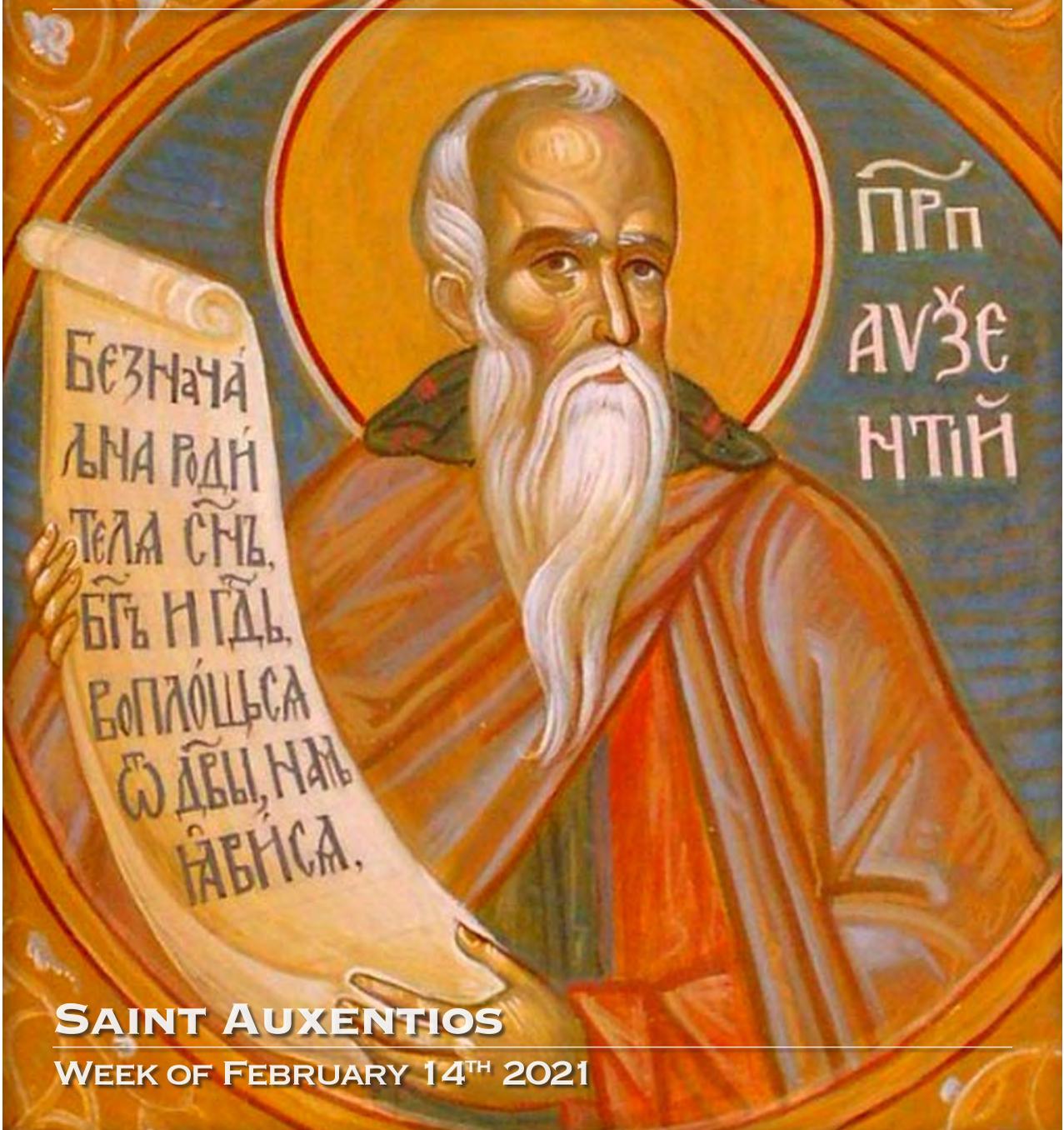


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SAINT AUXENTIOS

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14TH 2021

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH 2021

STS PETER & PAUL WEEKLY SERVICES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Paracletus to the Mother of God /
Sacrament of Holy Unction _____ 6pm

SATURDAY MORNING, FEB 20

St Leo & Agathon

Orthros _____ 8:15
Divine Liturgy _____ 9am

Sign-up required

SATURDAY EVENING, FEB 20

Great Vespers _____ 5pm

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Orthros _____ 8:15am
Divine Liturgy _____ 9:30am

Sign-up required

THE 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 a 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.”

*Baily, Chad, Natasha,
Yehor, Kate*

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY OF THE CANNANITE

RESURRECTIONAL HYMN (3RD TONE)

“Let all things above in heaven rejoice, and let all things below on earth be glad. With all the might and strength of His arm an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet He has trampled down death by death, and first born of the dead has He become. From the womb of Hades has He delivered us, and to all the world has granted His great redeeming mercy.”

HYMN FOR ST NIKIFOROS THE LEPER & WONDERWORKER (praying for intercessions during the pandemic)

“All the Angels were awestruck by the courage and fortitude of Saint Nikiforos the Leper in ascetic deeds and contests, for like another Job he suffered pains with patience, ever glorifying God, who has crowned him now with glory, granting him grace to work great and wondrous miracles. Rejoice, O guide of monastics and their aid, Rejoice, O shining beacon of light, Rejoice for your relics now exude a fragrance bringing joy to all.”

HYMN FOR SAINT AUXENTIOS

“As a citizen of the desert and an angel incarnate and a wonder-worker you shone forth, O Auxentios, our God-bearing father. Since you received the spiritual gifts by fasting and vigilance and prayer, you can cure those who are ailing and heal the souls of those who run to you with faith. Glory to Him who gave His might to you; glory to Him who placed a crown on you; glory to Him who operates through you, providing cures to all.”

HYMN FOR STS PETER 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

“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; Mark 16:9-20
Epistle Reading; 2 Cor 6:16-18,7:1
Gospel Reading; Matthew 15:21-28

SUNDAY OF THE CANNANITE WOMAN

THIRD ORTHROS GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK 16:9-20

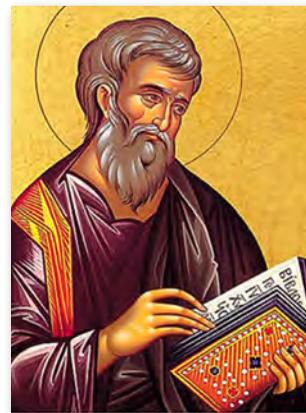
When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast seven demons. She went and told those who had been with him, as they mourned and wept. But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it.

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 SECOND LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS 6:16-18; 7:1

Brethren, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I

will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 15:21-28

At that time, Jesus went to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before

him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

COME, LET US WORSHIP

‘The Divine Liturgy is the highest form of prayer in which a sacred exchange takes place. Mankind offers to God “his temporal and limited life (in exchange) for the eternal and infinite life of God.” – Elder Zacharias of Essex

Beloved and dear family of Sts Peter and Paul: The past twelve months has been a difficult challenge for all of us, and especially our beloved Parish family. Orthodox Christians from the very beginning have always gathered together on the first day of the week, the Lord’s Day, Sunday, to offer prayers in common and to bring the gifts of bread and wine, according to the commandment of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Sadly we cannot all gather together on Sunday due to the COVID restrictions. We are thankful for the opportunities our church tradition allows us to worship during the week and Saturday. I will continue with your prayerful support to offer services on Saturday and during the week. I want to encourage you to participate in the Divine Services. By coming on a Sunday, Saturday or weekday service, you are keeping the church together.

I know many of you have deepened your faith during this difficult pandemic with prayer, fasting and the reading of the saints and Orthodox Spirituality. I will be offering a gift, wonderful book to the entire parish in the coming weeks. I ask you to join me in reading this book together

as a parish family. The book you will be receiving is ‘Come, Let us worship: A Practical guide to the Divine Liturgy’ by Father Patrick O’Grady. I ask you, the parish family of Sts Peter and Paul, to join me in prayerfully reading this book on a weekly basis. The evil one has attacked the church, and has tried to keep us from worshipping God. My hope and prayer is that we will grow together in unity with reading this book and stand up to the evil one who has been defeated by our Resurrected Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. My dear brothers and sisters, the Divine Liturgy is the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. We must never forget this truth and foundation of the church.

The Eucharist, Holy Communion, was instituted by Christ at the supper on Holy Thursday to perpetuate the remembrance ‘anamnesis’ of His redemptive work and to establish a continuous intimate communion ‘koinonia’ between Himself and those who believe in Him. Father Alkiviadis Calivas reminds us that the Eucharist or Divine Liturgy is the central mystery ‘sacrament’ of the church. *“It is at once the source and the summit of her life. In it, the Church is continuously changed*



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from a human community to the body of Christ, the temple of the Holy Spirit, and the holy people of God."

The Church is the 'Body of Christ.' Every time we gather to celebrate the Divine Liturgy, the very personal presence of Christ, crucified and Risen, is fully realized in the Divine Liturgy. Father John Meyendorff, blessed memory, reminds us that the church, living in full sacramental life, "*is the miracle of new life in Christ lived in community and is built upon and around the Table of the Lord.*"

I pray that we will continue to grow and be united to Christ and to one another. A question that has always come up, **'Why must we pray at church? Why not pray alone, in our homes, or in the mountains, or in any beautiful place indoor or out? Does not the Bible say that 'God does not live in houses made by man?'** The truth and the answer is

simply that we may pray to God in any place and at any time. I will leave you with the words of Father Patick's book that you will be reading very soon, **'God has always summoned man to pray to Him and to offer Him due worship at specific times and in specific places for specific purposes. Not all prayer is of the same depth - or height. St John Chrysostom, the great liturgist and ecumenical father taught us, "If we pray alone, our prayer is weak and ineffectual. But when we pray in church with the community in the Liturgy, our prayer becomes very powerful."**

Our Lord Jesus taught us, ***"For where two or three gathered in My name, I am there in the midst of them"*** – (St Matthew 18:20)

'The Divine Liturgy is God's offering to man, and man's offering to God.' – Hieromonk Grigorios of Koutloumousiou Monastery

SAINT AUXENTIOS

A very distinguished administrator in Constantinople among the officials and courtiers of the Emperor Theodosius the Younger, he was set aflame by the love of Christ. Auxentius became a monk and remained only a short time in Constantinople. When men began to praise him, he fled and settled on a mountain. He could not realize his desire to remain there permanently, hidden from men, as some shepherds found him and made his whereabouts known. They began to bring the sick to him to be healed, and he healed many of them. He restored sight to the blind and cleansed lepers, anointing them with oil. He also raised up the palsied and freed many who had been possessed by demons. All this was cause for wonder, but his humility was more wonderful. When he was asked to pray for the healing of

someone, he excused himself with the words: 'I also am a sinful man.' But, constrained by many requests, he approached the healing in the following way: either he called all present to pray with him for the sick person, or he first stirred up the faith of the people and told them that God would give according to their faith, or he said over the head of the sick person: 'The Lord Jesus Christ heals you.' He did this that the wonder worked should not be attributed to him but to almighty God. He took part in the Fourth Ecumenical Council at Chalcedon and powerfully defended Orthodoxy against the Eutychian and Nestorian heresies. He lived to a great age; then, in 470, God took his youthful soul to Himself and left his aged body on the earth from which it was made.

ARCHBISHOP ELPIDOPHOROS OF AMERICA

PASTORAL VISIT TO THE METROPOLIS OF DENVER



His Eminence, Archbishop Elpidophoros of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America will be making his first pastoral visit to the Metropolis of Denver, February 13 & 14, 2021. **His Eminence will be celebrating**

Great Vespers on Saturday, February 13, at the St Catherine Parish in Greenwood Village. His Eminence will celebrate the Hierarchal Divine Liturgy with Metropolitan Isaiah at the Assumption Cathedral on Sunday, February 14. The services will be live-streamed. Please go to the St Catherines and Assumption Cathedral for details for live-streaming the services. **Father Jordan will be welcoming the Archbishop on Saturday along with the Denver and Front Range area clergy and will be serving Saturday Great Vespers with the Archbishop Elpidophoros and Metropolitan Isaiah.**

2021 STEWARDS, AS OF JANUARY 30TH

If you do not see your name on this list, and you have returned your stewardship card, please contact Nicole Tsiouvaras, tsiouvaras@msn.com or 303-489-4491

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COVID-19 GUIDELINES UPDATE 2/14/2020

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.**

THIS INCLUDES ALL WEEKDAY SERVICES.

Please be considerate and sign up for only one of the weekend services (Divine Liturgy). 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, please contact Father Jordan (frjordanbrown@gmail.com or 720-329-5212. Arrangements can be made to receive Holy Communion during the week.

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.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF HOMES 2021

Father Jordan will continue blessing homes this month. If you are new to our parish, please contact Father Jordan to schedule your house blessing. Frjordanbrown@gmail.com 303-581-1434



ADULT EDUCATION

ORTHODOX FAITH SERIES

Today's class topic:

'What we believe about Jesus: His Life, Crucifixion & Resurrection' Part 1

"But who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." – St Matthew 16:16

The Orthodox Christian Faith Class meet today, Sunday, February 14th. Class will begin at 11:45 am / 12 noon and end around 12:30 / 12:45 pm. We will be meeting in the church. If you are interesting in learning about the Orthodox Christian Faith and/or becoming an Orthodox Christian, please join us for class. Father Jordan will be leading, and providing the reading material. If you have any questions, please contact Father Jordan @ frjordanbrown@gmail.com or 303-581-1434.

YOUTH MINISTRY

FIRESIDE CHAT WITH FATHER JORDAN PLEASE JOIN US SATURDAY, FEB 20TH

Sts Peter Paul will host a Fireside Chat for our teens (middle and high school age only) on Saturday, February 20th. We will meet for evening prayer, Vespers at 5 pm, and gather for dinner in the parish hall (5:45pm / 6pm). Discussion 6:30pm - 7:30pm. We will gather in a safe distance manner. If you have any questions, please contact Father Jordan.

BIBLE STUDY: LENTEN SERIES

**FRIDAY MORNINGS DURING LENT:
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
BEGINNING IN MARCH**

Questions please contact Father Jordan at frjordanbrown@gmail.com

SUNDAY SCHOOL ON SATURDAY!

**SATURDAY, FEB 20TH
5PM TO 7PM**

Schedule:

5pm Vespers (Evening Prayers)

5:45pm Dinner

6pm - 7pm Breakout Classes by Age / Grade

Father Jordan will be meeting with the middle & high school young adults in the church, 6pm - 7pm.



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.

GROCERY GIFT CARDS

Remember to purchase your grocery gift cards and old Chicago pizza Palz from Julie Powers on Sunday or contact her directly at powerjulie@gmail.com.





SAINTS PETER & PAUL

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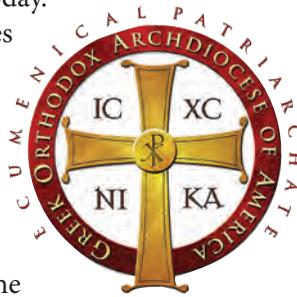
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Icon of the Theotokos “Sweet-Kissing”
by Ileana Barbu

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

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