

PETRA NEWS



FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13TH 2020

**STS PETER & PAUL
WEEKLY SERVICES**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Orthros _____ 5pm

Evening Divine Liturgy _____ 6pm

WEDNESDAY MORNING, SEPT 16

Bible Study _____ 10am

WEDNESDAY EVENING, SEPT 16

**Feast St Sophia & 3 daughters, Faith,
Hope & Love**

Orthros _____ 5:15pm

Evening Divine Liturgy _____ 6pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Great Vespers _____ 5pm

**SPECIAL HYMNS FOR THE PROCESSION OF THE
PRECIOUS AND LIFE GIVING CROSS**

*“Save, O Lord, Your people, and bless Your inheritance;
grant victory to the rulers against the adversaries of the faith,
and protect Your commonwealth through Your Holy Cross.”*

Soson Kirie ton laon Su ke evlogison tin klironomian Su
nikoa tis vasilefsi katavavaron thourumenos ke to Son
filatton thia tu Stavru Su politevma

*“Lifted up on the Cross by Your own will * to the new com-
monwealth called by Your name * grant Your compassions,
O Christ God; * gladden by Your power * our faithful rulers,
* granting them victory against adversaries * having Your
alliance as their weapon of peace, * an invincible standard.”*

*“Your Cross * we venerate, O Master,
* and Your Holy * Resurrection * we glorify.”*

Ton Stavron Su proskinumem Thespotia ke tin agian Su
Anastasin thoxazomen.

**HYMNS FOR THE
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF MATHEW**

RESURRECTION HYMN (PLAGAL 1ST TONE)

*“Eternal with the Father and the Spirit is the Word,
Who of a Virgin was begotten for our salvation.
As the faithful we both praise and worship Him,
for in the flesh did He consent to ascend unto the Cross,
and death did He endure and He raised unto life
the death through His all glorious resurrection.”*

**HYMN FOR THE
FOREFEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS**

*“The life-giving Cross of Your goodness,
which we the unworthy have from You as a gift,
we present to You, O Lord, as an intercessor.
Save our leaders and our nation and keep them in peace,
through the Theotokos, O only One who loves humanity.”*

HYMN FOR THE CONSECRATION

*“You have made the earthly beauty
of the holy tabernacle of
Your glory to be like the majesty of
the firmament on high, O Lord.
Make it strong forever and ever, and
accept our supplications that
we unceasingly bring to You there,
at the intercession of the Theotokos.
For You are the life and resurrection of all.”*

HYMN FOR STS PETER AND PAUL

*“O leaders of the Apostles, and teachers of the world,
intercede with the Master of all
that He may grant peace unto the Lord,
and to our souls His great mercy.”*

KONTAKION HYMN

*“Lord, Your Church appears to us
to be like heaven full of light,
and guides with light all who believe in You, O Christ.
And we who stand in it cry to You:
Savior, establish forever this holy house.”*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Orthros Gospel: Mark 16:9-20 — Epistle: Galations: 6:11-18 — Gospel: St Matthew 3:13-17

SUNDAY BEFORE HOLY CROSS

THIRD ORTHROS GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK 16:9-20

When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast seven demons. She went and told those who had been with him, as they mourned and wept. But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it.

After this he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them.

Afterward he appeared to the eleven themselves as they sat at table; and he upbraided them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. And he said to them, “Go into all the world and

preach the gospel to the whole creation. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that attended it. Amen.

EPISTLE: ST. PAUL’S LETTER TO THE GALATIANS 6:11-18

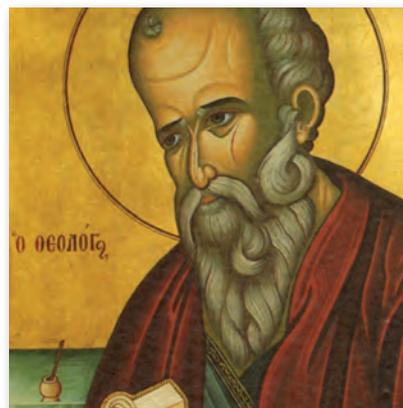
Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord

Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 3:13-17

The Lord said, “No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

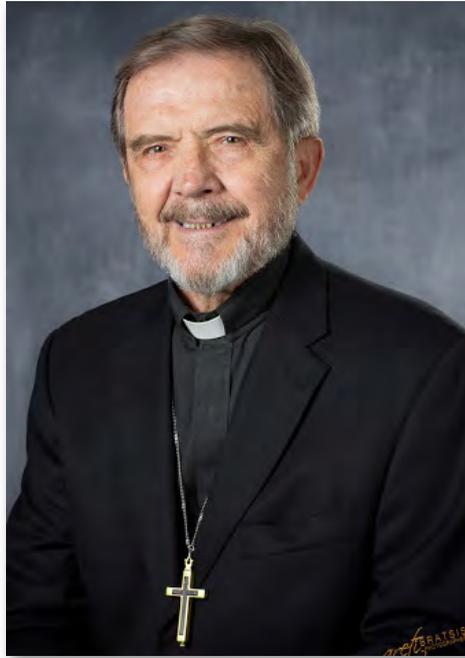
“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.”



GOD'S LOVE FOR THE WORLD

Father Theodore Stylianopoulos

The Feastday of the Exaltation of the Cross, on September 14, the most important feast of the fall season, is a celebration of God's redeeming love and its renewing consequences for us. All talk of love is fleeting and ultimately empty without redemption from the powers of sin, death, and Satan. No matter how deeply I long for love, how can I experience true love and continue to live by true love, if I am enslaved by the power of sin, a prisoner of my own old nature and selfishness? I need someone to break the curse of sin which burdens me at every turn; I need a thorough washing of my inward evil; I need a healing of soul; I need new life; I need redemption! The love of God



in Christ, shown above all in the Cross of Christ, has provided for my redemption and offers me new life.

The Feastday of the Holy Cross commemorates two historical events. The first is a double event of the discovery of the Cross and the dedication of the Cross and the dedication of the Church of the Resurrection in Jerusalem completed in 335 A.D. St Helen the Empress, mother of Constantine the Great, the first Christian Emperor of Rome, and founder of Constantinople, the New Rome, conducted excavations and unearthed the precious Cross at the Hill of the Skull (Golgotha). The finding of the Cross of Christ and its solemn placement in the Church of the Resurrection was a lifting up of the Cross for its veneration by the whole Christian world.

The second event is the recovery of the Cross from the hands of the Persians some three hundred years later. The Persians were traditional enemies of the then Christian Roman Empire, In 614 A.D. They succeeded in capturing Jerusalem and afterwards carried the Precious Cross. About fifteen years later, however, the Emperor Heraclius was able to defeat the Persians and

retrieve the Cross. He brought it to Constantinople in 629 A.D. And, lifting it up for the veneration of the faithful, placed it in the famous Church of the Holy Wisdom. Such are the traditional beginnings of the Feastday of the Exaltation of the Cross, a triumphal celebration of the greatest symbol of Christianity which ever proclaims the victory of Christ over the powers of sin, death, and Satan, and His granting of freedom and new life to us.

The lesson of Exodus 15:22-16:1; recalls when the Israelites came to the waters of Marah (meaning "bitter") and Moses threw in the waters a piece of wood shown to him by God which made the waters sweet so that the thirsty

Israelites could drink. The reading suggests to us that God by means of the Cross takes away the bitterness of sin and also corrects us so that we may grow in wisdom.

We can find peace in the midst of affliction. The stubborn clinging to worldly life and worldly values makes the Cross necessary; the same clinging also tends to make us reject the Cross. So we have to go over the same ground again and again. The Cross frees us from the bondage of selfish love. By the experience of the Cross we emerge from that prison of self and enter into the immense liberty of God. If we must suffer, then let us do it quietly and humbly. Faith is willing to let God act with the most perfect freedom, knowing that we belong to Him and are to concerned only about being faithful in that which He has given us to do for the moment. Be faithful to the present moment, doing one thing at a time, and you will receive all the grace you need. Surrender consists, not in doing great, heroic deeds, about which self can brag, but simply in accepting whatever God sends ... Full surrender is full peace.

STEWARDS OF STS. PETER & PAUL, GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Anastas, Christie & Emil	Garrity, Jane	Papageorge, George
Anastas, Hani & Katrina	Geerdes, Bruce & Andreatta	Pappas, Charleen
Andrusko, Gaynel	Gehmeyr, Michael & Bakalis, Olympia	Pappas, Nick G.
Arms, Sean	Georgis, Maria	Pappas, Nick & Joanna Johnson
Artemis, Chris & Nancy	Georgis, Steven & Yoana	Pappas, William
Artemis, Steve & Marybeth	Gerakos, Katherine	Piper, Ted & Sophia
Artemis, Tina	Gerakos, Lee & Erica	Powers, Jim & Julie
Ashmun, Joanne	Ghazzawi, Laila	Psychogiou, Dimitra & Elmiger, Christian
Azar, Jim & Devyn	Glasener, Gary & Robin	Resz, Zacchaeus
Azar, Tony & Rimona	Gregory, Brian	Roditis, Ioannis
Barbu, Ileana & McDonald, Thomas	Haratsaris, Philip & Jennifer	Saliba, George
Bateh, Michael & Shanyin	Huskey, Oliver & Melanie	Sammoury, Tony & Christiane
Brown, Fr. Jordan & Presbyteria Marika	Inzerillo, Phillip & Jamie	Sarris, Juli
Callas, Steve & Joanne	Kallan, Nick & Danielle	Serougi, Eissa & Samira
Catechi, Debbie & Michael	Kapatayes, Gaby & Odeta	Serougi, Sam & Adma
Cheronis, Dion & Alekie	Kapatayes, Nuha	Skodras, Nick
Christopher, Chris & Georgia	Karis, Nick & Sandy	Skodras, Voula
Conis, Pete & Lynda	Kelly, John & Mary	Soderberg, Liz & Kurt
Dageenakis, Elayne	Kolias, Aristotle & Theodora	Soulakis, Manuel & Candy
Dageenakis, Tony	Krol, Effie & Richard	Stamus, Pete & Cindy
DeGeorge, Tony & Rola	Leonidas, Rick	Swiszczy, Paul & Marose-Swiszczy, Jan
Demetropoulos, Peter	Lymberopoulos, Mary	Theodosios, Anthoula
Dotson, Presbyteria Kedrann	Mann, Michelle	Tinsley, Dean & Dena
Doukas, George	Melonakis, Lefteri & Nena	Torrance, Pam
Dzilvelis, Frances	Melonakis, Matt	Troicky, Alex & Lis
Dzilvelis, John & Sharon	Melonakis, Tony	Tsiouvaras, George & Nicole
Dzilvelis, Steven & Ashley	Merrill, Toula	Voris, Angelos
Egeberg, Angela	Milburn, Graham	Wall, Aaron & Viktoria
Elias, Elias	Nader, Jacques & Amanda	Welker, Julie & David
Elias, Eric & Keity	Pagratis, Christos	Zarifa, Sonia
Ferguson, Alexandra	Pagratis, Kostas & Erinn	Zaronias, Demetrios & Diangy
Ganiaris, Nicholas	Pagratis, Maria	Zissimos, Jim & Sheila
Garcia, Mary	Panas, Jim & Fannie	Zwierzynski, Zoe



Starting Saturday, September 18th

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

"Sunday" School as we've come to know it will have a very different look this Fall! Covid-19 presents some obvious challenges, but our modified format will allow us to continue to offer youth education while preserving our sense of community.

Class Schedule In-person classes will be held every other Saturday, starting **Saturday, Sept. 12th**.

Great Vespers, 5pm

Dinner, 5:30ish We will serve pizza, takeout, etc. No potlucks or buffet-style meals will be served.

Breakout Classes by Grade, 6 to 7pm

Adult Education for Parents Father will also be offering an Adult Education class in the church while student classes are being conducted.

Registration It's important that you register your child even if they aren't attending in-person. That way, we can make sure that "Sunday School" can flourish at home! Go to StsPeterandPaulBoulder.org to register.

Sign-Up for Classes In-person attendance will be by **RSVP only**. This allows us to pre-plan and take necessary precautions based on the number of attendees. A Sign-Up Genius link will be sent via email the week prior to classes.

We look forward to working with you and your children and are excited for our new Saturday School / Family Night format! Visit the church website for more details or contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you!

Aaron Wall

"Saturday" School Coordinator

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"Saturday" School FAQ

Where will classes be held?

We will utilize outdoor spaces whenever weather permits. When weather isn't cooperating, we will hold classes in separate areas of the hall and church and practice social distancing.

What about parents/students who are immuno-compromised or who are simply not comfortable with attending in-person?

We want all of our families to feel like they are still part of this community, even if they aren't able to attend in-person! Our teachers will be communicating with parents on a weekly basis, providing lesson summaries and tips for "Sunday School" activities at home. Youth Ministry will provide additional e-resources periodically to encourage and facilitate at-home learning.

What kind of precautions are you taking for Covid-19?

The safety of our students and teachers has ALWAYS been a top priority for Youth Ministry. **We will FULLY adhere to all state, county, and Metropolis regulations, and these will be updated as needed.** As of today, those restrictions are:

All attendees 10 years or older are required to wear masks when indoors. Masks are strongly encouraged for younger children whenever social distancing isn't possible.

Attendees 10 years or older are required to wear masks outdoors when social distancing (6' separation) isn't possible.

Children will be segregated by class groups, and will be spaced 6' apart during class.

Meal-Time

Food will be served by select volunteers only.

Teachers will escort their students over to the Hall for dinner.

We will avoid congregating in the Hall during meal-time.

Sanitizer will be available and hand-washing will be encouraged.

All surfaces used by teachers/students will be sanitized before and after classes.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT EDUCATION

**WEDNESDAY MORNING
BIBLE STUDY**
SEPTEMBER 16TH, 10AM
**TOPIC: THE FEAST OF THE
HOLY CROSS**



ORTHODOX FAITH SERIES
SEPTEMBER 26TH, 6PM
TOPIC: WORSHIP AND PRAYER

Class is open to all parents, adults and inquirers. This series will take place in the church. Questions: Please contact Father Jordan.

ORTHODOX CAMPUS FELLOWSHIP



Welcome back college students! The Sts Peter Paul Church Family welcome you to Boulder. The OCF is planning a student fellowship BBQ dinner this evening, 5 pm. The fellowship will take place at Sts Peter Paul. Please contact our CU OCF President, Panteli Stathapoulos @ 720-883-8391 or Father Jordan @ 720-329-6363 with any questions.

HOME VISITATIONS

Father Jordan is available to make home visitations for our elderly, shut ins, and all those with 'high risk' health challenges. Please do not hesitate to contact Father Jordan to schedule a visit. Parishioners with 'high risk' health challenges are welcome to visit the church during the week to schedule a time to pray and receive the Holy Sacraments.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Please send an email to ashleydz1@hotmail.com with a letter providing details on why you feel you are a candidate for the Philoptochos scholarship. Include what school you are attending, school address and student id (if applicable). You or your family must be a part of the Sts Peter and Paul Church community. The deadline for the scholarship is September 15th.

WE CAN'T HELP WITHOUT YOU!

OUR Center is in need of canned food donations (meat, tuna, chicken, etc). There is a box outside the church building to drop off your donation. If you would like us to shop for you, we will be taking donations. You can contact Ashley Dzilvelis at ashleydz1@hotmail.com or send money via Venmo to @AshDz. You can also mail a check to Julie Powers, please contact her for her address (powerjulie@gmail.com), and put "Our Center" in the memo line.



GROCERY GIFT CARDS

Philoptochos sells gift cards to Safeway, Natural Grocers Vitamin Cottage, Whole Foods 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 in Broomfield, Arvada, Denver, Thornton, Westminster, Loveland, Ft. Collins, Greeley, Brighton, Aurora, Lakewood, Highlands Ranch. **Please contact Julie Powers** (powerjulie@gmail.com, 970.412.5338) to purchase these gift cards. She will either mail them to you or deliver them to you on Sunday after Liturgy.



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.





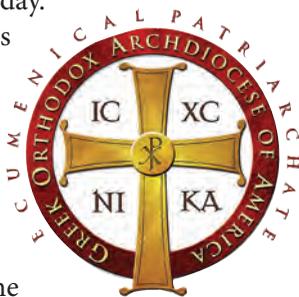
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ABOUT OUR PARISH

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.



PRIEST

Reverend Father Jordan Brown

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RECURRING SERVICES

Orthros - Sundays, 8:15am
Divine Liturgy - Sundays, 9:30am
Great Vespers - Saturdays, 5pm
Confession by appointment.