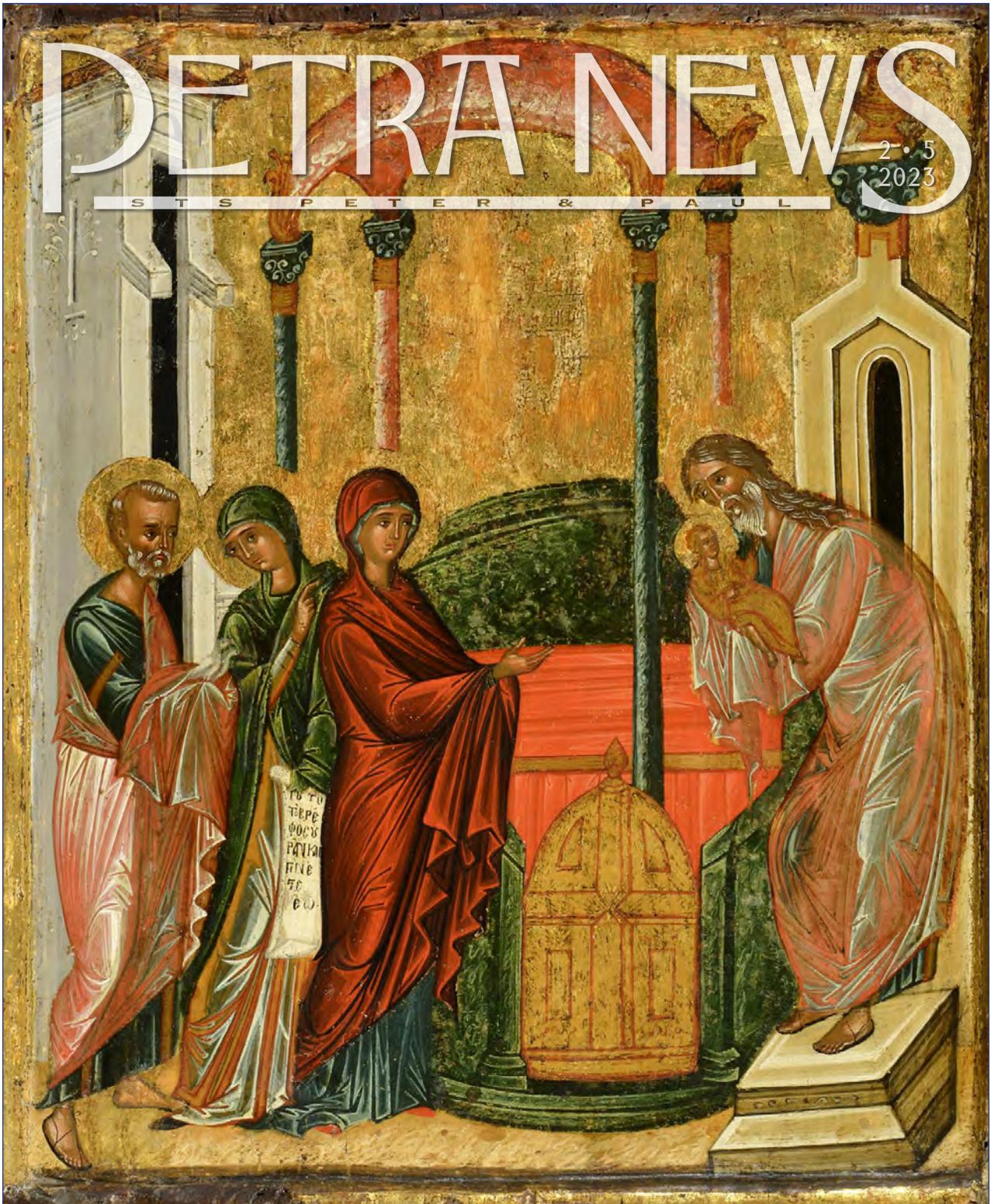


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THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Great Vespers for Presentation of
Christ into the Temple _____ 6pm

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Pre-Lenten Retreat at St. John
Chrysostom Church _____ 7pm

SATURDAY MORNING, FEB 11

Pre-Lenten Retreat at St. John
Chrysostom Church _____ 9am

SATURDAY EVENING, FEB 11

IOCC Vespers and Dinner at
St. Catherine _____ 5pm

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Orthros _____ 8:15am

Divine Liturgy _____ 9:30am

Fellowship 2023

Thank you to the Loson Family for
hosting today's Fellowship Hour.

2/12: Anastas Family

2/19: Jim & Devyn Azar

Please sign-up for a future fellowship
hour by following the sign-up link
found on our church website at
stspeterandpaulboulder.org

**HYMNS FOR THE SUNDAY OF THE
PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE**

SPECIAL ANTIPHON HYMN FOR THE FEAST

*"Save us O Son of God,
Who were held in the arms of righteous Symeon,
we sing to You: Alleluia."*

**APOLYTIKION OF THE
FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION** *Tone 1*

*Lady full of grace, rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, for Christ
our God, the Sun of righteousness has risen from you and He
illumined those in darkness. And you, righteous Elder, be glad
in heart, receiving in your embraces the One who liberates our
souls and bestows on us the Resurrection.*

RESURRECTION APOLYTIKION

Tone 1 (Green hymnal, page 90/91)

*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 Lover of Mankind!*

APOLYTIKION FOR OUR PATRON SAINTS *Tone 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

*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.*

First Orthros Gospel ACCORDING TO Matthew 28:16-20

to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw Him they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and

make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age. Amen."

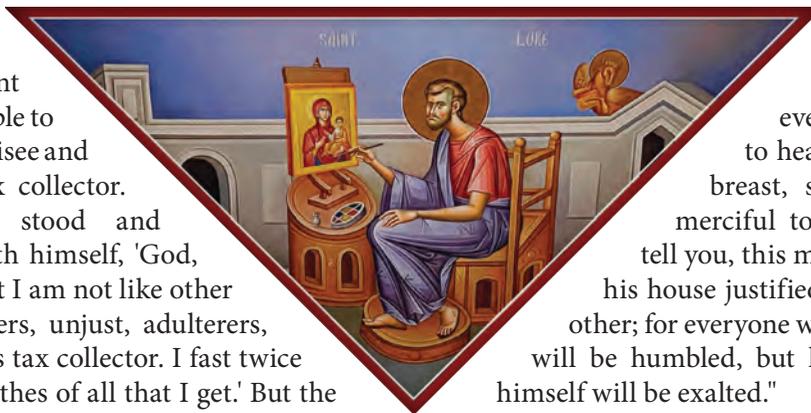
EPISTLE: St. Paul's Second Letter TO Timothy 3:10-15

TIMOTHY, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,

while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

THE Gospel ACCORDING TO Luke 18:10-14

The Lord said this parable,
"Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the



tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

PRESENTATION OF CHRIST TO THE TEMPLE

INTRODUCTION

This feast, celebrated on February 2, is known in the Orthodox Church as The Presentation of Christ in the Temple. Another name for the feast is The Meeting of our Lord. Roman Catholic and Protestant Christians call the feast, The Purification of the Holy Virgin. About 450 AD in Jerusalem, people began the custom of holding

lighted candles during the Divine Liturgy of this feast day. Therefore, some churches in the West refer to this holy day as Candlemas. The Feast of the Presentation concludes the observances related to the Nativity of Christ, a period that opened on November 15 with the beginning of the Nativity fast.

BIBLICAL STORY

The story of the Presentation is told in Luke 2:22-29. Mary and Joseph were faithful Jews and observed their religious customs. An important custom was for the couple to take their first-born son to the Temple. The baby was taken to the Temple forty days after his birth and was dedicated to God. In addition, if the parents were wealthy, they were to bring a lamb and a young pigeon or a turtle dove to be offered as a sacrifice at the Temple. The custom provided that if the parents were poor, they were to offer two pigeons or two turtle doves for the sacrifice. Joseph and Mary were not wealthy, so they took two turtle doves with them to offer as a sacrifice at the Temple.

When Jesus was forty days old, Mary and Joseph took Him to the

Temple in Jerusalem. They were not wealthy, so they took two turtle doves with them to offer as a sacrifice at the Temple. As they arrived at the Temple, Mary and Joseph were met by a very old man named Simeon. He was a holy man and was noted as a very intelligent scholar. Simeon spent much time studying about the prophets of Israel. It was during his studies that he learned

of the coming of the Messiah. The Jewish people were waiting for the Messiah to come and deliver Israel from their conquerors. From that time on, Simeon spent his time praying for the Messiah to come. He spent many years in prayer. Finally, while Simeon was praying he heard the voice of God. God promised Simeon that he would not die until he had seen the Messiah.



*Presentazione di Gesù al Tempio; c.1304 - c.1306
Fresco, Scrovegni (Arena) Chapel, Padua, Italy*

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When Simeon saw Jesus, he took the baby in his arms and blessed the Lord and said:

"Lord, now let Your servant go in peace according to Your promise, because my eyes have seen Your salvation which you have prepared before the face of all peoples, a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory to your people Israel."

Simeon took Jesus in his arms and praised God.

Also, in the Temple was Anna the Prophetess. She had been a widow for many years. Anna was about eighty-four years old and spent her time in the Temple worshiping, fasting, and praying. When she saw the Christ Child she praised God and spoke of him to all who were awaiting the Messiah.

After Jesus was presented in the Temple, the family returned to Galilee to the town of Nazareth. The Bible tells us that Jesus grew and became strong, and was filled with wisdom.



EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. John Chrysostom Pre-Lenten Retreat

FEBRUARY 10-11

You are invited to attend a Pre-Lenten Retreat at St. John Chrysostom Church in Lakewood. They will host guest-speaker Fr. Calinic Berger on the topic of *"The Books of Psalms: Our Daily Renewal and Window to Christ."* The cost is \$40 to attend. To RSVP, please email frs@stjohngoldenco.org.

IOCC Awareness Dinner 2023

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

This year's dinner will be held at St. Catherine Greek Orthodox Church in Greenwood Village. Vespers will begin at 5pm, followed by dinner at 6pm. Tickets may be purchased on-line by visiting iocc.org/denver.



Saint Spyridon 3rd Annual Lenten Retreat

MARCH 3-5

You are invited to attend St. Spyridon's 3rd Annual Lenten Retreat. Guest speaker Fr. Andrew Stephen Damick to share on the topic of *"Salvation and the Unseen World."* The cost is \$15 for adults and \$5 for college students. For more details, please email dnmarkodell@hotmail.com

GOYA Lenten Retreat

MARCH 31 - APRIL 2

This year's retreat will take place at the Ponderosa Retreat Center in Larkspur, CO. More details to follow.



Community Game Night!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Come for Vespers, Stay for Spaghetti! Bring your favorite game or puzzle to share! Contact Michael Bateh with any questions at Michael.bateh@gmail.com.

Meeting with Fr. Gabriel

Fr. Gabriel welcomes anyone that would like to schedule an appointment to meet with him to do so. Whether you are looking for a quick chat or confession, you can schedule a visit at any time by visiting our website, calling the office, or contacting him directly at 707-327-8589.



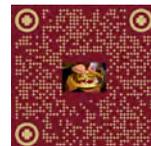
Next Wonder Workers Wednesday...

FEBRUARY 8
9:00AM - 2:00PM

All are welcome, so come lend your time and talents! Contact Joanne Ashmun, 303-678-0440, horizon80501@yahoo.com, or Zoe Zwierzynski 720-999-2208, zoezwier@gmail.com for details.

Church Donations

In lieu of a donation tray being passed following Divine Liturgy, we prayerfully ask that you consider leaving a donation in the collection tray found in the Narthex. You can also give on-line by going to stspeterandpaulboulder.org or by scanning the below bar code.





Please help our Sunday School ministry to tackle hunger by supporting our Souper Bowl of Caring food drive next Sunday, February 12th.

Items of particular need include: canned shelf-stable milk, baby formula/food, canned tuna/chicken, pasta and canned meals w/meat, healthy snacks/breakfast options, and bottled water. Monetary donations are also welcomed. To learn more, visit: TackleHunger.org

Iconography Project, Phase-2

Thank you to all those who have contributed towards the fundraising of Phase-2 of our Iconography project. Our goal is to raise the remaining amount by Pascha, in commemoration of the Resurrection icon that will be installed. Please prayerfully consider helping us reach our goal. If you are interested in sponsoring a certain icon, or would like to do a group sponsorship, please contact the Parish Council. Thank you.

Donor Gifting Guide:

Apostles Medallions _____	\$3,550/each
<i>(9 of 10 remaining)</i>	
Holy Napkin (<i>donated</i>) _____	\$4,500
Saint Peter _____	\$8,700
Saint Paul _____	\$8,700
The Nativity (<i>donated</i>) _____	\$21,300
The Resurrection _____	\$21,300



PHILOPTOCHOS

Dinner / Dance Fundraiser

A MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE
SATURDAY, MAY 6
 AT THE AVALON BALLROOM

Mark your charts
 and stay the course,
 for more details are
 on the horizon!





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*Installation of Fr. Gabriel McHugh
with His Grace Bishop Constantine.
Tuesday, January 24th, 2023*

About Our Parish

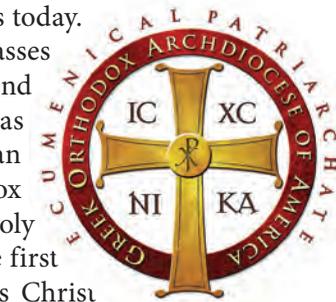
We welcome visitors worshiping with us today. Our diverse church family encompasses Greek, Arab, Romanian, Serbian and Russian Orthodox Christians as well as many converts to the Orthodox Christian Faith. The foundation of the Orthodox Church are the teachings and Holy Tradition of Jesus Christ. We follow the first Christians who began to worship Jesus Christ after the Crucifixion and Resurrection.

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.



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Recurring Services

Orthros - Sundays, 8:15am
Divine Liturgy - Sundays, 9:30am