

PETRA NEWS

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PETRA NEWS, SUNDAY, JUNE 26TH 2022

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

FESTAL SERVICES

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

Great Vespers and Artoclasia by
Refreshments and Dessert ____ 6pm

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

Orthros / Matins _____ 8am
Divine Liturgy _____ 9am
Fish Luncheon immediately following
service

THURSDAY, JUNE 30

Feast of the Holy Apostles

Services will be celebrated at the
Holy Apostles in Cheyenne.
Please support our sister parish.
Address: 9505 Hynds Blvd
www.holyapostles.online

*Please note: Vespers will not take
place on Saturday, July 2*

SUNDAY, JULY 3

Orthros _____ 8:15am
Divine Liturgy _____ 9:30am

Memorial Service

Today's memorial service are offered for:
James (Dimitri)Panagoulas (3 years)
Fotini Panagoulas (6 years)
Andrew (Andreas) Panagoulas (32 years)

May their memories be eternal.

General Assembly

Please join us in the parish hall for the General Assembly. Lunch will be offered during the Assembly. All donations will go directly to the Project Mexico Mission Trip.

HYMNS FOR THE 2ND SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

Resurrection Hymn First Tone

(Page 90-91 Green Hymnal)

*"Although the stone was sealed by the Jews,
and the soldiers guarded Your most pure body,
You arose on the third day, O Savior, giving life to the world.
For this reason, the heavenly powers cried out to You,
O Giver of Life: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ!
Glory to Your kingdom! Glory to Your dispensation,
only Love of Mankind."*

Hymn for 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

*"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

Orthros Gospel: Mark 16:1-8
Epistle: Romans 2:10-16
Gospel: Matthew 4:18-23



2ND SUNDAY OF MATTHEW



Second Orthros Gospel According to Mark 16:1-8

Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. 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 any one, for they were afraid.

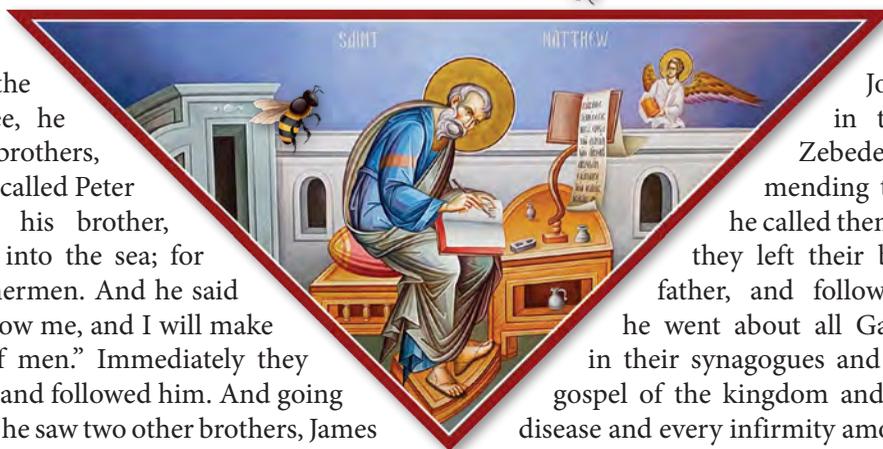
Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 2:10-16

Brethren, glory and honor and peace for every one who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles

who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

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 he 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.

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the final days of His earthly life, in the days of His mission to the race of man, chose from among the disciples His twelve Apostles to preach the Word of God. Among them, the Apostle Peter for his fiery ardor was vouchsafed to occupy the first place (Mt.10:2) and to be as it were the representative person for all the Church. Therefore it is said to him, preferentially, after the confession: "I will give unto thee the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth, shall be bound in the heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth: shall be loosed in heaven" (Mt.16: 19). Therefore it was not one man, but rather the One Universal Church, that received these "keys" and the right "to bind and loosen." And that it was actually the Church that received this right, and not exclusively a single person, turn your attention to another place of the Scriptures, where the same Lord says to all His Apostles, "Receive ye the Holy Spirit" and further after this, "Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them: and whose soever sins ye retain, are retained" (John 20: 22-23); or: "whatsoever ye bind upon the earth, shall be bound in Heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth, shall be loosened in heaven" (Mt.18:18). Thus, it is the Church that binds, the Church that loosens; the Church, built upon the foundational cornerstone, Jesus Christ Himself (Eph 2:20), doth bind and loosen. Let both the binding and the loosening be feared: the loosening, in order not to fall under this again; the binding, in order not to remain forever in this condition. Therefore "Iniquities ensnare a man, and everyone is bound in the chains of his own sins," says Wisdom (Prov 5:22); and except for Holy Church nowhere is it possible to receive the loosening.



After His Resurrection the Lord entrusted the Apostle Peter to shepherd His spiritual flock not because, that among the disciples only Peter alone was pre-deserved to shepherd the flock of Christ, but Christ addresses Himself chiefly to Peter because, that Peter was first among the Apostles and as such the representative of the Church; besides which, having turned in this instance to Peter alone, as to the top Apostle, Christ by this confirms the unity of the Church. "Simon of John" -- says the Lord to Peter -- "lovest thou Me?" -- and the Apostle answered: "Yea, Lord, Thou knowest that I love Thee"; and a second time it was thus asked, and a second time he thus answered; being asked a third time, seeing that as it were not believed, he was saddened. But how is it possible for him not to believe That One, Who knew his heart? And wherefore then Peter answered: "Lord, Thou knowest all; Thou knowest that I love Thee." "And sayeth Jesus to him" all three times "Feed My sheep" (John 20:15-17).

It is remarkable that Christ, having said to Peter: "Feed My sheep," did not say: "Feed thy sheep," but rather to feed, good servant, the sheep of the Lord. "Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?" (1 Cor.1:13). "Feed My sheep." Wherefore "wolfish robbers, wolfish oppressors, deceitful teachers and mercenaries, not being concerned about the flock" (Mt.7:15; Acts 20:29; 2 Pet 2:1; John 10:12), having plundered a strange flock and making of the spoils as though it be of their own particular gain, they think that they feed their flock. Such are not good pastors, as pastors of the Lord. "The good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep" (John 10:11), entrusted to Him by the



chief Shepherd Himself (1 Pet 5:4). And the Apostle Peter, true to his calling, gave his soul for the very flock of Christ, having sealed his apostleship by a martyr's death, is now glorified throughout all the world.

The Apostle Paul, formerly Saul, was changed from a robbing wolf into a meek lamb. Formerly he was an enemy of the Church, then is manifest as an Apostle. Formerly he stalked it, then preached it. Having received from the high priests the authority at large to throw all Christians in chains for execution, he was already on the way, he breathed out "threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord" (Acts 9:1), he thirsted for blood, but "He that dwells in the Heavens shall laugh him to scorn" (Ps 2:4). When he, "having persecuted and vexed" in such manner "the Church of God" (1Cor.15:9; Acts 8:5), he came near Damascus, and the Lord from Heaven called to him: "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me?" and I am here, and I am there, I am everywhere: here is My head; there is My body. There becomes nothing of a surprise in this; we ourselves are members of the Body of Christ. "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me; it is hard for thee to kick against the goad" (Acts 9:4-5). Saul, however, "trembling and frightened", cried out: "Who art Thou, Lord?" The Lord answered him, "I am Jesus Whom thou persecutest."

And Saul suddenly undergoes a change: "What wantest Thou me to do?" -- he cries out. And suddenly for him there is the Voice: "Arise, and go to the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do" (Acts 9:6). Here the Lord sends Ananias: "Arise and go into the street" to a man, "by the name of Saul," and baptize him, "for this one is a chosen vessel unto Me, to bear My name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel" (Acts 9: 11, 15, 18). This vessel must be filled with My Grace. "Ananias, however, answered: Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he hath done to Thy saints in Jerusalem: and here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Thy Name" (Acts 9:13-14). But the Lord urgently commands Ananias: "Search for and fetch him, for this vessel is

chosen by Me: for I shall show him what great things he must suffer for My name's sake" (Acts 9:11, 15-16).

And actually the Lord did show the Apostle Paul what things he had to suffer for His Name. He instructed him the deeds; He did not stop at the chains, the fetters, the prisons and shipwrecks; He Himself felt for him in his sufferings, He Himself guided him towards this day. On a single day the memory of the sufferings of both these Apostles is celebrated, though they suffered on separate days, but by the spirit and the closeness of their suffering they constitute one. Peter went first, and Paul followed soon after him. Formerly called Saul, and then Paul, having transformed his pride into humility, His very name (Paulus), meaning "small, little, less," demonstrates this. What is the Apostle Paul after this? Ask him, and he himself gives answer to this: "I am," says he, "the least of the Apostles... but I have labored more abundantly than all of them: yet not I, but the grace of God, which was with me" (1 Cor.15:9-10).

And so, brethren, celebrating now the memory of the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, remembering their venerable sufferings, we esteem their true faith and holy life, we esteem the innocence of their sufferings and pure confession. Loving in them the sublime quality and imitating them by great exploits, "in which to be likened to them" (2 Thess 3: 5-9), and we shall attain to that eternal bliss which is prepared for all the saints. The path of our life before was more grievous, thornier, harder, but "we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses" (Heb 12: 1), having passed by along it, made now for us easier, and lighter, and more readily passable. First there passed along it "the author and finisher of our faith," our Lord Jesus Christ Himself (Heb 12: 2); His daring Apostles followed after Him; then the martyrs, children, women, virgins and a great multitude of witnesses. Who acted in them and helped them on this path? He Who said, "Without Me ye can do nothing" (John 15: 5).





NEWS & ACTIVITIES

Welcome Inquirers to the Orthodox Christian Faith

If you are new to the Orthodox Church, first time visitor, interested in learning more about the Orthodox Church, or have a desire to become Orthodox, please visit with our parish priest, Father Jordan. You can contact him at frjordanbrown@gmail.com or 303-581-1434. There is information about the Orthodox Church in the church Narthex (entrance - to your left as you enter). Please join us for fellowship after service in Parish Hall, and visit our Bookstore.

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, Justin, Emma & Kevin and their children Orren, Alina, and Elizabeth.



Pan Orthodox Youth Events

ALL MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN
Sts Peter & Paul, St Catherine's and Assumption Cathedral of Denver, will be bringing our teens together on the following summer dates:

Saturday, July 9, 10 am, Boulder Hike & Lunch / outdoor games. (Host: Sts Peter & Paul)

Sts Peter & Paul Feast Day

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

We will celebrate the Great Vespers & Artoclasia service (blessing of the five loaves). Our Parish will provide desert and refreshments following evening services.

FEAST DAY, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

Our sister parishes will be joining us for our Feast Day. A fish lunch will be offered on our Feast Day, immediately following the Divine Liturgy. We need everyone's help.

GOYA Summer Calendar

JULY 2, RMOYC Camp

JULY 9, Pan-Orthodox hike and lunch hosted by Sts Peter & Paul

JULY 12-18, Project Mexico

AUGUST, Pool Party, TBD



Fellowship Hour

- Today:** Project Mexico Fundraiser
July 3: Pam Torrance
July 10: Kiki Cheronis & Candy Soulakis
July 17: OPEN

To host a fellowship, click on the “Fellowship Hour” button at stpeterandpaulboulder.org

Project Mexico Mission Trip

We are blessed to send 4 teens and 2 adults to Project Mexico this year from July 12-18. Project Mexico & St Innocent Orphanage is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that performs works of mercy in the name of Jesus Christ, through volunteer homebuilding for the unhoused in Mexico and provides education and shelter for children at St.



Innocent Orphanage. Our kids are hosting fellowship today to help defray the cost of the trip. It costs \$850/ person to attend. Please give generously to support our kids!



Philoptochos

**WE CAN'T HELP
WITHOUT YOU!**

We need canned donations of meat, tuna, chicken, etc. to donate to the **OUR Center** food kitchen in Longmont each month. Drop off your donations in the hall. If you are unable to shop and would prefer we shop for you, see Julie Powers on Sunday to make a donation.



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 CARDS

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.



STs PETER & PAUL Greek Orthodox Church

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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, 8:10am
Divine Liturgy - Sundays, 9:30am
Great Vespers - Saturdays, 5pm