**Petra News, Sunday, July 3rd 2022**

**Hymns for the 2nd Sunday of Matthew**

**Resurrection Hymn 2nd Tone**
(Page 92-93 Green Hymnal)

“When You descended unto death, O Life Immortal,
You rendered to Hades a mortal blow
by the lightning of Your divinity,
and when from the depths of darkness
You also raised the dead,
all the heavenly powers cried out:
O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory to You.”

**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.”

**Spiritual Readings**

Epistle: Romans 5:1-10
Gospel: St. Matthew 6:22-33

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**This Week's Services & Activities**

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**Parents, we need your help!**

We love our little cherubs, but there is trash being left around the grounds and food and drink is being taken upstairs. Many Sundays, we have had to clean-up the upstairs Sunday School rooms. Please note: The Sunday School rooms are closed for the summer. Please help make sure your children stay downstairs or outside. Thank you.

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**Fellowship Hour**

Thanks to Pam Torrance for providing for today’s Fellowship.

To host a future fellowship hour, click on the “Fellowship Hour” button at... stspeterandpaulboulder.org
Brethren, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man -- though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

The Lord said, “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear? For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well.”
Saint Kyriake was the only child of Dorotheus and Eusebia. Since she was born on a Sunday (Kyriake, in Greek), she was named Kyriake.

One day a wealthy magistrate wished to betroth Kyriake to his son. Not only was she young and beautiful, but her parents were wealthy, and the magistrate wished to control that wealth. The magistrate went to her parents to request her hand, but Saint Kyriake told him that she wished to remain a virgin, for she had dedicated herself to Christ.

The magistrate was angered by her words, so he went to the emperor Diocletian to denounce the saint and her parents as Christians who mocked the idols, and refused to offer sacrifice to them.

Diocletian sent soldiers to arrest the family and have them brought before him. He asked them why they would not honor the gods which he himself honored. They told him that these were false gods, and that Christ was the one true God.

Dorotheus was beaten until the soldiers grew tired and were unable to continue. Since neither flattery nor torment had any effect, Diocletian sent Dorotheus and Eusebia to Melitene on the eastern border between Cappadocia and Armenia. Then he sent Saint Kyriake to be interrogated by his son-in-law and co-ruler Maximian at Nicomedia.

Maximian urged her not to throw her life away, promising her wealth and marriage to one of Diocletian’s relatives if she would worship the pagan gods. Saint Kyriake replied that she would never renounce Christ, nor did she desire worldly riches. Enraged by her bold answer, Maximian had her flogged. The soldiers who administered this punishment became tired, and had to be replaced three times.

Shamed by his failure to overcome a young woman, Maximian sent Saint Kyriake to Hilarion, the eparch of Bithynia, at Chalcedon. He told Hilarion to either convert Kyriake to paganism, or send her back to him.

Making the same promises and threats that Diocletian and Maximian had made before, Hilarion was no more successful than they were. Saint Kyriake challenged him to do his worst, because Christ would help her to triumph. The saint was suspended by her hair for several hours, while soldiers burned her body with torches. Not only did she endure all this, she also seemed to become more courageous under torture. Finally, she was taken down and put into a prison cell.

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That night Christ appeared to her and healed her wounds. When Hilarion saw her the next day, he declared that she had been healed by the gods because they pitied her. Then Hilarion urged her to go to the temple to give thanks to the gods. She told him that she had been healed by Christ, but agreed to go to the temple. The eparch rejoiced, thinking that he had defeated her.

In the temple, Saint Kyriake prayed that God would destroy the soulless idols. Suddenly, there was a great earthquake which toppled the idols, shattering them to pieces. Everyone fled the temple in fear, leaving Hilarion behind. Instead of recognizing the power of Christ, the eparch blasphemed the true God as the destroyer of his pagan gods. He was struck by a bolt of lightning and died on the spot.

Saint Kyriake was tortured again by Apollonius, who succeeded Hilarion as eparch. When she was cast into a fire, the flames were extinguished. When she was thrown to wild beasts, they became tame and gentle. Therefore, Apollonius sentenced her to death by the sword. She was permitted time to pray, so she asked God to receive her soul, and to remember those who honored her martyrdom.

Just as Saint Kyriake ended her prayer, angels took her soul before the soldiers could strike off her head. Pious Christians took her relics and buried them in a place of honor.
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.

Youth Ministry

GOYA Summer Calendar

**July 9, 10am** – Pan-Orthodox hike and lunch hosted by Sts Peter & Paul.

Teens from Sts Peter & Paul, St Catherine’s and Assumption Cathedral of Denver, will meet at the church at 10am, and car pool to the hike. We will return to the church for lunch, outdoor games and fellowship.

We need a few adult advisors to help with driving and serving food. Please contact Fr Jordan if you are able to help.

**July 12-18**, Project Mexico

**August**, Pool Party, TBD
**Fellowship Hour**

**July 10:** Kiki Cheronis & Candy Soulakis

**July 17:** Michelle Mann, Elizabeth Prevatte, Olga Coleman and Nick Ganiaris.

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

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**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. It costs $850/person to attend. Please give generously to support our kids! You can write a check with Project Mexico in the note or they can donate online at stspeterandpaulboulder.org by choosing “Project Mexico” from the drop down list.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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 kingsopers.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.
About Our Parish

We welcome visitors worshiping 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.