

Τὰ εἰκόδια τῆς θεοτόκου

# PETRA NEWS



**PRESENTATION OF THE VIRGIN MARY**

**WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> 2020**

Ἐν τῇ ἐκκλησίᾳ τοῦ ἁγίου πνεύματος καὶ ἐν κοινῇ  
ἐπισημασθέντων τῶν ἁγίων ἡμερῶν τῆς  
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**STS PETER & PAUL  
WEEKLY SERVICES**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25**

**Feast Entrance of St Katherine**

Orthros \_\_\_\_\_ 8am

Divine Liturgy \_\_\_\_\_ 9am

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 28**

Readers Vespers/

Compline Service \_\_\_\_\_ 4pm

**NATIVITY FAST BEGINS  
NOVEMBER 15 - DECEMBER 24**

**WEEKDAY DAILY  
MORNING PRAYERS  
DURING THE NATIVITY FAST**

The Church will be open every morning during the week, Monday through Friday (**with the exception of Thursday**), at 9 am - 11 am. The Orthros / Morning Prayers will begin at 9 am (35-45 minute service). This is wonderful time to light a candle, and offer prayers. If you would like to schedule confession, please speak with Father Jordan.

**MEMORY ETERNAL**

Christine Tsiouvaras fell asleep in the Lord on Thursday, November 19. Our prayers are with the Tsiouvaras family. Christine is the mother of George Tsiouvaras. We will offer a Trisagion Service for Christine at the end of this morning's Divine Liturgy. May her memory be eternal.

**HYMNS FOR THE 8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LUKE**

**HYMN FOR THE FEAST OF THE  
ENTRANCE OF THE VIRGIN MARY**

*“Today is the prelude of God’s good pleasure,  
and the proclamation of humanity’s salvation.  
In the Temple of God, the Virgin is presented openly,  
and in herself she announces Christ to all.  
Let us, then, with a great voice cry aloud to her:  
“Rejoice, you are the fulfillment of the Creator’s dispensation.”*

**RESURRECTION HYMN ( BARIS TONE)**

*“O Lord by Your sacred Cross You abolished death,  
and granted unto the thief blessed paradise.  
The Myrrh bearers ceased lamenting and turned to joy.  
The apostles did preach the Good News at Your command,  
that You had risen form the dead O Christ our God,  
bestowing Your mercy upon the world evermore.”*

**HYMN FOR SAINT IAKOVOS EVIA**

*“The Isle of Evia today rejoices,  
for it has you as its new protector.  
And the holy monastery of St. David is glad,  
for it possesses your tomb, O Iakovos, our holy father.  
And filled with grace of God,  
like a channel of the Spirit that is unstoppable,  
you pour out gifts of grace every day for us.”*

**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**

*“The Savior’s most pure and immaculate temple,  
the very precious bridal chamber and Virgin,  
who is the sacred treasure of the glory of God,  
on this day is introduced into the House of the Lord,  
and with herself she brings the grace in the divine Spirit.  
She is extolled by the Angels of God.  
A heavenly tabernacle is she.”*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Orthros Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22

Gospel: St Luke 12:16-21

## NINTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

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### SECOND ORTHROS GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK 16:1-8

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When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?” And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back, for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, “Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as



he told you.” And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid.

### EPISTLE: ST. PAUL’S LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS 2:14-22

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Brethren, Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both

have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

### THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE 12:16-21

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The Lord said this parable: “The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods

laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.” As he said these things, he cried out: “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

## THE ENTRY OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD INTO THE TEMPLE

Some days after the beginning of the Nativity Fast, the Church celebrates the feast of the Entry of the Holy Virgin into the Temple. It is fitting that, at the start of this time of preparation for Christmas, our thoughts should turn to the Mother of God, whose humble and silent expectation should be a model of our own expectation during the Fast. The nearer we draw to Mary through our prayer, our obedience and our purity, the more will be formed in us He who is about to be born.

According to tradition Mary's parents, Joachim and Anna, were childless and prayed fervently to the Lord to be granted a child. They vowed that they would dedicate the child to God. When Mary was born, her parents took her at the age of three to the Temple of Jerusalem where she stayed for twelve years. She lived in the Holy of Holies under the care of the Temple priests and the angels. All

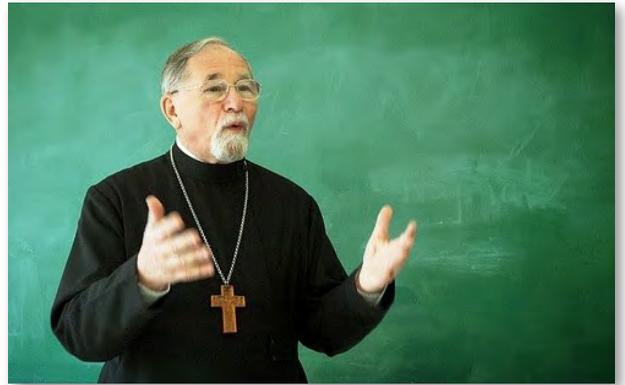
of the hymns of this feastday celebrate in various ways this tradition which intends to give us not so much precise historical information but to lift up the holiness of Mary and her spiritual preparation to receive Christ in her womb. As one hymn resounds: "Today the living temple of the great King enters into the Temple to be prepared as a Divine dwelling place for Him. O people rejoice."

In the Orthodox Church the Feasts of the Theotokos always point to the fulfillment of God's plan of salvation through Christ. All of the Orthodox icons of the Virgin Mary should depict her not in isolation but holding Christ in her arms. So also the hymns of her Feasts praise her not for her own sake but for her faithful role as a willing instrument of God's purpose.

## TEMPLES OF THE LIVING GOD

Father Thomas Hopko

We are all made to be living temples of God. We are all created to be dwelling places of His glory. We are all fashioned in His image and likeness to be abodes of His presence. The first Christian martyr, the protodeacon Stephen whose memory is celebrated on the third day of Christmas, was killed for proclaiming this marvel when he bore witness that "the Most High does not dwell in houses made with hands." For this, like Jesus Himself, he was accused of planning the destruction of the earthly temple of Jerusalem (Acts 7:38;6:14). The apostle Paul proclaims this same doctrine clearly and without equivocation when he writes to the Corinthians and to us that "we are God's workers; you are God's field, God's building" (1 Cor 3:9)



*"Do you not know that you are God's temple  
and that God's Spirit dwells in you?  
... For God's temple is holy,  
and that temple you are."*

(1 Cor 3:16-17)

## SAINT IAKOVOS OF EVIA

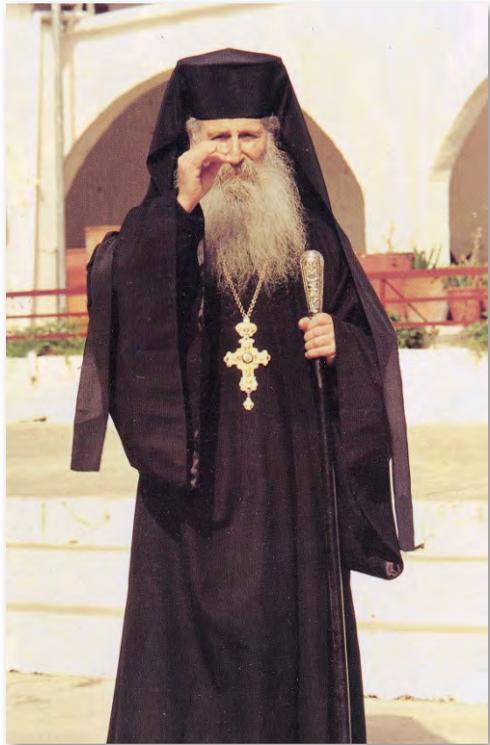
The venerable Elder Iakovos Tsalikes, the admirable Abbot of the Monastery of the Venerable David in Evia, was a long-range star who shined in our days with the rays of his simplicity, his goodness, his equal to the angels state and his numerous wonders. Elder Iakovos was the personification of love, a living embodiment of “the new life in Christ,” a projector of virtue and a mirror of humility and temperance.

Elder Iakovos was born on November 5, 1920 to pious parents, his mother Theodora being from Livisi in Asian Minor and his father Stavros from Rhodes. In early 1922 Turkish cetes captured his father and led him deep into Anatolia. After the catastrophe of our blessed Asia Minor, the family of the Elder followed the hard road to exile. In 1925, his father found them, and together as a family they moved to Farakla in Evia (Greece).

At the age of seven the young divinely-illuminated Iakovos memorized the Divine Liturgy even though he was illiterate. Impressed by his melodious chanting the Metropolitan of Halkidos consecrated him a Reader. What impressed everyone was his ascetic like, his prayerful disposition, his love for work, his lack of sleep, and his strict observance of the fasts.

He joined the army in 1947, where he remained undaunted by the derision of his colleagues, who jokingly called him “Father Iakovos.” After being released from the army in 1949, Iakovos, at the age of 29. In November of 1952, he went to the Monastery of the Venerable David, fulfilling his desire of completely dedicating his life to God. As the age of 32 Iakovos was tonsured a Monk, and on December 19, 1952 he was ordained a Priest.

He often saw and spoke with Venerable David and Saint John the Russian, while he was



also made worthy of the gifts of foresight and insight (St Iakovos foretold the elevation of Patriarch Bartholomew and visited Archbishop Elpidophoros prior to his departure to become Archbishop of America). Often during the Divine Liturgy he would see Angels serving him in the Sacred Altar, encircling him, revering the Lamb of God on the Holy Paten.

**The Church celebrates his feast day on November 22.**

Recommended reading, “The Garden of the Holy Spirit: Elder Iakovos of Evia.”

## COVID-19 GUIDELINES UPDATE 11/22/20

The revised Colorado Safer-at-Home guidelines set forth by the Governor of Colorado allow Sts Peter Paul to 45 people in Church during the services.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT A MASK IS REQUIRED AND TO BE PROPERLY WORN AT ALL SERVICES DURING THE WEEK - THIS INCLUDES ALL WEEKDAY SERVICES.**

Please be considerate and sign up for only one of the services (Divine Liturgy) offered during the week. Please allow others to sign up if you have already attended, especially if it was the prior Sunday. If at the end of the week (Saturday evening), the list is not filled, then please sign up. If you did not sign up or prefer not to attend on Sunday, Holy Communion will be offered from 11:30 - 12 noon.

The weekly schedule of services are as follows:

- Wednesday, November 25, Divine Liturgy, 9am
- Saturday Evening Vespers, November 28, 4pm (no sign up required)
- Sunday Divine Liturgy, November 29, 9:30am

The fellowship Hall will remain closed on Sundays. The Welcome committee and members of the Parish Council will offer coffee & pastry 'To Go' at the end of service. Due to recent restrictions, in person Sunday School, Classes and Bible Studies are discontinued until further notice. The Wednesday Bible is available via 'zoom.' Father Jordan will offer a youth discussion via 'zoom' beginning December 5th (details TBA).



# Philoptochos 2020 Holiday Gift Card Drive

**DEADLINE**

**November 28 for a December 6th delivery.**

**Please consider purchasing gift cards through our local Philoptochos, TODAY!**

Gift cards are perfect for gift-giving for Christmas, as well as; birthdays, graduations, for those in need, and purchases you're planning to make in-store or on-line.

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# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ADULT EDUCATION

### THERE WILL BE NO BIBLE STUDY THIS WEDNESDAY

Bible Study will resume December 2nd.



### ORTHODOX FAITH SERIES

Classes scheduled for November and December have been canceled due to the most recent health care restrictions. Our hope and prayer is to resume the Orthodox Christian Faith Series in January 2021. If you are interested in learning about the Orthodox Faith, please contact Father Jordan at [frjordanbrown@gmail.com](mailto:frjordanbrown@gmail.com) or 303-581-1434.

## 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.

## 'TO GO' COFFEE & BAGEL

Today's 'To Go' fellowship is sponsored by Crist Mountain View Funeral Home. Megan South, Funeral Director, kindly offered to sponsor today's fellowship. Coffee and Bagels will be available



outside and the end of service. Please remember to 'safe distance,' as you enjoy your coffee and bagel outside. The Parish Hall will remain closed due to the Covid Virus. Thank you Megan and Crist Mountain View.

## WE CAN'T HELP WITHOUT YOU!

Last month people donated over \$150.00 worth of canned goods. Along with donations from church, I was able to deliver close to 200 cans of meat.



### They were so Thankful! Let's keep it up!

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](mailto: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](mailto:powerjulie@gmail.com)), and put "Our Center" in the memo line.



## SAINTS PETER & PAUL GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

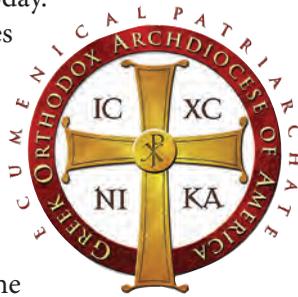
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### ABOUT OUR PARISH

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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

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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

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Reverend Father Jordan Brown

### PARISH COUNCIL

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### CHOIR DIRECTOR

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Presbytera Marika Brown

### RECURRING SERVICES

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