

# PETRA NEWS

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# PETRA NEWS, WEEK OF AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup> 2022

## THIS WEEK'S SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

### GREAT FEAST OF THE KOIMISIS FALLING ASLEEP OF THE VIRGIN MARY



#### TONIGHT, AUGUST 14

##### At Assumption Cathedral

Great Vespers & Lamentations

Engomia \_\_\_\_\_ 6pm

#### MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST 15

##### At Assumption Cathedral

Orthros \_\_\_\_\_ 8:15am

Divine Liturgy \_\_\_\_\_ 9:30am

Fellowship Lunch / Cathedral Parish  
Hall (following the Divine Services)

#### SUNDAY MORNING, AUGUST 21

##### At Sts Peter & Paul

Orthros \_\_\_\_\_ 8:15am

Divine Liturgy \_\_\_\_\_ 9:30am

## 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. We are working to have direct numbers for area Orthodox priests published soon. If you have an immediate need for a priest, please contact the office: 303-581-1434 or email [office@stspeterandpaulboulder.org](mailto:office@stspeterandpaulboulder.org)

## HYMNS FOR THE 9<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

### Resurrection Hymn

*Plagal Tone (page 105 Green Hymnal)*

*“From on high You descended, Most Merciful;  
for us You condescended to a three day burial  
to set us free from the passion.*

*O Lord, our Resurrection and our life, glory to You!”*

### Hymn for the Fore-feast of the Dormition

*“O people, anticipate and leap for joy now with faith,  
and longingly congregate today applauding with joy,  
and all of you cheerfully shout now in exultation;  
for the Theotokos is preparing for her departure  
from the earth to the heavens with glory;  
and we sing hymns to her and glorify her as the Mother of God.*

### 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

*“On this day, your glorious memory,  
the whole world by the Holy Spirit’s grace  
has been poetically adorned.  
With joy and gladness we cry to you,  
Rejoice, O Virgin, the pride and  
joy of Christians all.”*

### Scripture Readings

*Epistle:  
Corinthians 3:9-17  
Gospel:  
Matthew 14:22-34*



## 9<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF MATTHEW



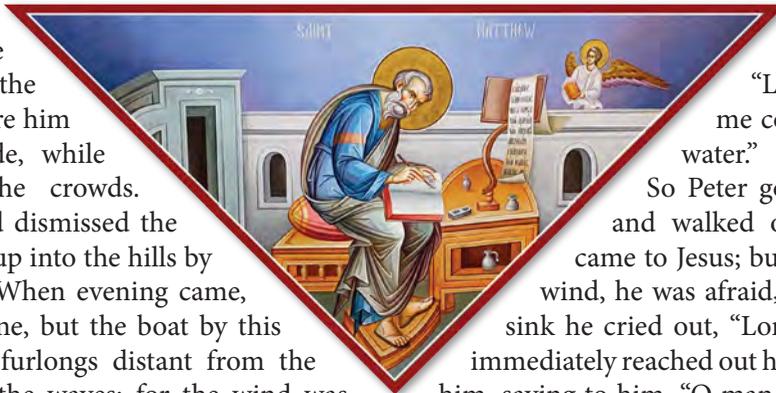
### Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 3:9-17

Brethren, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw - each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will

disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If any one destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are.

### The Gospel According to Matthew 14:22-34

At that time, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately he spoke to them, saying "Take heart, it is I; have no fear."



And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they entered the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.



## KOIMISIS OF THE THEOTOKOS

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The Feast of the Dormition of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated on August 15 each year. The Feast commemorates the repose (dormition and in the Greek koimisis) or “falling-asleep” of the Mother of Jesus Christ, our Lord. The Feast also commemorates the translation or assumption into heaven of the body of the Theotokos.

The Holy Scriptures tell us that when our Lord was dying on the Cross, He saw His mother and His disciple John and said to the Virgin Mary, “Woman, behold your son!” and to John, “Behold your mother!” (John 19:25-27). From that hour, the Apostle took care of the Theotokos in his own home.

Along with the biblical reference in Acts 1:14 that confirms that the Virgin Mary was with the Holy Apostles on the day of Pentecost, the tradition of the Church holds that she remained in the home of the Apostle John in Jerusalem, continuing a ministry in word and deed.

At the time of her death, the disciples of our Lord who were preaching throughout the world returned to Jerusalem to see the Theotokos. Except for the Apostle Thomas, all of them including the Apostle Paul were gathered together at her bedside. At the moment of her death, Jesus Christ himself descended and carried her soul into heaven.

Following her repose, the body of the Theotokos was taken in procession and laid in a tomb near the Garden of Gethsemane. When the Apostle Thomas arrived three days after her repose and desired to see her body, the tomb was found to be empty. The bodily assumption of the Theotokos was confirmed by the message of an angel and by her appearance to the Apostles.

The Icon of the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos shows her on her deathbed surrounded by the Apostles. Christ is standing in the center looking at His mother. He

is holding a small child clothed in white representing the soul of the Virgin Mary. With His golden garments, the angels above His head, and the mandorla surrounding Him, Christ is depicted in His divine glory.

The posture of the Apostles direct attention toward the Theotokos. On the right Saint Peter censes the body of the Theotokos. On the left Saint Paul bows low in honor of her.

Together with the Apostles are several bishops and women. The bishops traditionally represented are James, the brother of the Lord, Timothy, Heirotheus, and Dionysius the Areopagite. They are shown wearing episcopal vestments. The women are members of the church in Jerusalem.

In front of the bed of the Theotokos is a candle that helps to form a central axis in the icon. Above the candle is the body of the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary. Standing over His mother is Christ holding her most pure soul. Above Christ the gates of heaven stand open, ready to receive the Mother of God.

This great Feast of the Church and the icon celebrates a fundamental teaching of our faith—the Resurrection of the body. In the case of the Theotokos, this has been accomplished by the divine will of God. Thus, this Feast is a feast of hope, hope in Resurrection and life eternal. Like those who gathered around the body of the Virgin Mary, we gather around our departed loved ones and commend their souls into the hands of Christ. As we remember those who have reposed in the faith before us and have passed on into the communion of the Saints, we prepare ourselves to one day be received into the new life of the age to come.

We also affirm through this Feast as we journey toward our heavenly abode that the Mother of God intercedes for us. Through Christ she has become the mother of all of the children of God, embracing us with divine love.



*This Icon of our Patron Saints, Peter & Paul,  
was written by our own, Ileana Barbu,  
and was commissioned by our Parish Council and Philoptochos  
as a parting gift for Father Jordan & Presbytera Marika.*

*Thank you for your loving devotion  
to Sts Peter & Paul.*



## 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, please join us during the fellowship time in the Parish Hall after the Sunday Service. Dr David Dinsmore and Michelle Mann will be available for questions and discussion regarding the Orthodox Christian Faith in the Parish Hall during the fellowship time. Dr David and Michelle can be reached at [daviddinsmore.d@gmail.com](mailto:daviddinsmore.d@gmail.com) and [michellejmann@gmail.com](mailto:michellejmann@gmail.com).

Please visit with our priest after service or call the church office at 303-581-1434 with any questions.

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, Emma and Kevin.

### School is back in Session

Our 1st Sunday School Class will be on Sunday, September 11th.



### Youth Ministry

#### **YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY 20S TO EARLY 30'S**

Welcome all young adults. We will continue coming together in spiritual fellowship and gather for social functions. We're planning events with our sister parishes in the Boulder Front Range and Denver Area. If you are new to our parish family, please contact Kate 'Katherine' Vest at [Katherine.lynnvest@gmail.com](mailto:Katherine.lynnvest@gmail.com)

### Flocknote

**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.



# Philoptochos



## BOOKSTORE NEWS

**Just arrived:** Orthodox board books for toddlers and a variety of books, games and coloring books for children! Come check it out!

**Childrens Book Review by Olga Coleman:** *“The Divine Liturgy for Children, An Interactive Guide for Participation in the Divine Liturgy - With Parents’ Guide for Gospel Readings, Feast Days, and Special Services.”* This would be a wonderful resource for Sunday School teachers as well. It follows the Divine Liturgy, explains the significance of what is going on, and encourages the reader to become an active participant. Appropriate for higher elementary grades and older. I must confess that I brought the book to church one Sunday and learned a lot! **See Olga Coleman or Julie Powers to make your purchase.**

## WE CAN’T HELP WITHOUT YOU!

We need canned donations of meat, tuna, chicken, shampoo, 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.



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## Fellowship Hour

Jesus replied ...

*“They need not go away; you give them something to eat.”*

– Matthew 14:16

Thanks to all who have hosted Fellowship Hour over the past months. Our Parish is truly blessed. There are a number of openings in the coming weeks for you to join in this ful-’filling’ ministry. Go to [stspeterandpaulboulder.org](http://stspeterandpaulboulder.org) and click on the Fellowship Hour button and find out how easy it is to be a host. And keep in mind, hosting may seem impossible, but it’s not like there’s 5,000 of us. Contact Nicole Tsiouvaras, [tsiouvaras@msn.com](mailto:tsiouvaras@msn.com) with any questions.



# Sts PETER & PAUL Greek Orthodox Church

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*Stained glass and parting gift for,  
Fr Jordan & Presbyteria Marika Brown,  
by Matt Melonakis.*

## About Our Parish

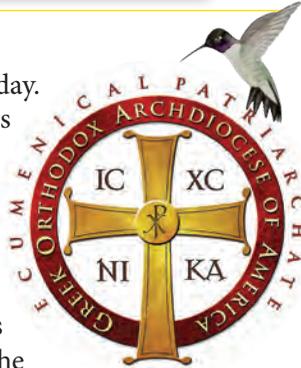
We welcome visitors worshipping with us today. Our diverse church family encompasses many converts to the Orthodox Christian Faith, as well as Greek, Arab, Romanian, Serbian and Russian Orthodox Christians. The foundation of the Orthodox Church are the teachings and Holy Tradition of Jesus Christ. We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

## 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.

## Parish Council

Steven Dzilvelis, President  
Michael Bateh, Vice-President  
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## Philoptochos

Dana Gall and Lis Troicky, Presidents  
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## Youth / GOYA

Steve & Ashley Dzivelis, George & Nicole Tsiouvaras, Parent Advisors

## Petra News

Rick Leonidas

## Recurring Services

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