

PETRA NEWS

An icon of St. Eustathios, a bearded man with a crown, wearing ornate armor and a red cloak, holding a sword and a bow. The background is gold with faint Greek letters.

ST EUSTATHIOS

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20TH 2020

**STS PETER & PAUL
WEEKLY SERVICES**

WEDNESDAY MORNING, SEPT 23

Bible Study _____ 10am

WEDNESDAY EVENING, SEPT 23

Feast of St Thekla

Orthros _____ 5:15pm

Evening Divine Liturgy _____ 6pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Great Vespers _____ 5pm

**DONATIONS FOR
HOLY CROSS**



In honor of the feast day of the Holy Cross, our Philoptochos will have a special tray set up in the Narthex and at the South door as you exit. All proceeds will go to the Holy Cross School of Theology in Brookline, Massachusetts. Cash & Checks are accepted. Please make checks payable to "Philoptochos".

**HYMNS FOR THE
SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS**

SPECIAL ANTIPHON HOLY CROSS HYMN

*"Save us, O Son of God, who were crucified in the flesh.
We sing to You, Alleluia."*

HYMN FOR THE HOLY 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."*

RESURRECTION HYMN (PLAGAL 2ND TONE)

*"When the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb
and those who guarding You became as though dead,
and standing by Your sepulcher
was Mary seeking Your pure and sacred body.
For You did vanquish Hades and uncorrupted by its touch
You came unto the virgin woman, bestowing the gift of life
O You who rose from the dead. Lord we give glory to You."*

HYMN FOR ST EUSTATHIOS & FAMILY

*"Your Martyrs, O Lord, were worthily awarded by You the crowns of
incorruption, in that they contested for You our immortal God. Since
they possessed Your power, they defeated the tyrants,
dashing the demons powerless displays of defiance.
O Christ God, at their fervent entreaties, save our souls."*

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
World, and to our souls His great mercy."*

KONTAKION HYMN

*"Lifted up on the Cross by Your own will
* to the new commonwealth 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."*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Orthros Gospel; Luke 24:1-12

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20

Gospel: St Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS / ST EUSTATHIOS & FAMILY

FOURTH ORTHROS GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE 24:1-12

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women went to the tomb, taking the spices which they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel; and as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of man must be delivered in to the hands of sinful men, and be

crucified, and on the third day rise." And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told this to the apostles; but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.

But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home wondering at what had happened.

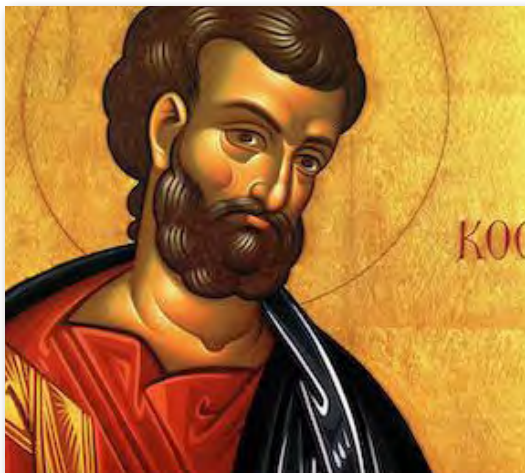
EPISTLE: ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE GALATIANS 2:16-20

Brethren, knowing that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But

if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK 8:34-38; 9:1

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed



of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

ST EUSTATHIOS

He was a great Roman military leader in the time of the Emperors Titus and Trajan. Although a pagan, Placidas (for that was his pagan name) was a righteous and merciful man, like the centurion Cornelius, who was baptized by the Apostle Peter (Acts 10). Going hunting one day, he found a stag. By the providence of God, a shining Cross appeared among the stag's antlers and the voice of God came to Placidas, telling him to go to a Christian priest and be baptized. Placidas was baptized, along with his wife and two sons. At his baptism, he received the name Eustathios, his wife the name of Theopiste, and their sons the names Agapius and Theopistos. After his baptism, Eustathios went back to the very place where the revelation through the stag had occurred, and thanked God on his knees that he had brought him to the truth. At that, the voice of God came to him again, foretelling suffering for His name and strengthening him. Then Eustathios secretly left Rome with his family, with the intention of hiding among simple people and serving God in an unknown and humble way.

Arriving in Egypt, he was immediately beset by trials. Some wicked barbarian carried off his wife, and his two sons were seized by wild beasts. But the barbarian quickly came to a bad end, and a herdsman saved the boys from the wild beasts. Eustathios settled in the Egyptian village of Vadisis, and there

lived a village hireling for fifteen years. After this, the barbarians descended on the Roman empire, and the Emperor Trajan was sorry that his brave commander Placidas, who had been victorious wherever he had fought, was not with him. The Emperor sent two of his officers to seek the great general throughout the Empire. By God's providence, these officers, who had been friends of Eustathios, came to this village of Vadiisis, found him and took him to the Emperor. Eustathios gathered the army together and defeated the barbarians. On the way back to Rome, Eustathios went and found his wife and sons. When he arrived in Rome, the Emperor Trajan had died and the Emperor Hadrian was on the throne. When

Hadrian summoned Eustathios to offer sacrifices to idols, Eustathios told him that he was a Christian. The Emperor put him to torture, together with his wife and sons. When the wild beasts did them no harm, he threw them into a white-hot metal ox. On the third day, they took out their bodies, dead but untouched by the fire. Thus this glorious general gave to Caesar's, and to God that which is God's, and entered into the eternal Kingdom of Christ our God.

St Euthatios & his family are commemorated on September 20th



SAINT THECLA, EQUAL TO THE APOSTLES

Thecla was born in Iconium of eminent pagan parents. She was betrothed at the age of eighteen to a young man, at the time that the Apostle Paul came to Iconium with Barnabas to preach the Gospel. Listening to Paul for three days and nights, Thecla turned utterly to the Christian faith and vowed to live in virginity. Her mother, seeing that she shunned her betrothed and thought no more of marriage, first talked to her and then beat her and starved her. Finally, she gave her over to the judges and demanded, wicked mother that she was, that Thecla be burned. The judge threw her into the flames, but God preserved her unharmed.

Thecla then became a follower of the Apostle Paul, and went with him to Antioch. Attracted by Thecla's beauty, an elder of the city attempted to take her by force, but Thecla tore herself from his grasp. The elder denounced her to the governor as a Christian who was averse to marriage. The governor condemned to death and threw her to the wild beasts, but the animals would not touch the body of this holy virgin. Amazed at this, the governor asked: 'Who are you, and what is the power that you have in you, that nothing can do

you harm?' Thecla replied: 'I am a servant of the living God.' Then the governor let her go free,

and she began to preach the Gospel and succeed in bringing many to the true Faith, among whom was an eminent and honored widow, Tryphena. After this, St Thecla, with the blessing of the Apostle Paul, withdrew to a solitary place near Seleucia. She lived a long time there in asceticism, healing the sick with miraculous power and in this way bringing many to Christianity. The doctors in Seleucia were jealous of her and sent some young men to assault her, hoping that, in losing her virginity, she would lose also her miraculous power. Thecla fled from these insolent young men and, when she saw that they would catch her, prayed to God for help in front of a rock, and the rock opened and hid the holy maiden and bride of Christ. This rock was her hiding place and tomb. St John Chrysostom says

of this wonderful Christian heroine and saint: 'I seem to see this blessed virgin going to Christ with virginity in one hand and martyrdom in the other.'

**We will celebrate the feast of St Thecla,
Wednesday, September 23rd, 6pm**



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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT EDUCATION

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

SEPTEMBER 23RD, 10AM
Please join via live stream zoom
or in person.



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 dinner, Sunday, September 27, 5pm. The fellowship will take place at Sts Peter Paul. Please contact our CU OCF President, Panteli Stathapoulos at 720-883-8391 or Father Jordan at 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 'SATURDAY SCHOOL'

Our first 'Sunday School' was a great success. Thank you to our teachers and parents. Please join us for our next 'Saturday School' fellowship scheduled for September 26. We will gather for evening prayer at 5 pm. Dinner will be offered around 5:30ish. Breakout Classes by grade will be offered, 6 to 7 pm. There will be an Adult Education class for all parents, adults and inquirers, 6 to 7 pm in the church. If you have any questions, please contact Aaron Wall, "Saturday" school coordinator @ awall609@yahoo.com or (720) 400-6579.

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.



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