

PETRA NEWS



SAINT ANTHONY

WEEK OF JANUARY 16TH 2022

WEEKLY SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

Parish Council Meeting_ 6:30pm

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

Paraclesis Service _____ 6pm

Christian Faith Class _____ 7pm

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

Women's Bible Study _____ 10am

Great Vespers _____ 5pm

Family Nigh _____ 6pm

SPECIAL LUNCHEON

HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS ALL DONATIONS: FIRE DISASTER RELIEF SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

("To go" luncheons will be available)

Details: TBA

HYMNS FOR DECEMBER 9TH

RESURRECTION HYMN

Plagal 1st Tone - Page 99 "Green Hymnal Book"

*"Let us the faithful give praise and worship to the Logos,
coeternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born of the Virgin for our salvation;*

*for of His own good will He consented to ascend the cross in the flesh and
endured death and raised the dead by His glorious Resurrection."*

HYMN FOR THE PRECIOUS CHAINS OF THE APOSTLE PETER

*"Without leaving Rome, you came to us,
through the precious Chains that you wore, O President of the Apostles.
As we venerate them in faith, we pray to you:*

By your intercessions with God, grant to us the great mercy."

HYMN FOR SAINT ANTHONY

*"Imitating the life of Elijah the Zealot,
and following the paths John the Baptist, O Father Anthony,
you colonized the desert, and you supported the Empire by your prayers.
Therefore intercede with Christ our God to save our souls."*

HYMN FOR OUR PATRON SAINTS PETER & PAUL

*"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

*"You sanctified the virginal womb by Your birth, O Lord,
and blessed the hands of Symeon fittingly, O Christ God;
and even now You came and saved us.*

*Now, give peace to our Nation in time of war,
and empower our Leaders, so loved by You,
the only one who loves humanity."*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Orthros Gospel: John 20:11-18

Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11

Gospel: Luke 17:12-19

PRAYERS IN PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Red Divine Liturgy Service Book, page 61.

12TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

EIGHTH ORTHROS GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 20:11-18

At that time, Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." Saying this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom do you seek?" Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, "Sir, if

you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." Mary Magdalene went and said to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that He had said these things to her.

ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE COLOSSIANS 3:4-11

Brethren, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice,

slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE 17:12-19

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus's feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus: "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him: "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."



SAINT ANTHONY THE GREAT

Saint Anthony the Great is known as the Father of monasticism, and the long ascetical sermon in *The Life of Saint Anthony* by Saint Athanasius (Sections 16-34), could be called the first monastic Rule.

He was born in Egypt in the village of Coma, near the desert of the Thebaid, in the year 251. His parents were pious Christians of illustrious lineage. Anthony was a serious child and was respectful and obedient to his parents. He loved to attend church services, and he listened to the Holy Scripture so attentively, that he remembered what he heard all his life.

When Saint Anthony was about twenty years old, he lost his parents, but he was responsible for the care of his younger sister. Going to church about six months later, the youth reflected on how the faithful, in the Acts of the Apostles (4:35), sold their possessions and gave the proceeds to the Apostles for the needy.

Then he entered the church and heard the Gospel passage where Christ speaks to the rich young man: "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come follow Me" (Mt.19:21). Anthony felt that these words applied to him. Therefore, he sold the property that he received after the death of his parents, then distributed the money to the poor, and left his sister in the care of pious virgins in a convent.

Leaving his parental home, Saint Anthony began his ascetical life in a hut not far from his village. By working with his hands, he was able to earn his livelihood and also alms for the poor. Sometimes, the holy youth also visited other ascetics living in the area, and from each he sought direction and benefit. He turned to one particular ascetic for guidance in the spiritual life.

Saint Anthony spent twenty years in complete isolation and constant struggle with the demons, and he finally achieved perfect calm. The saint's friends removed the stones from the entrance, and they went to Saint Anthony and besought him to take them under his guidance. Soon Saint Anthony's cell was surrounded by several monasteries, and the saint acted as a father and guide to their inhabitants, giving spiritual instruction to all who

came into the desert seeking salvation. He increased the zeal of those who were already monks, and inspired others with a love for the ascetical life. He told them to strive to please the Lord, and not to become faint-hearted in their labors. He also urged them not to fear demonic assaults, but to repel the Enemy by the power of the Life-Creating Cross of the Lord.

In the year 311 there was a fierce persecution against Christians, in the reign of the emperor Maximian. Wishing to suffer with the holy martyrs, Saint Anthony left the desert and went to Alexandria. He openly ministered to those in prison, he was present at the trial and interrogations of the confessors, and accompanying the martyrs to the place of execution. It pleased the Lord to preserve him, however, for the benefit of Christians.

At the close of the persecution, the saint returned to the desert and continued his exploits. The Lord granted the saint the gift of wonderworking, casting out demons and healing the sick by the power of his prayer. The great crowds of people coming to him disrupted his solitude, and he went off still farther, into the inner desert where he settled atop a high elevation. But the brethren of the monasteries sought him out and asked him to visit their communities.

People from all walks of life loved the saint and sought his advice. Pagan philosophers once came to Abba Anthony intending to mock him for his lack of education, but by his words he reduced them to silence. Emperor Constantine the Great (May 21) and his sons wrote to Saint Anthony and asked him for a reply. He praised the emperor for his belief in Christ, and advised him to remember the future judgment, and to know that Christ is the true King.

Saint Anthony spent eighty-five years in the solitary desert. Shortly before his death, he told the brethren that soon he would be taken from them. He instructed them to preserve the Orthodox Faith in its purity, to avoid any association with heretics, and not to be negligent in their monastic struggles. "Strive to be united first with the Lord, and then with the saints, so that after death they may receive you as familiar friends into the everlasting dwellings."

CHURCHTRAC ONLINE MEMBER PORTAL

Beginning January 1, we will transition our Church record-keeping and our on-line payment portal (previously EasyTithe) to our new secure on-line Church Management system, ChurchTrac. Through this system, you will be able to login to access your personal/family contact information, access an on-line church directory, view your giving history, print your 2022 giving statement, **and make your on-line stewardship payments.**

Please login to your ChurchTrac account to complete the following 3 steps:

1. Create your account.

- Complete profile for you and your family
- Check spelling of your name(s)
- Update email addresses
- Add your birthdate(s)
- Add your cellphone number
- Check your address
- Upload your photo(s)

2) Complete your on-line Stewardship Form

3) *Optional - Beginning January 1, set-up your on-line Stewardship payment (replacing EasyTithe)

1) Create your account

To access your ChurchTrac account from your cell phone, scan the QR Code. >>>

To access your ChurchTrac Account on-line, please visit our website at www.stspeterandpaulboulder.org. From there:

- Go to the Stewardship tab and click on Member Portal
- Click on the Member Login button
- You will be redirected to a sign-on page. Click on Create an Account. From there follow the instructions to complete the set-up process.
- Once all steps are completed, you will be able to login to your account.
- To update or view your information, click on the menu bar at the upper left hand corner of your home page. Click on My Profile to view your information and make any changes. Please be sure to add a picture for our on-line directory!



2) Complete your on-line 2022 Stewardship Form

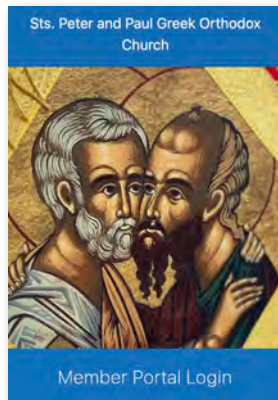
When logged in to your ChurchTrac account, the on-line 2022 Stewardship Form is on the main page. Click on it to complete the form. If you would like to access the form quickly from your cellphone, please scan the QR Code. >>>



3) Beginning January 1 – Set-Up Your On-line Stewardship Giving (replacing EasyTithe)

When logged into your ChurchTrac account, click on the menu bar at the upper left hand corner of your home page. Click on On-line Giving to set up your on-line Stewardship giving.

If you have any questions or need any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Shanyin Bateh at office at stspeterandpaulboulder.org or 303-581-1434.



NEWS & ACTIVITIES

INDOOR MASK MANDATE

Dear Church Family of Sts Peter and Paul:

Boulder County is enforcing an indoor public space mask mandate for everyone 2 years old and older, regardless of vaccination status. Boulder County is currently categorized as “high transmission” with the rising surge of the delta variant. As our duty to be good stewards of our community, **I ask effective immediately, EVERYONE ATTENDING WORSHIP OR GATHERING IN THE CHURCH OR FELLOWSHIP HALL WEAR A MASK AS PUT FORTH BY BOULDER COUNTY GUIDELINES.**

There will also be a limited number of people handling food that will be served during fellowship hour. In addition to the Sunday Divine Liturgy, weekday services and Saturday Great Vespers will be offered. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me directly.

I appreciate everyone's cooperation and understanding during these times.

With love in Christ,
Protopresbyter Father Jordan Brown,
Parish Priest, Sts Peter & Paul

ADULT EDUCATION

BOOK CLUB MINISTRY: SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 6PM

Our Book Club has begun reading *The Beginnings of a Life of Prayer*, by Bishop Irenei. Books are available in the Bookstore located in the parish hall. If you have any questions or would like to purchase a book, please contact Presbytera Marika at marikadb@aol.com

FAMILY NIGHT 2022

Please mark your calendar!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 5PM EVENING PRAYER / VESPERS SERVICE

5:45 - 8pm Dinner & Fellowship.
Everyone is invited! Families, all ages, single, parents & grandparents!

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN FAITH CLASSES

SPECIAL 4 PART SERIES, TOPIC: THE DIVINE LITURGY; A COMMENTARY IN THE LIGHT OF THE FATHERS

Please join us: Wednesday, January 19, 7pm

Father Jordan will be leading this series, and offering gems from the book by Hieromonk Gregorios, Koutloumousiou Monastery. This is a wonderful class for all Orthodox Christians, catechumens and inquirers.

If you are interested in the Orthodox Christian Faith, please visit with Father Jordan.

“It is needful to understand the miracle of the Mysteries: what it is, why it was given, and what is its profits.” St John Chrysostom

WEEKDAY SERVICE FELLOWSHIP & STUDY

Please mark your calendar for the following weekday feast day celebrations:

FEAST OF ST GREGORY TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

Evening Divine Liturgy _____ 6pm
Potluck Dinner Fellowship _____ 7:30pm

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY & FELLOWSHIP

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 10AM

**At the home of Mary Lymberopoulos
4495 Chippewa Drive, Boulder**

The Women's Bible Study is open to all women. If you have any questions, please visit with Father Jordan. If you are able, please bring a brunch item to share.

YOUTH MINISTRY

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

Saturday, February 5, GOYA Fellowship

We invite all middle and high school age young people to join us on February 5th. We will gather for prayer at 5pm. Dinner, discussion and fellowship will immediately follow the vespers service in our parish hall. Youth from our sister parishes will be joining us.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY - REDO

Thank you to the following people who have already returned their cards (as of 1/9):

John & Constance Abrams
Gaynel Andrusko
Joanne Ashmun
Jim & Devyn Azar
Danielle Breedlove
Debbie Catechi
Olga Coleman
Elayne Dageenakis
Tony Dageenakis
Pres. Kedrann Dotson
John & Sharon Dzilvelis
Eric & Keity Elias
Steve & Yoana Georgis
Aphrodite Knoop
Michelle Mann
Matt Melonakis
Jacques & Amanda Nader
Nick Pappas & Joanna Johnson
Juli Sarris
Scott & Corey Smith
Manuel & Candy Soulakis
Dean & Dena Tinsley
George & Nicole Tsiouvaras
Nicholas V. Tsiouvaras
Aaron & Viktoryia Wall
Photini Westover

If you do not see your name on this list but you have returned a card (either paper or electronic), please contact Nicole at 303-489-4491 or tsiouvaras@msn.com. Deadline for returning a stewardship card is January 30. Thank you!

PHILOPTOCHOS

GROCERY CARDS

Philoptochos sells gift cards to Safeway, Natural Grocers Vitamin Cottage and Sprouts. Also available are OLD CHICAGO PIZZA PALZ, an \$11 gift card that you redeem at an Old Chicago restaurant by ordering any large pizza valued up to \$25! Restaurants are located throughout Colorado. Please contact Julie Powers to make your purchase. King Soopers shoppers: all you have to do is create an account with your King Soopers loyalty card (or alternate id, your phone number) on their website at kingsoopers.com. Once your account is created, you will link your loyalty card 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 the Philoptochos will receive a portion of your purchase.



BOOKSTORE

Stop by on Sundays and browse the various books and Icons. To make a purchase, bring the slip from the item you want and Julie Powers will accept your payment. If you don't see what you are looking for, we can order it. Please see Olga Coleman.





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The 'Epigonation' is part of a Priest's vestments, that replaced the purses of the alms, which the Apostles carried for the poor.

ABOUT OUR PARISH

We welcome visitors worshipping with us today. Our diverse church family encompasses many converts to the Orthodox Christian Faith, as well as Greek, Arab, Romanian, Serbian and Russian Orthodox Christians. 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.

Please introduce yourself to our priest and members of our community. We also encourage you to join us for our fellowship after services in the parish hall and visit our bookstore. If you are interested in learning more about the Orthodox Christian faith, please visit with our priest, Fr. Jordan Brown.

HOLY COMMUNION IN THE ORTHODOX CHURCH

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.



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RECURRING SERVICES

Orthros - Sundays, 8:15am
Divine Liturgy - Sundays, 9:30am
Great Vespers - Saturdays, 5pm