

PETRA NEWS

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



This Week's Services

Wednesday, July 10
Paraklesis _____ 6:00pm

Friday, July 12
Archangel Gabriel
Vigil _____ 6:00-11:00pm

Saturday, July 13
Vespers _____ 5:00pm

Sunday, July 14
Orthros _____ 8:30am
Divine Liturgy _____ 9:30am

Fellowship Hour

We invite all families of the parish to bring a potluck item to share for fellowship today! Please help clean up as you leave. Thank you for your contribution!

7/14: Jim & Julie Powers
7/21: OPEN
7/28: OPEN

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 the 2nd Sunday of Matthew

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 Holy Martyr Kyriake

Mode 4

*O Lord Jesus, unto Thee Thy lamb doth cry with a great voice:
O my Bridegroom, Thee I love;
and seeking Thee, I now contest, and with Thy baptism am crucified and buried.
I suffer for Thy sake, that I may reign with Thee;
for Thy sake I die, that I may live in Thee:
accept me offered out of longing to Thee as a spotless sacrifice.
Lord, save our souls through her intercessions, since Thou art great in mercy.*

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 2nd Sunday of Matthew

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

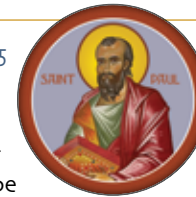
When the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us 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 Letter to the Galatians, 3:23-29; 4:1-5

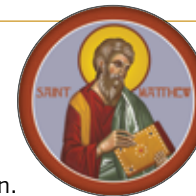
Brethren, before faith came, we were confined under the law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you



are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental principles of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

The Gospel according to Matthew, 4:18-23

At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and



John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father, and followed him. And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

Holy Martyr Kyriake

Saint Kyriake was the only child of Dorotheus and Eusebia. Since she was born on a Sunday (Kyriake, in Greek), she was named Kyriake.

One day a wealthy magistrate wished to betroth Kyriake to his son. Not only was she young and beautiful, but her parents were wealthy, and the magistrate wished to control that wealth. The magistrate went to her parents to request her hand, but Saint Kyriake told him that she wished to remain a virgin, for she had dedicated herself to Christ.

The magistrate was angered by her words, so he went to the emperor Diocletian to denounce the saint and her parents as Christians who mocked the idols, and refused to offer sacrifice to them.

Diocletian sent soldiers to arrest the family and have them brought before him. He asked them why they would not honor the gods which he himself honored. They told him that these were false gods, and that Christ was the one true God.

Dorotheus was beaten until the soldiers grew tired and were unable to continue. Since neither flattery nor torment had any effect, Diocletian sent Dorotheus and Eusebia to Melitene on the eastern border between Cappadocia and Armenia. Then he sent Saint Kyriake to be interrogated by his son-in-law and co-ruler Maximian at Nicomedia.

Maximian urged her not to throw her life away, promising her wealth and marriage to one of Diocletian's relatives if she would worship the pagan gods. Saint Kyriake replied that she would never renounce Christ, nor did she desire worldly riches. Enraged by her bold answer, Maximian had her flogged. The soldiers who administered this punishment became tired, and had to be replaced three times.

Shamed by his failure to overcome a young woman, Maximian sent Saint Kyriake to Hilarion, the eparch of Bithynia, at Chalcedon. He told Hilarion to either convert Kyriake to paganism, or send her back to him.

Making the same promises and threats that Diocletian and Maximian had made before, Hilarion was no more successful than they were. Saint Kyriake challenged him to do his worst, because Christ would help her to triumph. The saint was suspended by her hair for several hours, while soldiers burned her body with torches. Not only did she endure all this, she also seemed to become more courageous under torture. Finally, she was taken down and put into a prison cell.

That night Christ appeared to her and healed her wounds. When Hilarion saw her the next day, he declared that she had been healed by the gods because they pitied her. Then Hilarion urged her to go to the temple to give thanks to the gods. She told him that she had been healed by Christ, but agreed to go to the temple. The eparch rejoiced, thinking that he had defeated her.

In the temple, Saint Kyriake prayed that God would destroy the soulless idols. Suddenly, there was a great earthquake which toppled the idols, shattering them to pieces. Everyone fled the temple in fear, leaving Hilarion behind. Instead of recognizing the power of Christ, the eparch blasphemed the true God as the destroyer of his pagan gods. He was struck by a bolt of lightning and died on the spot.

Saint Kyriake was tortured again by Apollonius, who succeeded Hilarion as eparch. When she was cast into a fire, the flames were extinguished. When she was thrown to wild beasts, they became tame and gentle. Therefore, Apollonius sentenced her to death by the sword. She was permitted time to pray, so she asked God to receive her soul, and to remember those who honored her martyrdom.

Just as Saint Kyriake ended her prayer, angels took her soul before the soldiers could strike off her head. Pious Christians took her relics and buried them in a place of honor.



Events & Announcements

Vigil for Archangel Gabriel

Friday, July 12th 6-10pm

Join us for an evening vigil for Archangel Gabriel. The vigil will begin with Vespers at 6pm, immediately followed by Orthros and the Divine Liturgy.



Dancing Zorbas

Practice Today

We will meet every Sunday in front of the Church following Fellowship Hour. 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.



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!.



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.



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.



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.

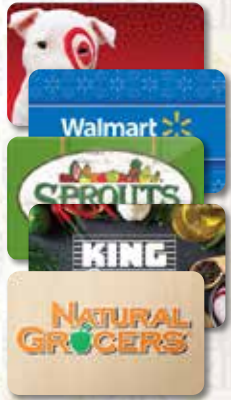
SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN-UP FOR FESTIVAL WEEKEND OR VISIT NICOLE IN THE HALL EACH SUNDAY FOLLOWING LITURGY.



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.*

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**METROPOLIS
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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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