. The news drowns the sound of birds singing in the early morning hours. Social media consumes us with scrolling from image to image, each one prompting us to look

at "just one more." How difficult it is to come home from work or school exhausted, unable to focus on our families, friends, or loved ones, let alone God. How easy it is to lose sight of God, of eternity. How easy it is to lose perspective.

The Church calls us to regain perspective, to see eternity amid all our cares and difficulties. Like Saint Simeon the Stylite, we need a pillar from which we can look down upon our many worldly cares and see that God is there amid them. What pillar can lift us above our worldly cares? Prayer.

Prayer makes us present to God's presence in our lives. He is present in our problems because He cares for us. Prayer fills us with God's presence, with the grace of the Holy Spirit. In turn, we bear the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. As Saint Porphyrios of Kavsokalyvia says, "We must become filled, replete with the Holy Spirit. This is where the essence of spiritual life lies. This is an art—the art of arts. Let us open our arms and throw ourselves into Christ's embrace." The Holy Tradition of the Church says that we learn to pray by praying. The art of prayer takes time and practice. We can perfect it in all our daily difficulties by surrendering ourselves to "Christ's embrace."

Many people set New Year's resolutions on January 1st. With the Ecclesiastical New Year, we can set a resolution to pray more—not with more words, but with more of our heart. We can set an intention to turn all the difficulties we face into prayer by putting "Lord" in front of every thought and feeling we have. For example, "Lord, I am sad. Lord, I am angry. Lord, I do not know what to do." In this way, the Lord becomes present in our sadness, anger, and confusion. Similarly, we can call on the Holy Spirit to "come and dwell" in our inner pain—whether it is anxiety, depression, or any difficult state of being—so that He transforms it into peace beyond understanding and joy that cannot be taken from us. May God bless the coming year with spiritual fruit and help us orient our lives to eternity in every moment.





## Events & Announcements

### Bible Study

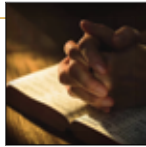
**Begins Wednesday  
September 11<sup>th</sup>**



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 11<sup>th</sup>**



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.

### Wednesday Wonder Workers

**Begins Wednesday,  
September 11<sup>th</sup>**



We will resume meeting each week following Bible Study. We will straighten the kitchen, put away dishes from Sunday's Fellowship, and set up for the next event. There may be some light cleaning and straightening, followed by lunch. Please feel free to join in! Contact Joanne Ashmun with any questions at [horizon80501@yahoo.com](mailto:horizon80501@yahoo.com)

### Mother's Group

**Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>  
at 10:30am**



Our Mother's Group will be starting back up! We will continue our study of Chapter 5 of "A Long Walk With Mary" by Brandi Schreiber. If you have not started the book, you can still join in on the discussion! We look forward to seeing you there!

### Sunday School

**Begins September 15<sup>th</sup>**



Sunday School is quickly approaching! If you have a child that has not attended Sunday School before, please visit our website at [www.stspeterandpaulboulder.org/SundaySchool](http://www.stspeterandpaulboulder.org/SundaySchool) to register them for the school year. You will also find our school calendar for the year.

### 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.

### Church Consecration

**June 27-29<sup>th</sup> 2025**

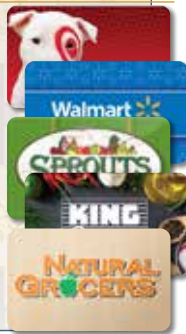


With the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Constantine of Denver, it is with great joy that we share with you that our Church will be Consecrated next summer over the Feast Day weekend of our parish! Please mark your calendars for this memorable event!

### 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.



## ToO TASTE OF ORTHODOXY

**September 6-8<sup>th</sup>**

### Dancing Zorbas

**Dress Rehearsal  
Thursday, 6:30**

The stage will be set. This is our first and only chance to practice on stage as group and our last practice. Please make it if you can.

**Adult Practice**

Final dance practice before the festival is Wednesday, September 4 at 6:45pm

### Festival T-Shirts

T-shirts will be available for pick-up on Friday, September 6 at the Volunteer table (next to the Ticket Booth). If you have not paid for your shirt yet, you can pay at pick-up. \$15 per shirt. Thank you!

### Still-To-Do List

**Facebook ToO**

Be sure to visit, 'Like, and Share,' our Facebook page with family and friends. [facebook.com/TasteOfOrthodoxy/](https://facebook.com/TasteOfOrthodoxy/)

**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.

**Soda Donations**

We still need lots of soda and bottled water and Labor Day weekend always brings great sales at the grocery store. Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite or 16.9oz bottled water. Deliver to the hall by September 5.

**Tent Set-Up**

Quick correction for this Sunday: Please see Michael Bateh after Liturgy to continue tent set-up. We have 5 or 6 tops to add and then stake the tents in place. Michael will also be available on Monday morning to finish up the tents.

**Final Set-Up**

On Thursday 9am - 9pm and Friday 9am - 5pm, we need lots of help to complete the final set-up for the festival. Come have fun and get to know the nitty gritty of pulling this thing off. The food tent also still could use a few extra hands with cooking and set up on Friday during the day. Sign-up for those shifts at [stspeterandpaulboulder.ivolunteer.com/too\\_2024](https://stspeterandpaulboulder.ivolunteer.com/too_2024)

**Festival Weekend**

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up! We are almost full! If you haven't already signed up, please do so today. We would love if everyone in the parish could sign up for at least one shift. Here are the holes we still need filled:

- Food Tent - needs help Friday and Saturday nights
- Kitchen - a few shifts left
- Cafe - one shift open on Sunday
- Parking - critical shifts open Friday & Saturday nights!
- Bookstore - one shift open Friday night
- Souvenir Booth - one shift open Sunday
- Cleaning Crew - many shifts open

Use the QR code sign-up!





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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

Fr Gabriel McHugh

### Church Office

Shanyn Bateh, Manager

### Choir Director

Presbytera  
Kedrann Dotson

### Parish Council

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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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