

PETRA NEWS

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



**THIS WEEK'S SERVICES
& ACTIVITIES**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

Orthros _____ 8:15am

Divine Liturgy _____ 9:30am

Welcome...

... Father Louis Christopoulos, Chancellor
Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Denver.

Baptism, October 8th

Everyone from the parish is invited
to attend the upcoming Sacrament of
Baptism for Jay Seabrum and David
Siverling on Saturday, October 8
beginning at 9am.

Note Concerning Clergy

The Metropolis of Denver will be
providing clergy for the Sunday Divine
Liturgy and some weekday services
as we prayerfully wait for our new
priest to be assigned. If you have an
immediate need for a priest, please
contact the office: 303-581-1434 or email
office@stpeterandpaulboulder.org

Fellowship Hour

Thanks to Zaronias family for hosting
today's fellowship.

10/2: OPEN

10/9: Troicky/Zissimos

We have 12 open Sundays between now
and the end of the year. Please sign-up
today! Go to stpeterandpaulboulder.org

HYMNS FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF LUKE

Resurrectional Apolytikion

2nd Tone (Page 101 Green Hymnal)

*When the angelic powers appeared at Your grave,
the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead.
And standing by the sepulcher was Mary
who was seeking Your immaculate body.
You devastated Hades, not afflicted by it.
You went to meet the virgin, and granted eternal life.
You resurrected from the dead. O Lord, glory to You.*

Apolytikion for Euphrosyne of Alexandria

4th Tone

*In you, O Mother,
is preserved undistorted what was made in the image of God;
for taking up the cross, you followed Christ and by example
taught, that we should overlook the flesh, since it passes away,
and instead look after the soul, since it is immortal.
And therefore, O devout Euphrosyne
your spirit rejoices with the angels.*

Hymn for our Patron Saints

*“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 who were lifted on the cross voluntarily,
O Christ our God, bestow Your tender compassions
upon Your new community to which You gave Your name.
Cause our faithful emperors to be glad in Your power,
granting them the victories against their adversaries.
And for an ally, Lord, may they have You,
peace as their armor, the trophy invincible.*

Scripture Readings

Epistle: Corinthians 4:6-15 – Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

FIRST SUNDAY OF LUKE

Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 4:6-15

Brethren, it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

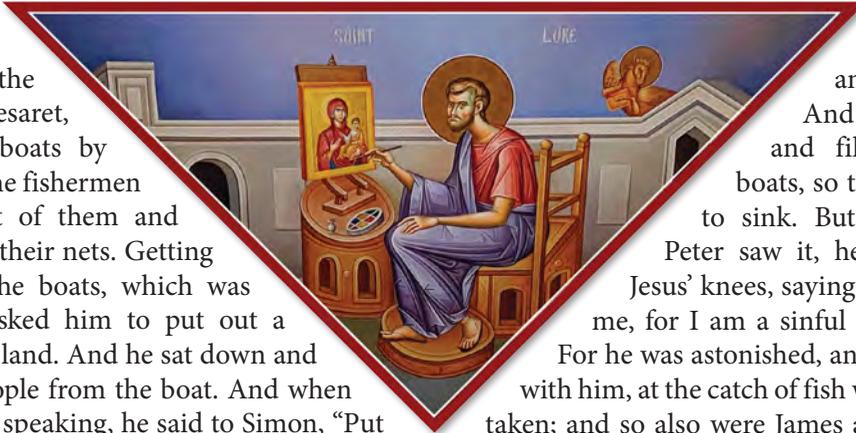
But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we

are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believe, and so we speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

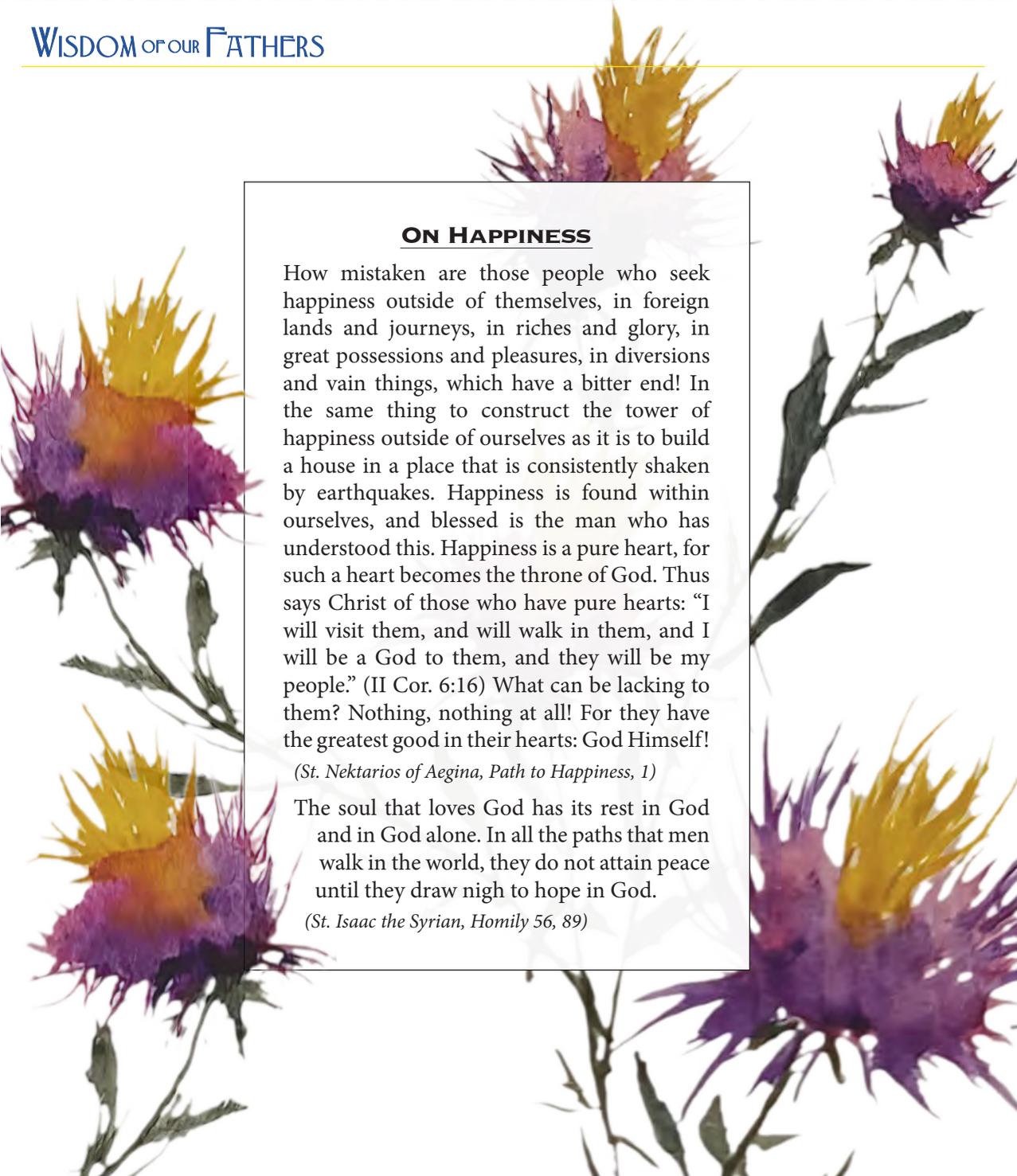
The Gospel According to Luke 5:1-11

At that time, as Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners



in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all who were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

ON HAPPINESS



How mistaken are those people who seek happiness outside of themselves, in foreign lands and journeys, in riches and glory, in great possessions and pleasures, in diversions and vain things, which have a bitter end! In the same thing to construct the tower of happiness outside of ourselves as it is to build a house in a place that is consistently shaken by earthquakes. Happiness is found within ourselves, and blessed is the man who has understood this. Happiness is a pure heart, for such a heart becomes the throne of God. Thus says Christ of those who have pure hearts: “I will visit them, and will walk in them, and I will be a God to them, and they will be my people.” (II Cor. 6:16) What can be lacking to them? Nothing, nothing at all! For they have the greatest good in their hearts: God Himself!

(St. Nektarios of Aegina, Path to Happiness, 1)

The soul that loves God has its rest in God and in God alone. In all the paths that men walk in the world, they do not attain peace until they draw nigh to hope in God.

(St. Isaac the Syrian, Homily 56, 89)

VENERABLE EUPHROSYN OF ALEXANDRIA

Commemorated on September 25

Our venerable Mother Euphrosynē was born at the beginning of the fifth century in the city of Alexandria. She was the only child of illustrious and wealthy parents. When she was twelve years old, her mother reposed, and so the girl was raised by her Father, Paphnutios, who was a very devout Christian. He was in the habit of visiting a certain monastery, where the Igoumen was his Spiritual Father.

When Euphrosynē turned eighteen, her father wanted her to marry. He went to the monastery to obtain the Igoumen's blessing for his daughter's wedding. The Igoumen talked with her and gave her his blessing, but Saint Euphrosynē longed for the monastic life. One day, she gave away her possessions to the poor, and then she snuck out of the house.

The Saint had decided to enter a monastery in order to spend her life in solitude and prayer, but she was afraid that her father was apt to find her in a women's monastery. Therefore, she disguised herself as a man and entered the same men's monastery which she had visited with her father from her childhood, calling herself Smaragdus. The monks did not recognize Euphrosynē dressed in men's clothes, and so they received her into the monastery. The monks were impressed by her spiritual struggles and by her willingness to serve everyone.

There in a solitary cell, Saint Euphrosynē spent 38 years in spiritual endeavors, fasting and prayer, thereby attaining a high level of spiritual accomplishment.

Paphnutios was deeply saddened by the loss of his beloved daughter; more than once, on the advice of his Spiritual Father, he spoke to the "monk"

Smaragdus, disclosing his grief and receiving spiritual comfort. Before her death, Saint Euphrosynē revealed her secret to her grieving parent and insisted that no one but he should prepare her body for burial. After he buried his daughter, Paphnutios distributed all his wealth to the poor

and to the monastery, and then he was tonsured. For ten years, until the time of his own repose, he labored in his daughter's cell.

By her life, Saint Euphrosynē reminds us that we must renounce "worldly passions and live soberly, uprightly, and devoutly" (Titus 2:12). That is, after rejecting the desires of this vain and sinful world, we ought to live abstemiously, with justice toward our fellow human beings, and with piety toward God.

Saint Paphnutios and his daughter Saint Euphrosynē are both commemorated today, and once again on February 15



NEWS & ACTIVITIES

Annual Romanian Festival

TODAY, TILL 6PM!
ROMANIAN AMERICAN
FREEDOM ALLIANCE



It is our pleasure to invite you to our Annual Romanian Festival, on West **Belmar Avenue, Lakewood CO 80226.**

We will be celebrating Romanian food, dance, clothing, art, music, and community! This is a great introduction to Romanian culture for those new to Romania and will prove to be a joyous gathering for Romanians, Romanian speakers, and Romanian-Americans alike.



Prayer for the Catechumens

“Lord our God, Who dwells on high and watches over the humble, You sent forth Your only-begotten Son and God, our Lord Jesus Christ, for the salvation of the human race. Look down upon Your servants, the catechumens, who have inclined their necks to You, and grant them at the proper time the baptism of rebirth, the remission of sins, and the garment of incorruption. Unite them to Your holy, catholic, and apostolic Church, and number them among Your chosen flock.”

Please pray for and welcome to our parish family, the servants of God, catechumens: Jay, David, Emma and Kevin.

Sunday School

Classes are now in session. Please allow all Sunday School students and teachers to receive Communion first so that they may depart for classes immediately following. If you are new to the parish and have not yet registered your child, please see Aaron Wall.

Harvest Festival, Oct 29

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming Harvest Festival and Trunk-or-Treat! It will take place on Saturday, October 29th. More details to follow!



Wednesday Wonder Workers

If you have a desire to see our church property and grounds look as good as possible, you are invited to meet with others of the same interest in beautifying our premises.

For the next few months, we will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays beginning with this Wednesday September 28, from 9:30 - 3:00. Feel free to come part of the day or all, stay for lunch and have fellowship, or come for lunch and stay to help for a bit.

For more information, contact Joanne Ashmun at 303-678-0440, horizon80501@yahoo.com or Zoe Zwierzynski, 720-999-2208, zoezwier@gmail.com

Are You Receiving Flocknotes?

Are you receiving the emails from the Parish Council about events at Church via Flocknote?

If not, please check with a Parish Council member or Nicole Tsiouvaras during fellowship to make sure you receive these important messages.

Iconography - Phase 2

Phase 2 of our iconography project includes the completion of the East wall. Icons planned for this phase includes The Resurrection, The Nativity, Saint Peter, Saint Paul, Holy Napkin, and the 10 Apostles Medallions.



YOUR GIFT

Initial gifts received for the our Iconography Project totaled \$60,000. After the completion of Phase 1, we are now left with \$21,000 as seed money for Phase 2. We ask that you prayerful consider donating towards the completion of our Phase 2 project. Visit our website for more details and to make donations stspeterandpaulboulder.org

Philoptochos

WINTER CLOTHES DRIVE



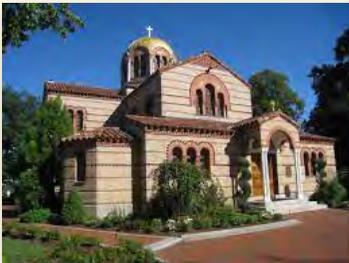
Winter is one of the most vulnerable times for the less fortunate in our community. It's also time to clean out those closets! This month Philoptochos asks that you donate any new or gently used coats, blankets, hats, scarves, gloves, mittens and boots. Leave donations at the

WE CAN'T HELP WITHOUT YOU!

Your Philoptochos has made a commitment to make monthly donations to the **OUR Center** (Outreach United Resource Center) in Longmont. The **OUR Center** provides critical services such as food, housing, and utilities to help families reach self-reliance.



We need canned meat, tuna, and chicken, as well as personal items like shampoo and toothpaste. (Visit ourcenter.org/donate-items/ for a complete list of needed items). Leave your donation at the **OUR Center** table in the Fellowship Hall.



HOLY CROSS SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

The Philoptochos will be passing a special tray today for the **Holy Cross School of Theology** in Brookline, Massachusetts.

This Exaltation of the Holy Cross commitment provides tuition scholarships to worthy and dedicated students, both men and women at Hellenic College and seminarians at Holy Cross.

Thank you for your kind donations!



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Panagia Platytera Icon in the Sanctuary.

About Our Parish

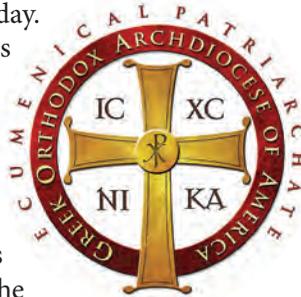
We welcome visitors worshipping with us today. Our diverse church family encompasses many converts to the Orthodox Christian Faith, as well as Greek, Arab, Romanian, Serbian and Russian Orthodox Christians. The foundation of the Orthodox Church are the teachings and Holy Tradition of Jesus Christ. We 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.

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.



Priest

Metropolis of Denver will be providing clergy for the Sunday Divine Liturgy as we prayerfully wait for our new priest to be assigned.

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Recurring Services

Orthros - Sundays, 8:15am
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