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This Week's Services

Thursday, February 27

St. Ephraim of Katounakia
 Orthros _____ 8:30am
 Divine Liturgy _____ 9:30am

Saturday, March 1

Vespers _____ 5:00pm

Sunday, March 2

Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare)
 Orthros _____ 8:30am
 Divine Liturgy _____ 9:30am
 Forgiveness Vespers _____ 11:30am

Fellowship Hour

Thank you to Philoptochos for hosting fellowship today!

- 3/2: Fasting Potluck for Cheesefare
- 3/9: Fasting Potluck
- 3/16: Joanne Callas

NEW! During Lent, fellowship will mostly consist of fasting potlucks. Each potluck has a sign-up with ideas for food and a couple of spots to help set up. By coming together as hosts, we will be supporting each other on the journey to the Resurrection. **If you would like to host a Sunday during Lent, please text or email Nicole.** Check the bulletin each week to determine the potluck dates and visit our website at stspeterandpaulboulder.org/fellowship to sign up! Questions? See Nicole Tsiouvaras

Today's Hymns

Resurrection Apolytikion

Mode 2

When Thou didst descend unto death, O Life Immortal, then didst Thou slay Hades with the lightning of Thy Divinity. And when Thou didst also raise the dead out of the nether world, all the powers of the heavens were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to Thee.

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.

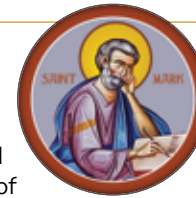
Kontakion of the Sunday of Meatfare

Mode 1

When Thou, O God, wilt come to earth with glory, and all things tremble, and the river of fire floweth before the Judgment Seat, and the books are opened and the hidden things made public, then deliver me from the unquenchable fire, and deem me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O most righteous Judge.

Scripture Readings for **Judgment Sunday**

The **Orthros Gospel** according to **Mark**, 16:1-8

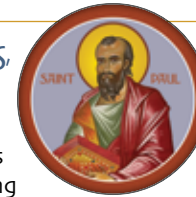


When the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a

white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him.

But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Epistle: **St Paul's 1st Letter to the Corinthians**



8:8-13; 9:1-2

Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ

died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

The **Gospel** according to **Matthew**, 25:31-46



The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in his glory and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and

clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.'

Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Judgment Sunday (Meatfare)

Matthew 25:31-46 The Judgement of Works

In today's Gospel, we read Christ's last sermon before His crucifixion. Here, the Lord does not present a parable, but a description and a prophecy of the judgment that will come on the Last Day. The Cross is near, and Christ brings us to contemplate His glory in the Second Coming, when He will sit on the Judgment Seat with the whole world in front of Him. On that Day of Judgment, the world as we know it will come to an end, and the Day that never ends will dawn. It will be the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God, and those who have drawn near to God in faith and love will receive their inheritance.

This sermon from Christ teaches us that the Last Judgment will seal the destiny of all human beings, and we will be judged according to how we practiced the virtues of faith and love. To love God with all our heart, mind, and soul is to love our neighbor as ourselves. Such love is not merely felt but shown through our actions. Similarly, genuine faith is that which works in and transforms our lives and the lives of others. Not merely our own, since faith is something to be shared. Genuine faith and acts of love are the measurements by which we will be judged.

The Lord tells us that at the Second Coming, He will come in His glory with all His angels, sit on His glorious throne, and all the nations will be gathered before Him. In His first coming, that is, His Incarnation, the Lord becoming flesh, not only restored our human nature to its original dignity but brought about a new possibility, to be transformed into the likeness of God. At His Second Coming in His eternal glory, He will come to separate the sheep from the goats.

This illustration would have been familiar to Christ's listeners, who were well-acquainted with livestock. Shepherds raised sheep and goats for various purposes. The Lord's description teaches us that what made them different was not what they were but what they did and did not do. The sheep followed the Shepherd's voice, as the Lord said: "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish" (John 10:27-28). They are gentle and productive. On the other hand, the goats did not follow the Shepherd but were disobedient. We are called to be obedient, like the sheep, not rebellious like the goats.

The Lord will say to those at His right hand, "Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me." The Kingdom is an inheritance, a gift from God to those who love Him and their neighbor.

Notice how Christ identifies Himself with the poor, with those who are thirsty and hungry, with the sick, and with those in prison. To serve those in need is to serve Christ Himself. As He says, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." Some chose not to serve others in love, and those will be placed on His left hand, a gesture of His disfavor. Those who served others sacrificially will be placed on His right hand, a gesture of the Lord's royal favor.

Those placed on Christ's right imitated Him by faith and love, and they did so by feeding the hungry, practicing hospitality, clothing the poor, and visiting the sick and the captives. The needs listed include both physical and spiritual needs. In the Divine Liturgy, we are united in One Body, the Body of Christ. We pray for those in need, asking "for the sick, the suffering, the captives and for their salvation . . . for our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and distress." Our mission is to participate in the fulfillment of this prayer, not only in thought and word but also in deed. We are called to go to the world and practice genuine Christian love.

Serving the Lord by serving others in practical ways is a mark of Christian discipleship. After the Resurrection and before His Ascension, the Lord commanded, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19-20). Becoming a disciple of Christ means being united with Him through the Holy Baptism, living His commandments, and becoming a disciple who loves and serves God and others. Genuine service is best measured by acts toward those who are unable to repay us. The Lord sees the disposition of our hearts and knows whether we act out of faith and love or out of a desire for recognition and reward.

Discipleship, therefore, is about imitating Christ and becoming a vessel of His grace and mercy to

others. Those who live in this way and participate in the ministry of Christ are those who are welcomed into the Kingdom and who are called "blessed of the Father" in the end. If we love Him, we will follow in His steps. If our faith is grounded in Him and abides deeply in our souls, our Christian identity is shown to be living and life-giving.

By genuine faith and active love, we show mercy and compassion to all those in need. In this way, spiritually, we already begin to live in that Kingdom which we will receive as an inheritance on the Last Day, when "the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father" (Matthew 13:43), and the Lord will say, "Come inherit the Kingdom!" This is the manifestation of God's grace and love in our lives. As Saint John Chrysostom says, "Of what honor, of what blessedness are these words? And He said not,

Take, but, Inherit, as one's own, as your Father's, as yours, as due to you from the first."

We will begin to practice the kind of faith and love described as we make ourselves open and available to the grace of God and the work of the Holy Spirit, Who works in and through us (Philippians 2:13). Being His children, we receive the gifts of God, and He rewards our works with His eternal Kingdom. The love of God is the beginning and the end of all things. We cooperate with His Spirit as His disciples; this is the way to the Kingdom of God. May we continue on this path in our journey to His Kingdom by serving Christ and others daily so that we might be counted among the sheep at His right hand.

Events & Announcements

Introduction to Orthodox Christianity Class

Begins Today!
12pm-1pm



Are you a catechumen, inquirer, or Orthodox faithful that would like to learn more about our faith? Join David Dinsmore as he begins the Introduction to Orthodox Christianity class. Classes will meet on Sundays following the Divine Liturgy. Grab a flyer in the Narthex or contact David at daviddinsmore.d@gmail.com for more information.

Epistle Reading Rotation



We are looking for people who would like to read the Epistle on Sunday! As you know, we only have a few people who read the epistle on Sunday morning, so we are trying to form a rotation of people who are willing to read it as well. This is a very low commitment way to help out during church, so please consider joining! Please talk to Anthony Pappas or email him at pappasa99@gmail.com to be added to the list. We will have a short lesson on what to do during the epistle reading after church on Sunday, and then a rotation of readers will be posted. Young and old, it doesn't matter, all are welcome!

Road Closure



Jay road between the northeast and southwest lanes of Colorado 119 (diagonal highway) will be closed to all modes of transportation. Feb. 28 to March 10. Alternate route to and from church are advised.

Final Notice! Lost & Found



There are several items that need to be picked up from the box at the entrance of the fellowship hall. Please stop by and see if any of the jackets or other miscellaneous items belong to you. Items not picked up by TODAY will be donated. We thank you for your understanding.

Consecration Registry



We would like to thank all those that have contributed towards our Consecration Registry. The total amount needed for Consecration is \$65,000. The amount raised so far is just over \$24,000! 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!

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Great Lent



With Great Lent beginning on Monday, March 3, we invite you to join us on our Lenten Journey towards Holy Week and Pascha. Grab a calendar with all upcoming Lenten services from the Narthex and help yourself to the Lenten reading materials in the fellowship hall. Be sure to schedule your Lenten confession with Fr. Gabriel by visiting our website. Please contact the church office with any questions.

Surrounding Lenten Events:

Lecture: Theosis in Icons at St. Tikhon Orthodox Church
Saturday, March 8, 3-4:30pm

All are invited to attend the parish of St. Tikhon's in Parker as Fr. Alexander Vallens gives a Lenten talk titled, "Theosis in Icons". Light refreshments served after. Vespers will begin at 5:30pm. All are welcome to attend!

Pan-Orthodox Vespers (All services begin at 5pm)

- March 9: Sunday of Orthodoxy at the Assumption Cathedral in Denver
- March 16: St. Gregory Palamas at the Holy Transfiguration Cathedral in Denver
- March 23: Sunday of the Cross at St. Elias in Arvada
- March 30: St. John of the Ladder at St. Luke in Erie
- April 6: St. Mary of Egypt at St. Herman in Littleton

Philoptochos

Monthly Service Project

Orthodox Day Of Service

Saturday, March 29

Help support your Philoptochos by joining the **Orthodox Day of Service** that will take place at St. Luke in Erie. The local Orthodox community, Meals of Hope, and The Good Samaritan Project will come together to pack and donate 35,000 meals! People of all ages are welcome to join!

If you would like to help in the meantime, please consider donating towards the project to help with the purchase of supplies by scanning the QR code. If you have any questions, please contact Ashley Dzilvelis at ashleydz1@hotmail.com.



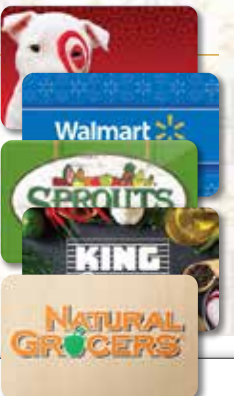
Philoptochos Membership Drive



Our annual membership drive has begun! 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).

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.



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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

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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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