

# PETRANEWS

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**This Week's Services**

<b>Friday, July 26</b>	
<b>St Paraskevi</b>	
Orthros _____	8:30am
Divine Liturgy _____	9:30am
<b>Saturday, July 27</b>	
Vespers _____	5:00pm
<b>Sunday, July 28</b>	
Orthros _____	8:30am
Divine Liturgy _____	9:30am

**Fellowship Hour**

Thank you to the Tsiouvaras family for hosting Fellowship Hour today!

- 7/28: Alekie Cheronis
- 8/4: Zoe Zwierzynski
- 8/11: 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 Fourth Sunday of Matthew**

**Resurrection Apolytikion**

*Mode 3*

*Let the heavens rejoice, and let things on earth be glad,  
for the Lord hath wrought might with His arm;  
He hath trampled upon death by death;  
He hath become the first-born of the dead.  
From the bowels of Hades hath He delivered us,  
and hath granted great mercy to 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**

*Mode 2*

*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.*

Scripture Readings for the **Fourth Sunday of Matthew**

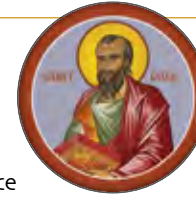
The **Orthros Gospel** according to **Luke**, 24:1-12



On the first day of the week at early dawn, the women went to the tomb, taking spices which they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel; and as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men,

and be crucified, and on the third day rise." And they remembered his words and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told this to the Apostles; but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home wondering at what had happened.

Epistle: **St Paul's** letter to the **Romans**, 6:18-23



Brethren, having been set free from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you once yielded your members to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now yield your members to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But

then what return did you get from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the return you get is sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The **Gospel** according to **Matthew**, 8:5-13



At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus

heard him, he marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

## Fourth Sunday of Matthew

Matthew 8:5-13

### A Paralyzed Servant Healed

Jesus was traveling through Galilee and encountered a man of faith who was an example for all of us. Surprisingly, the man was a centurion. A centurion was a Roman officer who had 100 soldiers under his command. Centurions had power and prestige. As a Roman, he was not part of the Jewish people but was a foreigner or a "Gentile" (a non-Israelite). The Jewish people considered him to be an outsider.

The centurion hears about Jesus healing people and doing good, preaching repentance and the coming of the Kingdom of God. He undoubtedly knows of Jesus' extraordinary healings and miracles. Therefore, when Jesus comes to Capernaum — the town where the centurion lived and not far from where Jesus grew up — he approaches the Lord with faith to ask Him for help.

The centurion says, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." His concern shows us that the centurion has great love for his servant. As Saint John the Theologian tells us, "Love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love" (1 John 4:7-8). Jesus responds with love and readiness to bless him, saying, "I will come and heal him," despite knowing He would be considered unclean, according to the Jewish law, for entering the house of a Gentile. The Lord loves all people and answers the cry of those who seek Him, "for the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers" (Psalm 33:16). It did not matter that the centurion was not part of the people of Israel. The Lord responds with love and compassion to all who call upon His name.

Jesus is impressed with the man's virtue and praises him as an example for the disciples. The centurion has love, faith, humility, and wisdom. With love, He seeks after Jesus for healing on behalf of his suffering servant. A Roman officer with 100 soldiers could easily replace an injured one. By going out of his way to find healing for him, the centurion imitates Christ as the Good Shepherd who leaves the 99 in search of the one lost sheep (Matthew 18:12).



The centurion not only has love but also shows a depth of faith that amazes Jesus. He says, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." In faith, the centurion knows without a shadow of a doubt that Jesus can heal his servant by simply saying the word. Without faith, it is impossible to please God. When we approach the Lord, we believe in Him and trust that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

In humility, the centurion tells Jesus he is not worthy of the Lord to enter his home. He knew that the Jewish people did not enter the homes of Gentiles, but he knew that Jesus was a man of authority and could do as He pleased. The centurion recognized that he was standing before the Lord and was unworthy of welcoming Him into his home. The centurion's humility opens the door of

his heart and invites the grace of God. Saint Paisios the Athonite says, "God wants and desires only one thing from us: our humility. He does not need anything else; just to humble ourselves, so He can make us partakers of His divine grace."

With wisdom, the centurion understood that, as an army officer with 100 men under his authority, his commands were quickly obeyed and his instructions immediately implemented. He realized that if this were true of himself, it would be truer for the Lord. The centurion commanded men, but the Son of God commands the universe. The centurion oversaw his region, but the Lord rules over everything. The centurion had authority over worldly matters, but Christ has power over health and disease, life and death.

The Lord tells His disciples, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." The Lord teaches us that even if the centurion was not part of the Old Testament

covenant people of God, his faith was still greater than what the Lord had found in all of Israel. The Jewish people considered the centurion a foreigner, but Jesus embraced him as one created in the image and likeness of God and a member of His Kingdom. This indicates that all people are called to become members of the Kingdom of God and can be saved when they receive the Gospel.

We all come to the Lord from all corners of the world. We enter the Kingdom like the centurion by opening our hearts to the Lord in humility, faith, wisdom, and love. Jesus is the Savior of all people, regardless of ethnicity. In Christ, there is no longer Jew or Greek (Galatians 3:28). One's identity as a Christian supersedes one's earthly citizenship. All are one in Christ. There should be no division among people of different nationalities if they are members of Christ's Body — the Church. All people are Abraham's offspring and heirs of the promises of God if they receive Christ into their hearts and lives, like the centurion.

Sometimes, we find faith where we least expect it. All of us can come to Him through faith. It does not matter if we are of any particular ethnic background. He loves all people, and those who trust in Him, like the centurion, truly open themselves up to receiving the love and grace of God. There is no lack of love or grace with the Lord, no shortcomings, and no one He will not receive and bless. The Lord loves all people. Those who trust in Him receive the love and grace of God, like the centurion who opened his heart to Christ. There is no limit to God's love, grace, and mercy. The Lord receives and blesses all who come to Him in faith. Jesus says, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes" (Mark 9:23).

Like the centurion's servant, without Christ, we are spiritually paralyzed. God unconditionally loves us and wants us to be in communion with Him. This communion occurs when we trust Him, remembering His unwavering love for us. He calls us to be humble, realizing our unworthiness. At the same time, He calls us never to lose hope because God is great, forgiving, and merciful. He hears our prayers, answers them, delivers us from our paralysis, and restores our life. Let us always put our hope, faith and trust in the Lover and Healer of our souls.

## Events & Announcements

### Dancing Zorbas

#### Practice Today

The Dancing Zorbas dance practice for our Taste of Orthodoxy festival will continue on Sundays following the Divine Liturgy. We will also be adding a practice every other Wednesday. Check the Church Calendar on our website for practice dates. Please bring your child if you would like them to participate in the show. Thank you!

#### Adult Practice

Starts this Wednesday at 6:45pm

Practice times will alternate each week based on the children's practice schedule. Please mark your calendars with the following:

6:45pm Practice Dates: 7/24, 8/7, 8/21

8:00pm Practice Dates: 7/31, 8/14, 8/28



### Assumption Cathedral Golf Tournament

July 31st, 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).



### Dormition Fast

August 1st-14th

The Dormition Fast is soon approaching. During this time, we invite you to attend our scheduled Paraklesis services, as well as the Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Transfiguration on August 6th, as well as the Feast of the Dormition on August 15th. Father Gabriel will also be offering additional confessions during this time. If you would like to schedule your confession, please scan the QR code. Contact the Church Office if any assistance is needed. Please grab a flyer from the narthex for a detailed schedule of services.



### Rooted Campus Ministry

August 18th

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 11-15th

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).



### Return of Items

With the Taste of Orthodoxy approaching, we have been doing an inventory in the kitchen and balcony of items that we use for the festival. We have noticed that there are items that are missing. If you have borrowed any items from the kitchen or balcony and have not returned it back yet, please do so! This helps us avoid having to buy needed items. Thank you!



# ToO

## 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 and we encourage you to get involved!

#### Volunteer Sign-Up

Scan the code to sign up for festival weekend. PARKING SET-UP is the first thing you see. Click on it for the drop down menu to see all of the places you can volunteer. Only 30% of the spots are filled. Please sign up as soon as possible! You can also visit Nicole Tsiouvaras on Sundays in the hall to sign up.



#### Advertise in the Event Program

Have a business you'd like to promote? Want to show your support for our festival? Take out an ad in our Event Program. This program reaches about 1000 supporters during the 3-day weekend. Half page ads are \$250; full page is \$500. See Jan Marose or Michael Bateh to place your ad today!

#### Baking Days

Baking for the festival will begin in August. Please talk to Pam Torrance or Nicole Tsiouvaras if you're interested in helping.

#### Water/Soda Donations

Each year, our parishioners donate the soda and water that is sold at the festival. Please bring your donations to the hall by August 31st.

Last names beginning A - E: Coke; F - K: Diet Coke; L - R: Sprite; S - Z: bottled water.

The ToO Committee thanks you!

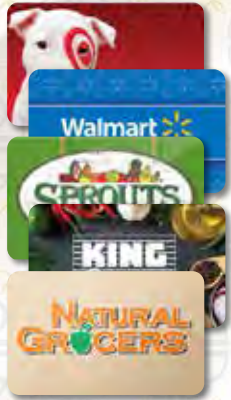
## Philoptochos

### 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.



### Bookstore

Do you like to cross-stitch or embroider? If so, did you know that you can make your own icon? There are so many patterns available for various icons. It would be a wonderful present for someone special!

Ladies-in-waiting – we have a new shipment of 'Helper In Childbirth' icons arriving soon.

If you are interested, please see Olga.



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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 'antidoro' (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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