

SAINTE LUKE

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ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST

WEEK OF OCTOBER 18TH 2020

STS PETER & PAUL WEEKLY SERVICES

WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCT 21

Paraclesis Readers Service ___ 6pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

Sts Arethas & Sebastiani

Orthros _____ 8am

Divine Liturgy _____ 9am

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

Great Vespers 5 pm

SATURDAY VESPERS
TIME CHANGE

Please note, beginning November 7,
Saturday Great Vespers
will begin at 4pm.

PHILOTOCHOS 2020 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

**DEADLINE IS THIS, SUNDAY
OCTOBER 18TH**

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[stpeterandpaulboulder.org/
membership-form-2020.pdf](http://stpeterandpaulboulder.org/membership-form-2020.pdf)

HYMNS FOR THE FEAST DAY OF ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST

RESURRECTION HYMN (2ND TONE)

*“When You descended to the realm of death
You as life immortal rendered to Hades
a mortal blow by Your all radiant divinity.
And when You from infernal depths and the darkness below
did raise the dead all the hosts of heavens powers
did proclaim and cry out O life-giving Christ
and our God we give glory.”*

HYMN FOR ST LUKE

*“O holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke,
make intercession to our merciful God,
that He grant our souls forgiveness of offenses.”*

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

*“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.”*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Orthros Gospel: John 20:11-18

Epistle: Col 4:5-11,14-18

Gospel: St Luke 10:16-21

ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST

EIGHTH ORTHROS GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 20:11-18

At that time, Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." Saying this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom do you seek?" Supposing Him to be

the gardener, she said to Him, "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." Mary Magdalene went and said to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that He had said these things to her.

EPISTLE: ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE COLOSSIANS 4:5-11, 14-18

Brethren, conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer every one. Tychicos will tell you all about my affairs; he is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, and with him Onesimos, the faithful and beloved brother, who is one of yourselves. They will tell you of everything that has taken place. Aristarchos my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions if he comes to

you, receive him), and Jesus who is called Justos. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. Luke the beloved physician and Demas greet you. Give my greetings to the brethren at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. And when this letter has been read among you, have it read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you read also the letter from Laodicea. And say to Archippos, "See that you fulfill the ministry which you have received in the Lord." I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my fetters. Grace be with you. Amen.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE 10:16-21

The Lord said to his disciples, "He who hears you hears me, and he who rejects you rejects me, and he who rejects me rejects him who sent me." The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will."



ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST

Born in Antioch, he applied himself in his youth to the study of Greek philosophy, medicine and art. At the time that the Lord Jesus was a work upon earth, Luke came to Jerusalem, where he saw the Savior face to face, heard His saving teaching and was a witness of His wonderful works. Coming to believe in the Lord, St. Luke was included among the Seventy and sent forth to preach the Gospel. Together with Cleopas, he saw the Risen Lord on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24). After the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles, Luke returned to Antioch and there became a fellow-worker with the Apostle Paul, with whom he traveled to Rome, bringing Jews and pagans to the Christian faith. ‘Luke the beloved physician salutes you’, writes the Apostle Paul to the Colossians (4:14). At their request of the Christians, he wrote his Gospel in about the year 60. After the death my martyrdom

of the great Apostle, Luke preached the Gospel all over Italy, Dalmatia, Macedonia and elsewhere. He painted three icons of the most holy Mother of God and also icons of the Apostles Peter and Paul, and is regarded as the founder of Christian iconography. In old age, he visited Libya and Upper Egypt, and thence returned to Greece, where he set himself with great zeal to preach the gospel and bring men to Christ, disregarding his great age. St. Luke wrote both his Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, and dedicated them both to Theophilus, governor of Achaia. He was eighty-four years old when wicked idol-worshippers put him to torture for the sake of Christ and handed him from an olive tree in the town of Thebes in Beothia. The wonder-working relics of this wonderful saint were taken to Constantinople in the time of the Emperor Constantius, the son of St. Constantine.

THE PRINCIPALITIES AND POWERS OF DARKNESS

by Abbot Tryphon

Many people are convinced we are living in the end times. They look to changes in the Earth’s climate, ever more disastrous storms, failing economies, and political upheavals as signs of the end. Couple these things with the increase in terrorist activity worldwide and the rise of extremist Islam, and Christians are afraid. The truth is that we do not know when the end is coming, for Jesus tells us that only the Father knows the day and the hour.

We must remember that our battle is not with earthly enemies, but with the principalities and powers of darkness. This is important to remember, because the weapons needed to combat the enemy are not found in armies, guns, tanks, and missiles, but in prayer. Our combat against the enemy must be centered in the Church’s services, prayer, fasting, spiritual preparedness, and repentance.

Our enemies are not armies but demons who would demoralize us and strike fear in our hearts. But in Christ Jesus we have all the strength to overcome the powers of darkness that are set upon our destruction. There is no need to panic when we have Jesus Christ by our side.



The end times will come when God decides. As for us, we must always be prepared for the end, just as the disciples were. Fear is brought on by the enemy of humankind: the devil himself. In Christ, there is no fear.

TWO PLATES - NOT ONE

by Father Anthony Coniaris

Someone said one Sunday during the offering: "Here we go again! There's always a plate." The person was right in one way and wrong in another. There is not one plate - but two! One plate is man's; the offering plate that is passed to us every Sunday. The other plate is God's. And that is the paten, the "diskos", the plate that carries the Precious Body of our Lord during the Liturgy. Two plate - not one!

God gives first. He gives us our body, mind, life, health, talents. On the paten - the plate of God's mercy, He gives us Himself as the Bread of Life, the manna from heaven. He gives forgiveness, strength, courage. He gives victory over sin and death. He gives eternal life. "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace which He lavished upon us" (Eph 1:7-8). God gives. He lavishes upon us the riches of His grace. That is the meaning of the first plate, the paten.

The second plate which is passed every Sunday - the offering plate - represents our response to the first plate. We are invited to give in gratitude for God's generosity, for His limitless forgiveness and mercy. The emptiness of the offering plate represents the aching needs of the world which we are called upon to assist. It represents also the great spiritual hunger that exists in the world - the God shaped vacuum in every heart that only Christ can fill. We give, but He gave first. Two plates - not one! However much we give, it will never be more than just a minute fraction of what we receive from Him. There's always a plate! Indeed there is! Not one but two. First God's, than man's.

The God who came to us at Bethlehem continues to come to us today. He comes to us through that



first plate, the paten which symbolizes His total giving to us. He comes through the Sacrament of Baptism to bestow upon us the holy kiss of His love, to call us His very own. He comes through the Sacrament of Chrismation to fill us with His presence, to make our bodies temples of His Holy Spirit. He comes through repentance and the Sacrament of Confession to cleanse us of sin, to restore in our souls "the peace of God that passes all understanding." In every Liturgy He comes to us as the Word of God, bringing words of eternal life through the Scripture readings and the sermon. Through the Sacrament of Communion He comes to be born again and again in the shabby stables of our hearts. He comes constantly through prayer. He blesses our marriages as He did that in Cana of Galilee. He stands by our sick bed, laying His healing hand upon us through the prayers of the priest. He comes again and again in so many ways through the many miracles of His Church. He comes with healing and forgiveness; He comes with strength and guidance. He comes and when He comes, as the Bible says, "the blind see, the lame walk, and the prisoners are set free."

At this time as we are invited to renew our stewardship pledge, we are challenged to reconsider prayerfully our gift to Him Who is God's Great Gift to us. It is through our gift that

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God will be able to continue His forgiving, healing, liberating, empowering, transfiguring, loving ministry through the Church. For God, Infinite though He be, has chosen to work through us, through our gifts, to continue His saving work in the world today.

Many of us are careful to set aside funds for our retirement. Yet how long will these last? Ten, maybe twenty years? The questions is: What are we setting aside for our eternal future? What are we investing in God, in eternity? How many of us who are quite well-to-do on earth may end of up paupers in heaven? St. John Chrysostom said one, **“A rich man is not one who has much, but one who gives much. For what he gives away remains his forever!”**

A little girl noticed that after the collection was taken in a certain church, the ushers brought it up to the altar. She whispered to her mother, “Mommy, how do they get the money to heaven?” The mother replied, “The church doesn’t send the money to heaven, but it uses it to bring heaven down to us.” That mother could not have given a better answer. For, the purpose of the Church is to get God’s heaven into each one of us. “The kingdom of God is within you,” said Jesus.

The thought comes to me quite often that there will come a time for each one of us when we shall no longer be able to give. When death comes, our giving will be over. For all eternity God will be doing the giving to us. So, the time for us to give is now. The time for us to love is now. The time for us to share what God has given us is now. For, it is indeed His hand! The tray in which we place our offering every Sunday is not a tray but His Hand-the nail-pieced Hand of my Savior “Who loves me and gave Himself for me.” – Amen



Sunday, November 1st

DINNER & FELLOWSHIP

Invitation to all college-aged Christians in Colorado!

Join us at Sts Peter & Paul at ...

4:00pm - Dinner and Fellowship

5:30 - 6:00pm - Paraclesis Service

Questions? Contact Fr Jordan, 720.329.5212
Panteli Stathopoulos, 720.883.8391

Fall 2020: Hybrid Retreat **“WE ARE THE CHURCH”**

November 6th, Evening: Online

November 7th Afternoon: Online

Or at St Spyridon in Ft Collins,
or at St Catherine in Greenwood Village

November 8th Mid-day: Online

Register by 10/23:

Online for \$10 at
www.ocf.net/we-are-the-church/

Questions?

Contact mountainstudent@ocf.net
or call 720.883.8391

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT EDUCATION

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY
OCTOBER 28, 10AM

Please join via live stream zoom
or in person.



ORTHODOX FAITH SERIES
TOPIC: WORSHIP AND PRAYER

October schedule: Saturday, October 24 at 6pm

Class is open to all parents, adults and inquirers. This series will take place in the church. Contact Father Jordan 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 ON SATURDAY

Please join us for our next 'Sunday School on Saturday' fellowship scheduled for October 24th. 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. Thank you to the handful who have provided dinner. We have sponsors for the month of October. If you would like to sponsor a dinner in November or December, please contact Aaron Wall or Father Jordan.

If you have any questions, please contact Aaron Wall, Sunday School coordinator at awall609@yahoo.com or (720) 400-6579.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

Thank you to the handful who have provided fellowship during these challenging times. The Sunday fellowship has been a great blessing for our parish family. We are looking for a few more volunteers to help with Sunday Fellowship. If you are able to help, please contact Father Jordan.

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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Gaynel Andrusko
Ileana Barbu
Presb Marika Brown
Debbie Catechi
Alekie Cheronis
Georgia Christopher
Elayne Dageenakis

Dana Gall
Rola DeGeorge
Presb Kedrann Dotson
Ashley Dzilvelis
Fran Dzilvelis
Sharon Dzilvelis
Keity Elias

Mary Garcia
Katherin Gerakos
Mary Lymberopoulos
Julie Powers
Juli Sarris
Candy Soulakis
Jan Marose-Swisch

Pam Torrance
Lis Troicky
Nicole Tsiouvaras
Julie Welker
Sheila Zissimos
Zoe Zwierzynski
Peter Demetropoulos

Yes, I would like to offer my love and service by joining the Philoptochos Society in its philanthropic efforts. Please accept my stewardship below realizing that a total of \$22 of my stewardship will be sent to National Philoptochos and the Metropolis of Denver Philoptochos.

My stewardship pledge for 2020 is: \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

eMail: _____

Renewing Member

Birth date: ____ / ____
MONTH DAY

New Member

I would like to help with the following ministries/projects. Check as many boxes as you can:

- Fund Raisers; bookstore, baking, etc.
- Special Events; annual winter dinner event
- Membership; forms, booklet, etc.
- Fellowship Events; cooking, baking, set up, clean up
- Social Services; food drive, etc.
- Sisterhood; social events, preparing dinners, visitations

Please make checks payable to "Philoptochos"

RETURN ON SUNDAY or MAIL TO:

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c/o Philoptochos Society
5640 Jay Rd
Boulder, CO 80301



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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.



PRIEST

Reverend Father Jordan Brown

PARISH COUNCIL

President - Erica Gerakos
Vice President - Nicholas Kallan
Treasurer - Brian Gregory
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Presidents - Dana Gall and Sharon Dzilvelis
Treasurer - Julie Powers

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Fr. Jordan Brown

CHOIR DIRECTOR

Presbytera Marika Brown

RECURRING SERVICES

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