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### This Week's Services

#### Saturday, August 30

Vespers \_\_\_\_\_ 5:00pm

#### Sunday, August 31

Orthros \_\_\_\_\_ 8:30am

Divine Liturgy \_\_\_\_\_ 9:30am

### Fellowship

Thank you to Joanne and Steve Callas, Ashley and Steve Dzilvelis, Aimee and Joe Cooper, and Bob Demmon for hosting fellowship hour today!

8/31: Young Adults League (YAL)

9/7: Tinsley Family

9/14: OPEN

We invite you to sign up to host Fellowship Hour by visiting [stspeterandpaulboulder.org/fellowship](http://stspeterandpaulboulder.org/fellowship).

### Today's Hymns

#### Resurrection Apolytikon

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.*

#### Apolytikon 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 for the Birth of the Theotokos

Mode 4

*Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness,  
and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death,  
O immaculate one, by thy holy Nativity,  
which thy people, redeemed from the guilt of offences,  
celebrate by crying to thee:  
The barren woman giveth birth to the Theotokos,  
the nourisher of our life*

## Scripture Readings for the Eleventh Sunday of Matthew

Today's Orthros Gospel can be found on Page 4.

Epistle: **St Paul's** first letter to the **Corinthians**.

Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife as sister, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For



9:2-12

it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material things? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

The **Gospel** according to **Matthew**. 18:23-35

The Lord said this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant



fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the torturers, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to everyone of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.



# Saint Dionysius of Zakynthos

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Saint Dionysius of Zakynthos, the Bishop of Aegina was born in 1547 on the island of Zakynthos. Though born into a noble family, he was determined to flee the world and set his mind upon heavenly things. He entered the monastery of Strophada, and after the prescribed time, he was clothed in the angelic schema by the abbot. Though young in years, he surpassed many of his elders in virtue, and was found worthy of ordination to the holy priesthood.

Although he protested his unworthiness, Saint Dionysius was consecrated Bishop of Aegina. In that office he never ceased to teach and admonish his flock, and many were drawn to him in order to profit from his wisdom. He feared the praise of men, lest he should fall into the sin of vainglory, so he resigned his See and returned to Zakynthos.

In 1579 the diocese of Zakynthos was widowed (when a bishop dies, his diocese is described as “widowed”), and Dionysius agreed to care for it until a new bishop could be elected. Then he fled from the worldly life which gave him no peace, and went to the Monastery of the Most Holy Theotokos Anaphonitria, twenty miles from the main village.

A certain stranger murdered the saint’s brother Constantine, an illustrious nobleman. Fearing his victim’s relatives, the stranger, by chance or by God’s will, sought refuge in the monastery where Saint Dionysius was the abbot. When the saint asked the fugitive why he was so frightened, he

confessed his sin and revealed the name of the man he had murdered, asking to be protected from the family’s vengeance. Saint Dionysius wept for his only brother, as was natural. Then he comforted the murderer and hid him, showing him great compassion and love.

Soon the saint’s relatives came to the monastery with a group of armed men and told him what had happened. He pretended to know nothing about it. After weeping with them and trying to console them, he sent them off in the wrong direction. Then he told the murderer that he was the brother of the man he had killed. He admonished him as a father, and brought him to repentance. After forgiving him, Saint Dionysius brought him down to the shore and helped him to escape to another place in order to save his life. Because of the saint’s Christ-like virtue, he was granted the gift of working miracles.

Having passed his life in holiness, Saint Dionysius reached a great age, then departed to the Lord on December 17, 1624. Not only are the saint’s relics incorrupt, but he is also one of Greece’s “walking saints” (Saint Gerasimus and Saint Spyridon are the others). He is said to leave his reliquary and walk about performing miracles for those who seek his aid. In fact, the soles of his slippers wear out and must be replaced with a new pair from time to time. The old slippers are cut up, and the pieces are distributed to pilgrims. On August 24, we celebrate the Transfer of his Holy Relics. Through the prayers of Saint Dionysius, may Christ our God have mercy upon us and save us.



## The Orthros Gospel according to John, 21:14-25



At that time, Jesus revealed himself to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. And he said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you girded yourself and walked where you would; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish to go." (This he said to show by what death he was

to glorify God.) And after this he said to him, "Follow me." Peter turned and saw following them the disciple whom Jesus loved, who had lain close to his breast at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?" When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about this man?" Jesus said to him, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!" The saying spread abroad among the brethren that this disciple was not to die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he was not to die, but, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?" This is the disciple who is bearing witness to these things, and who has written these things; and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things which Jesus did; were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.

## Events & Announcements

### Metropolis of Denver Hierarchical Liturgy & Open House



**Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**

His Eminence Metropolitan Constantine of Denver invites you to attend the Feast Day celebration of the Metropolis of Denver Chapel. Orthros will begin at 8am followed by Hierarchical Liturgy. Following the services there will be an Open House and Reception.

### Church Family Community Nights

**Beginning Thursday,  
September 18<sup>th</sup>**



Come share an evening of prayer, fellowship, and fun with us! Once a month, our church family will gather to enjoy:

- Paraklesis or Vespers at 5pm
- A hosted spaghetti dinner at 6pm

Followed by...

- Adult Education with Fr. Benedict on the book of Psalms
- A GOYA discussion led by Fr. Gabriel

Grab a flyer in the Narthex for more details!  
We hope to see you there!

### The Orthodox Christian Faith Class

**Classes Start  
Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**



A two-part series on the Orthodox Christian faith will be offered on Sundays following the Divine Liturgy. The first four weeks of the series is titled "The Divine Liturgy" and will be offered by Fr. Gabriel. The following four weeks is titled "Philippians: Finding Joy in our Spiritual Lives" and will be offered by David Dinsmore. Everyone is welcome to attend, especially inquirers or catechumens that wish to learn more about the faith.

### Church Beautification Ministry

**First Meeting  
Sunday, September, 14<sup>th</sup>**



We're seeking volunteers to join this new ministry. We'll be responsible for cleaning the church weekly, changing anologian covers as needed and making and maintaining flower arrangements. If you are interested in becoming a member of this ministry please contact Lucy Chiriac, [larissman@gmail.com](mailto:larissman@gmail.com) or Debbie Catechi, [Dcatechi@gmail.com](mailto:Dcatechi@gmail.com). A meet-up of all team members as well as interested parishioners is planned for Sunday Sept 14th at 12:45pm."

## Sunday School

The end of summer is quickly approaching! With that, Sunday School will soon begin! Parents, please mark your calendars with the following upcoming important dates:

**Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday School parent meeting following the Divine Liturgy.

**Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**

First day of Sunday School classes.

### Registration

Registration is now open for Sunday School. This year we are asking all parents to register their children, new or returning. Please scan the QR code to register.



### Snack Sign-Up

We invite parents to help contribute to Sunday School snacks and set-up this year! Find a family to pair up with and select a Sunday that you can help. Scan the QR code to sign up. We thank you in advance!



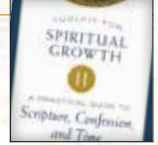
Grab a copy of the Sunday School calendar in the Narthex. If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to reach out to Aaron Wall at 720-400-6579 or [awall609@yahoo.com](mailto:awall609@yahoo.com) or Cyndi Yost at 720-936-3613 or [ck.yost@yahoo.com](mailto:ck.yost@yahoo.com).



## Philoptochos

### Bookstore

#### Toolkit For Spiritual Growth II

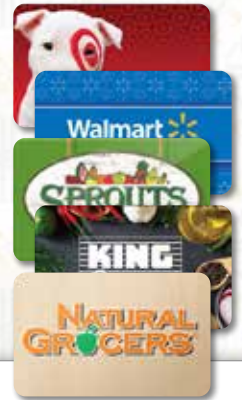


The sequel to Fr. Evan's (St. Spyridon) 'Toolkit to Spiritual Growth I,' relays the importance of Scripture reading, confession, and living in the present moment of time and is now available in our bookstore.

We also have new icons and prayer bracelets that have just arrived. Have you been wanting to try a new incense? We have sample packages for only \$2 or \$4! If you'd like to know more about the lives of St. Sophia and her daughters, Hope, Faith, and Love, we have a book in Greek. Please check out the bookstore or contact Olga Coleman.

### 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

Welcome to Sts. Peter & Paul. 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, Parish Administrator

### Choir Director

Katherine Vest

### Petranews

Rick Leonidas & Shanyn Bateh

### Parish Council

Steven Dzilvelis, President  
Michael Bateh, Vice-President  
Jim Azar, Treasurer  
Gabriel Chiriac, Secretary  
Andriy Andreyev  
Chris Artemis  
David Dinsmore  
Nick Karis  
Nicole Tsiouvaras

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Julie Powers,  
Treasurer  
Olga Coleman,  
Secretary & Bookstore  
Photini Westover,  
Corresponding Secretary

## 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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