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



This Week's Services

Monday, June 24

Nativity of St. John the Baptist
 Monday of the Holy Spirit
 Orthros _____ 8:30am
 Divine Liturgy _____ 9:30am

Wednesday, June 26

Paraklesis _____ 6:00pm

Friday, June 28

Forefeast of Sts. Peter and Paul
 Great Vespers with His Eminence
 Metropolitan Constantine _____ 6:00pm

Saturday, June 29

Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul
 Orthros _____ 8:30am
 Divine Liturgy _____ 9:30am
 Vespers _____ 5:00pm

Sunday, June 30

Synaxis of the Holy Apostles
 Orthros _____ 8:30am
 Divine Liturgy _____ 9:30am

Fellowship Hour

Thank you to the Mitchell and Cooper families for hosting today's fellowship hour.

6/30: OPEN
 7/7: OPEN
 7/14: Jim & Julie Powers

Fellowship hosts are needed! We invite you to sign up to host Fellowship Hour by visiting our website at 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 Pentecost Sunday

Special Antiphon Verse:

O Good Comforter, save us who sing to you: Alleluia

Apolytikion of Pentecost

Mode Plagal 4

*Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God,
 Who hast shown forth the fishermen as supremely wise
 by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit,
 and through them didst draw the world into Thy net.
 O Befriender of man, glory be to Thee.*

Kontakion of the Feast

Mode Plagal 4

*Once when He descended and confounded the tongues,
 the Most High divided the nations;
 and when He divided the tongues of fire,
 He called all men into unity;
 and with one accord we glorify the All-holy Spirit.*

Instead of "Holy God, Holy Mighty..."

Those who have been baptized in Christ...

Hymn to the Theotokos

Grave Mode

*O thou who without experience of corruption wast found to be with child,
 and didst lend flesh unto the Word Who devised all things,
 O thou Mother who hast not known wedlock,
 O Virgin Theotokos vessel of the Uncontainable One,
 dwelling place of thy boundless Fashioner, thee do we magnify.*

Communion Hymn

Your good Spirit shall lead me into the land of uprightness.

After Holy Communion,

*Instead of, "We have seen the light..."
 Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God...*

The Orthros Gospel according to John, 20:19-23

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were gathered, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again,



"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Epistle: Acts of the Apostles, 2:1-11

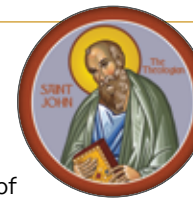
When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them



speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

The Gospel according to John, 7:37-52, 8:12

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him. The officers then went



back to the chief priest and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nikodemos, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Pentecost Sunday

The Gospel story is historically set in the time of Jesus' teaching ministry, before His arrest and trial. The passage is read on the feast of Holy Pentecost because it is closely associated with the promised gift of the Holy Spirit, which the disciples received on Pentecost, fifty days after the Resurrection and ten days after the Ascension of the Lord. To the Jewish people, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ declares: "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, ... 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" This is the "living water" promised to the Samaritan woman at the well.

Jesus speaks these words on the last day of the Jewish eight-day Feast of Tabernacles commemorating Israel's 40 years of wandering in the desert. During the sacrifice, water was drawn from the pool of Siloam — the same pool where the blind man was healed. The people chanted from the prophet Isaiah: "With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation" (Isaiah 12:3). They read from the prophet Ezekiel about water flowing from the temple (Ezekiel 47). They mixed the water with wine and poured it at the foot of the altar as a purification and a remembrance of the water that flowed from the rock that Moses struck (Exodus 17:1-7). The "rock" symbolizes Christ, the wine foreshadows the Eucharist, and the "living water" is the grace of the Holy Spirit that would come on the day of Pentecost.

After Christ's Ascension, the remaining Holy Apostles and disciples return to Jerusalem, patiently waiting for the Holy Spirit. On Holy Pentecost, Christ's promise is fulfilled, and the Holy Spirit suddenly comes. Filled with the Holy Spirit, the disciples begin miraculously speaking in other tongues — languages and dialects they did not know. Apostle Peter, in his famous sermon (Acts 2:14-36), tells the people that this is what the prophet Joel predicted, that the Holy Spirit would be poured out on all flesh (Joel 2:28).

In the Nicene Creed, we confess the Holy Spirit to be the Lord, the Creator of Life, Who proceeds from the Father, Who together with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke through the prophets. With the power of the Holy Spirit now with them, the mission of the Church in the world begins. As Pentecost was originally a harvest festival, through the

power of the Holy Spirit, the work of the Holy Apostles will now reap a harvest of souls. On that day, about 3000 people believed and were baptized (Acts 2:41). According to tradition, the Church is established on the day of Holy Pentecost. This mystery is what the Church calls us to celebrate on today's feast.

In many ways, Holy Pentecost represents the final fulfillment of the mission of Christ because the mission of the Church on earth starts with Pentecost. The Church is the continuation of the Incarnation of Christ on earth. As Christ was present on earth in His physical body, He is now ever-present in His mystical Body, the Church. The Holy Apostles, a group of mostly unlearned fishermen made wise by the Holy Spirit, now go out into the world with divine authority and proclaim the truth of the Gospel, the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ.

Holy Pentecost is undoubtedly an event in history, and it continues to be relevant to us today. Holy Pentecost sets out the fundamental feature of the Church's theology and mission — the doctrine of the Holy Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) and the mandate to make disciples of all nations. Holy Pentecost also provides the Church with its basic structure and organization. The Head of the Church is Christ. In its earthly dimensions, the Church is headed by the Holy Apostles, who govern, preach, and serve. Bishops are the successors of the Holy Apostles. With the sacrament of ordination, through the laying on of hands, an unbroken connection is established between the Holy Apostles and us. Through apostolic succession, the mission of the Church is given a location — a diocese — which the Bishop oversees. When we celebrate the Divine Liturgy and other services, the Bishop stands in the place of Christ as His representative.

Within our parishes and communities, we often meet a priest, not a bishop. Practically speaking, the Priest is called to administer the sacraments on behalf of the Bishop. All sacraments conducted by the Priest are tied to the Bishop's authority and status within the apostolic succession. Every time we go to Church, attend the Divine Liturgy, and receive the Holy Eucharist, we experience Pentecost. We live the mission of the Church as it was set out by Christ Himself. Just like Christ led his



Disciples in establishing the Holy Eucharist during the Mystical Supper, the Bishop conducts the liturgy with the presbyters, deacons, and all the people of God in our churches today.

At the same time, the notion of community remains an integral part of the Church. The hierarchical structure of the Church is dependent on a community of faithful. The models for leadership and worship in the Church are designed for community. Christians live and pray in communities together with others. The most important sacrament in the Church, the Divine Liturgy, takes place within the community. All the liturgical prayers, the congregational responses, and the common chalice reinforce this collective perspective. For its part, Christ-like leadership, which entails sacrifice in service to others, presupposes community. In the Church, bishops, priests, and lay leaders are called to serve the people of God, the community of believers.

Holy Pentecost theologically completes the way in which we worship God. In our services and prayers, we often refer to God in three hypostases: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In this way, we articulate the mystery of the Holy Trinity. This is why Holy Pentecost is also referred to as Holy Trinity Sunday. Coming to terms with the doctrine of the Holy Trinity in purely rational terms can be challenging. It may be helpful to recall that the Holy Trinity stems from God's revelation, starting with the Father in the Old Testament, moving to the Incarnation of the Son, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. In this manner, Holy Pentecost completes the process of revelation and sets the standard for our worship and theology. God was revealed in Trinity, in One and Three. Therefore, there is a powerful dimension of diversity and community in God Himself. Both hierarchical and communitarian perspectives are sustained and nourished in the Church through its theology.

It is helpful to consider how Pentecost is relevant to us in our daily struggle in the faith. God wants us to follow Him in every aspect of our lives. We are called to give ourselves entirely to the leading of the Holy Spirit to truly benefit from the freedom and love that God offers us.

Opening ourselves to discover our own unique path is a process that takes place with others within the community of believers. It does not take place with us alone. In finding our place in the world and the Church, Holy Pentecost sets out the essential feature of our approach — unity of the Spirit. Apostle Paul teaches us to make "every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: [for] there is one body and one Spirit" (Ephesians 4:3-4). This feature is vital because it connects us to Christ and the Holy Apostles. For Orthodox Christians, maintaining an unwavering link to the early Church is of great importance. Let us celebrate the Feast of Holy Pentecost in communion with one another and the unity of the Holy Spirit, speaking with the "tongues" of the many gifts God has given us to share the Gospel with others.

Events & Announcements

Dancing Zorbas

Starts Today!



We will meet in front of the church following Fellowship. 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.

Sts Peter & Paul Feast Day

June 28-29th



Our parish Feast Day is quickly approaching! Join us Friday, June 28 at 6pm for Great Vespers with His Eminence Metropolitan Constantine, and on Saturday, June 29 for Orthros at 8:30am/Divine Liturgy at 9:30am.

Looking for a way that you can help with Feast Day preparations? We need help with set-up and clean-up of the hall on Friday and Saturday! Please see Nick Karis to learn more!

Pan-Orthodox Young Adults' BBQ & Social

Sunday, July 21st, 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!

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.

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.



WE NEED YOU!

TASTE OF ORTHODOXY SEPTEMBER 6-8TH

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.

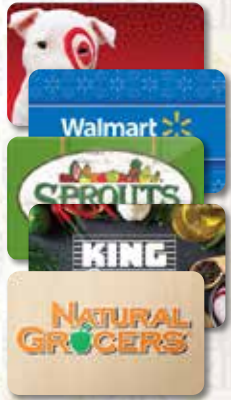
SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN-UP FOR FESTIVAL WEEKEND OR VISIT NICOLE IN THE HALL EACH SUNDAY FOLLOWING LITURGY.



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. 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

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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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