

DETRANNEWS

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S T S P E T E R & M A R Y A U L



This Week's Services

Monday, April 7
Great Compline _____ 6:00pm

Wednesday, April 9
Presanctified Liturgy _____ 5:00pm
followed by a Lenten potluck

Friday, April 11
Presanctified Liturgy _____ 9:30am
followed by Bible Study

Saturday, April 12
Lazarus Saturday
Orthros _____ 8:30am
Divine Liturgy _____ 9:30am
followed by pancake breakfast & palm folding

Baptisms of Catechumens ___ 3:00pm
Vespers _____ 5:00pm

Sunday, April 13
Palm Sunday
Orthros _____ 8:30am
Divine Liturgy _____ 9:30am
Bridegroom Service _____ 5:00pm

Fellowship Hour

Thank you to all those that contributed to our fellowship hour today!

- 4/13: Philoptochos Fish Luncheon
- 4/20: Pascha Picnic
- 4/27: OPEN

Today's Hymns

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 of St. Mary of Egypt, Mode Plagal 4

*In thee the image was preserved with exactness, O Mother;
for taking up thy cross, thou didst follow Christ,
and by thy deeds thou didst teach us
to overlook the flesh, for it passeth away,
but to attend to the soul since it is immortal.
Wherefore, O righteous Mary, thy spirit rejoiceth with the Angels.*

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

*A protection of Christians unshamable,
intercessor to our Holy Maker unwavering,
reject not the prayerful cries of those who are in sin.
Instead, come to us for you are good;
your loving help bring unto us, who are crying in faith to you:
hasten to intercede, and speed now to supplicate,
as a protection for all time, Theotokos, for those who honor you.*

Hymn to the Theotokos

*In thee, who art full of grace all creation rejoiceth:
both the congregations of angels and the human race.
O consecrated temple and spiritual paradise,
the boast of virgins, from thee was God incarnate and became a child,
He our God Who existed before the ages;
for He made thy womb a throne,
and He made thee more spacious than the heavens.
In thee who art full of grace all creation rejoiceth. Glory be to thee.*

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

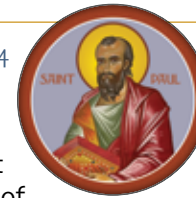


Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." Saying this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom do you seek?"

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Epistle: St Paul's Letter to the Hebrews, 9: 11-14

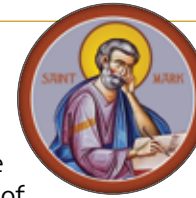
Brethren, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons



with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

The Gospel according to Mark, 10:32-45

At that time, Jesus took his twelve disciples, and he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I



am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant of James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Jesus' Third Prophecy of His Passion

In this Gospel reading, the Lord prepares His disciples for His Crucifixion and Resurrection. The Apostles James and John, who were brothers, come to the Lord and ask to receive a place of special honor in the Kingdom because they did not understand what lied ahead. Like the other disciples, they could not yet fully understand what the Lord came into the world to accomplish.

James and John looked at Christ through the lens of the world around them. They thought that Christ was the Messiah expected by the Jewish people to liberate them from the foreign occupation of the Roman Empire. They thought that Jesus would lead a political uprising and destroy the enemies of Israel to restore the earthly kingdom of David. James and John wanted to secure a preferred status in the Kingdom of Christ, as they were imagining it.

They said, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." The Lord answered them, "What do you want me to do for you?" James and John tried to gain an advantage as viewed purely from the perspective of earthly power and glory. They asked the Lord to grant them to sit, one at His right hand and one at His left, in the coming Kingdom. Even though Jesus told them that His path was to accept the Cross voluntarily, the disciples continued to imagine that He would soon be enthroned in Jerusalem. The symbolism of sitting at the right and left of the King's throne points to the position of the highest honor in the Kingdom. However, as Jesus would answer Pilate, the Kingdom of Christ is not of this world (John 18:36), and its glory is not of worldly power. Therefore, the Lord tells the brothers, "You do not know what you are asking." The brothers did not understand that being followers and disciples of Christ means participating in His sacrifice.

Therefore, Jesus asks them, "Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism

with which I am baptized?" The reference to the "cup" points to the Lord's passion which He was to suffer. Likewise, the "baptism" to which He refers means dying to this world before being raised to new life. Our own baptism is a mystical union with Christ, by which we are buried with Him so that we can be raised with Him (Romans 6:3-5). Our own journey in the faith and our own path to the Kingdom of Christ begins with being received into the Church through baptism.

James and John did not yet fully understand what that meant, yet hastily said they were able to drink the "cup" and receive that "baptism." Christ, in His love, responds, saying they would indeed be united to Him by drinking that "cup" and receiving that "baptism." However, the Lord meant that, like Him, they would be martyred. As Saint John Chrysostom explains, "[Jesus] foretold great things for them; that is, you shall be held worthy of martyrdom, you shall suffer the things I have suffered, you shall end your life with a death from violence, and in this also you shall be sharers with me."

Christ says to His disciples that to sit at His right and left hand is not His to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared. Elsewhere in the Gospels, Jesus says that He does not seek His own will but the will of the Father (John 5:30). It is therefore the Father who "has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name ... that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:9-11).

To be united with Christ means to suffer and die with Him before being raised to eternal life. As we prepare ourselves for the Kingdom through faith, repentance, and service to others, we draw near to God. And He, through His love, also prepares the Kingdom for us as a fulfillment of our desire to be with Him. The Cross comes before the Resurrection, as humility comes before grace.

When the other disciples heard about James and John asking the Lord for privileges and earthly glory, they were displeased — not necessarily because they already understood the true meaning of the Cross and the Kingdom — but because they were envious. They wished for the same privileges. The Apostles were still on a journey of discovery. They were still learning that the true glory of Christ is sacrificial love, that is, to dedicate one's own life for the benefit of others.

The Lord invites us to participate in His struggle and be patient with the challenges in life. In persevering, we may even endure persecution for His name's sake. Whenever we sacrifice our desires so we can fulfill God's will or our needs for the needs of others, we undergo a voluntary martyrdom. This is the way to receive grace and to secure our status in heaven. We can be confident that behind every challenge and struggle, there is redemption and deliverance. Behind the Cross of Christ, and our own crosses, lies the joy of the Resurrection. We begin to experience the Resurrection every time we celebrate the Divine Liturgy. The Liturgy is a true foretaste of the coming Kingdom, connecting us to God and to others. We can already experience that joy and hope as we partake of the Body and Blood of the Resurrected Christ.

The Lord teaches that life in Christ is, in many respects, opposed to the values of this fallen world. Christ makes clear that whoever would be great in the Kingdom is called to be humble, and whoever

would be first is called to be of service to others. God the Son came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life for many.

We do not expect rewards for our good works, as if God owes us something. We rely entirely on the grace and love of God. We follow Him because we love Him and entrust ourselves completely to His love. As Saint Porphyrios of Kafsokalyvia says, "Whatever you want, my Lord, whatever your love desires. I know I am not worthy . . . There is one thing I want, one thing I desire, one thing I ask for, and that is to be with You, wherever and however You wish." Our love for Christ is not offered in selfish terms, or in pursuit of personal gain. It is offered for the sake of the One who loved us and gave Himself up for us and for our salvation.

Therefore, as we come to the Lord and ask Him to help us, let us pray that He will teach us how to serve Him and to serve others as He did — with sacrificial love. May all we do be for the glory of God. Let us continue our journey on the path of repentance, humility, peace, and love. By embracing our cross with joy, for the sake of Christ, and with complete confidence in His love for us. Let us unite ourselves to Him and constantly seek to renew our membership in the Church by doing good works in witness to His Glory. May we continuously seek to become like our Lord, seeking not to be served but to serve.

Orthros Gospel continued from page 2.

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.

Events & Announcements

Introductory Class to Orthodox Christianity

Today at 12:15pm



This class is for catechumens, inquirers and faithful alike that wish to learn more about our Church. If you have any questions, please contact David at daviddinsmore.d@gmail.com.

Bible Study

Friday at 11am



This Friday will be our last Bible Study as we take a break during Pascha and Bright Week. Classes will then resume on Wednesdays, beginning on April 30th at 9:30am.

Brown Eggs Needed for Pascha



It's that time of year again where we are gathering eggs that will be dyed for Pascha! Based on the dye that we are using (sold in our bookstore), we are asking that BROWN eggs are donated (not boiled!). While you are out doing your shopping, please grab a carton to donate and place them in the fellowship hall refrigerator nearest to the sinks.

Help Needed Dyeing Eggs
Thursday, April 17th



Would you like to help dye the Pascha eggs? If so, we are asking for volunteers to help! This will take place on Thursday, April 17 following the Liturgy of the Mystical Supper. The more hands we have the quicker it goes, so please consider helping if you can! Please contact Joanne Ashmun with any questions at horizon80501@yahoo.com. Thank you!

Strategic Planning Committee

Open Forums



The Strategic Planning Committee is thrilled to share the action steps we've developed to address our four objective focus areas, as well as our updated Mission and Vision statements.

We invite the entire parish to join us for three open forum sessions, where you'll have the opportunity to:

- Learn more about our plans for the future
- Ask questions to the committee members
- Provide valuable feedback

These sessions will begin after Pascha and will offer a combination of virtual and in-person options to ensure everyone can participate.

- Monday, April 28th, Google Meet (7-9pm)
- Sunday, May 4th after fellowship (12-2pm)
- Saturday, May 10th before Vespers (3:30-4:30pm)

We look forward to your engagement as we work together to shape the future of our parish!

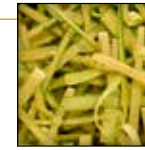
Holy Friday Myrrhbearers



All girls in our parish are encouraged to join the procession of Myrrhbearers during the Holy Friday evening service around the flower covered Kouvouklion. If your daughter is interested in participating, we ask that she wears a white dress, or white skirt and blouse. If any family has a white dress that their daughter has outgrown, please bring it to Church for anyone who may need one. Please check your email for more information or contact Sheila Zissimos at sjz3dd@msn.com.

Lazarus Saturday Activities

Pancake Breakfast,
Palm Folding, and Cleaning
Following the Divine Liturgy



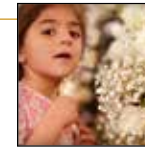
Join us for our annual pancake breakfast followed by the age-old tradition of trying to remember how we folded palm fronds into crosses last year! Be sure to bring a change of clothes to help with some cleaning around the church and yard work!

Youth Confessions

Fr. Gabriel will be holding youth confessions during that time for all Sunday School aged children.

Holy Friday Activities

Decorating of the Kouvouklion
Following Royal Hours at 9:30am



Young and old are encouraged to join in this day of preparation. We will be decorating the kouvouklion with flowers, preparing the candles for the Lamentations and Pascha services, eggs for the children's Easter Egg Hunt, and cleaning the Church. We thank you for your participation.

Consecration Registry

The total amount needed for Consecration is \$65,000. The amount raised so far is just over \$56,000! If you would like to learn more about our upcoming Consecration or would like to make a gift, please visit our website at stspeterandpaulboulder.org/consecration. Thank you!



Philoptochos

2025 Membership Drive

If you would like to join this amazing charitable organization or renew your membership, complete the membership form and return to Sharon or Fran Dzilvelis (forms are available in the Narthex and the Hall). Contact Sharon or Fran with any questions (sharon_dzilvelis@yahoo.com, 303-495-8827) (fran_dzilvelis@yahoo.com, 303-775-6138).



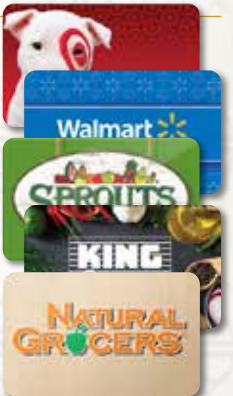
Bookstore

Philoptochos bookstore has Lenten and Pascha books for adults and children. New icons and red egg dye have arrived. Stop by today!



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:

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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

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Choir Director

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Rick Leonidas & Shanyn Bateh

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Recurring Services

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



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