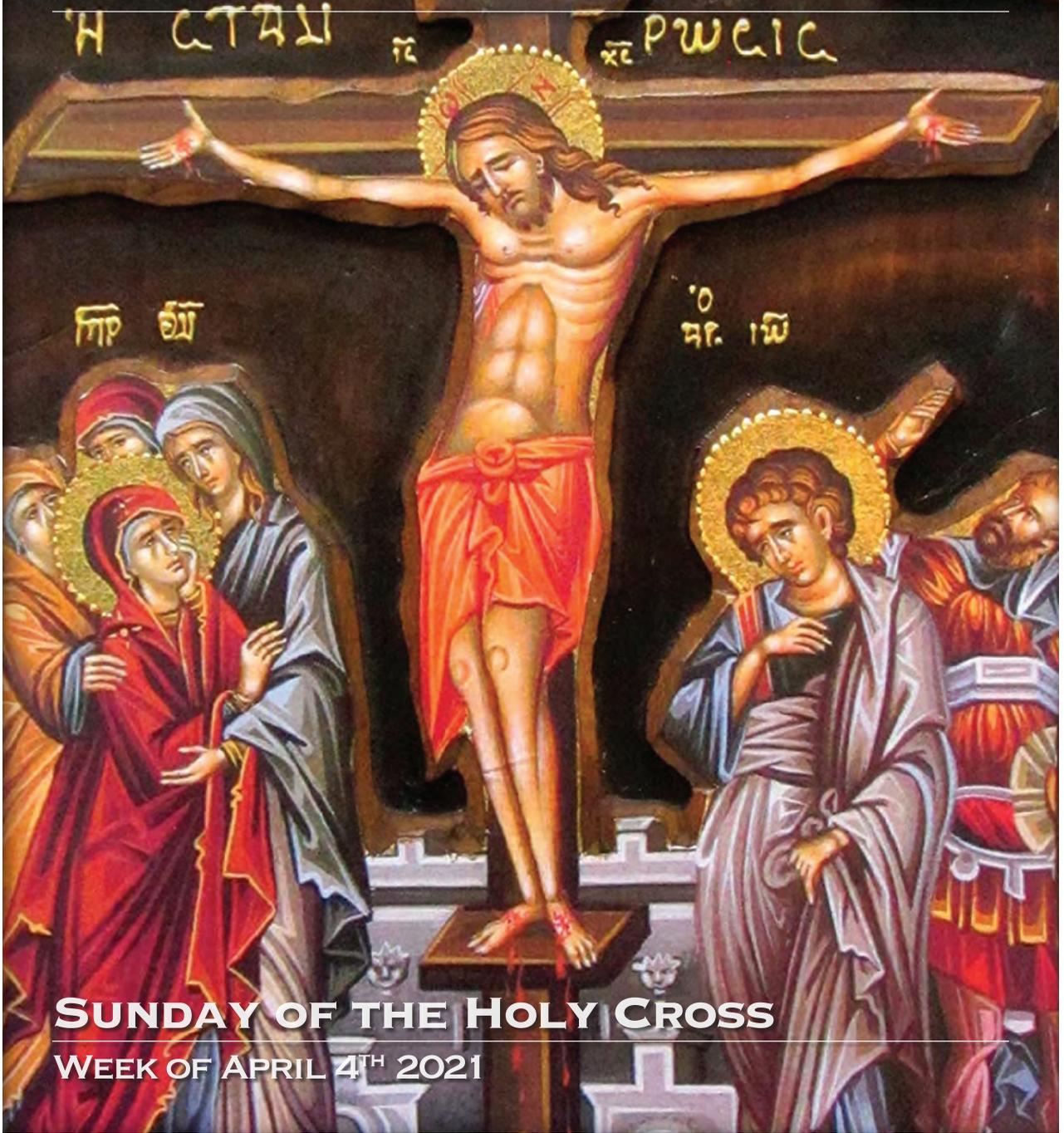


PETRA NEWS



SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS

WEEK OF APRIL 4TH 2021

SUNDAY, APRIL 4TH 2021

STS PETER & PAUL WEEKLY SERVICES

MONDAY, APRIL 5

Great Compline _____ 6pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

Presanctified Liturgy _____ 5:30pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 9

Presanctified Liturgy _____ 9am

Salutations / Hairitismi _____ 6pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

Great Vespers _____ 5pm

LITURGY OF SAINT BASIL

We celebrate the Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil on the Sundays during Great Lent. The supplemental prayers are available in the Church Narthex for you to prayerfully participate with the clergy and chanters.

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 THE HOLY CROSS

HYMN FOR THE HOLY CROSS

*“Save O Lord, O Lord Your people, and bless Your inheritance.
Grant victory to the faithful against the adversaries of the Faith,
and protect Your people through Your Holy Cross, Your Holy Cross.*

*“Soson Kirie ton laon Su ke evlogison tin klironomian
Su nikas tis vasilefsi kata varvaron thorumenos ke to
Son filatton thia tu Stavru politevma.”*

RESURRECTIONAL 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 heaven’s powers did proclaim and cry
out O life-giving Christ and our God we give glory.”*

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 FOR GREAT LENT

*“O Champion General, I your City now inscribe to you
* triumphant anthems as the tokens of my gratitude,
* being rescued from the terrors, O Theotokos.
* Inasmuch as you have power unassailable,
* from all kinds of perils free me so that unto you
* I may cry aloud: Rejoice, unwedded Bride.”*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Orthros Gospel: John 21:1-14

Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-6

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

HYMN IN PLACE OF ‘HOLY GOD... HOLY MIGHTY..

*“O Your Cross do we venerate O Lord,
and do we glorify Your Holy Resurrection.”
Ton Stavron Su proskinumen Thespot
ke tin agian Su Anastasin thoxazomen.”*

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS

TENTH ORTHROS GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 21:1-14

At that time, being raised from the dead, Jesus revealed himself to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he revealed himself in this way. Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat; but that night they caught nothing. Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any fish?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, for the quantity of fish. The disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his clothes, for he was stripped for work,

and sprang into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish lying on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and although there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

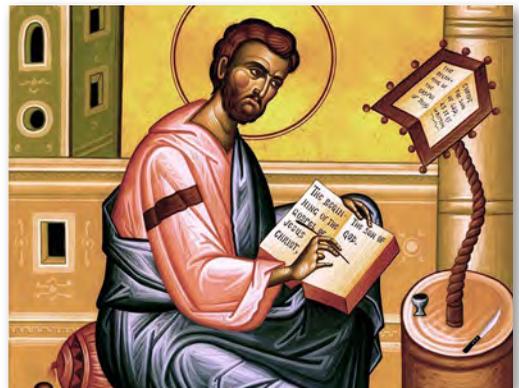
EPISTLE: ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE HEBREWS 4:14-16; 5:1-6

BRETHREN, since we have a high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for

sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee"; as he says also in another place, "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek"

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."



SUNDAY OF THE VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

On the Third Sunday of Great and Holy Lent, the Orthodox Church commemorates the Precious and Life-Giving Cross of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Services include a special veneration of the Cross, which prepares the faithful for the commemoration of the Crucifixion during Holy Week.

The commemoration and ceremonies of the Third Sunday of Lent are closely parallel to the feasts of the Veneration of the Cross (September 14) and the Procession of the Cross (August 1). Not only does the Sunday of the Holy Cross prepare us for commemoration of the Crucifixion, but it also reminds us that the whole of Lent is a period when we are crucified with Christ.

As we have “crucified the flesh with its passions and desires” (Galatians 5:24), and will have mortified ourselves during these forty days of the Fast, the precious and life-giving Cross is now placed before us to refresh our souls and encourage us who may be filled with a sense of bitterness, resentment, and depression. The Cross reminds us of the Passion of our Lord, and by presenting to us His example, it encourages us to follow Him in struggle and sacrifice, being refreshed, assured, and comforted. In other words, we must experience what the Lord experienced during His Passion - being humiliated in a shameful manner. The Cross teaches us that through pain and suffering we shall see the fulfillment of our hopes: the heavenly inheritance and eternal glory.

As they who walk on a long and hard way and are bowed down by fatigue find great relief and strengthening under the cool shade of a leafy tree, so do we find comfort, refreshment, and rejuvenation under the Life-giving Cross, which our Fathers “planted” on this Sunday. Thus, we are fortified and enabled to continue our Lenten

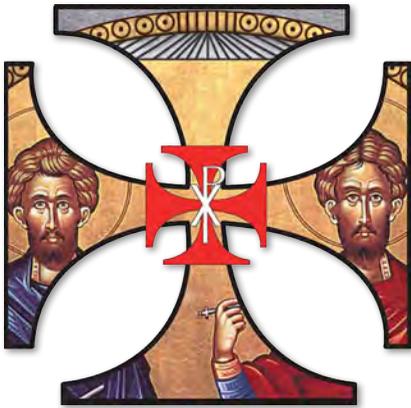
journey with a light step, rested and encouraged.

Or, as before the arrival of the king, his royal standards, trophies, and emblems of victory come in procession and then the king himself appears in a triumphant parade, jubilant and rejoicing in his victory and filling those under him with joy, so does the Feast of the Cross precede the coming of our King, Jesus Christ. It warns us that He is about to proclaim His victory over death and appear to us in the glory of the Resurrection. His Life-Giving Cross is His royal scepter, and by venerating it we are filled with joy, rendering Him glory. Therefore, we become ready to welcome our King, who shall manifestly triumph over the powers of darkness.

The present feast has been placed in the middle of Great Lent for another reason. The Fast can be likened to the spring of Marah whose waters the children of Israel encountered in the wilderness. This water was undrinkable due to its bitterness but became sweet when the Holy Prophet Moses dipped the wood into its depth. Likewise, the wood of the Cross sweetens the days of the Fast, which are bitter and often grievous because of our tears. Yet Christ comforts us during our course through the desert of the Fast, guiding and leading us by His hand to the spiritual Jerusalem on high by the power of His Resurrection.

Moreover, as the Holy Cross is called the Tree of Life, it is placed in the middle of the Fast, as the ancient tree of life was placed in the middle of the garden of Eden. By this, our Holy Fathers wished to remind us of Adam’s gluttony as well as the fact that through this Tree has condemnation been abolished. Therefore, if we bind ourselves to the Holy Cross, we shall never encounter death but shall inherit life eternal.

Philoptochos Membership 2021



Our annual membership drive has begun!

If you would like to join this amazing charitable organization or renew your membership, fill out the attached membership form and return it to Lis Troicky or Julie Powers by Sunday May 9. If you have any questions, contact Lis at etroick@aol.com, 720-771-7786

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 2021 is: \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

eMail: _____

Renewing Member

Birth date: ____ / ____
Month Year

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
- Fellowship Events; cooking, baking, set-up, clean-up

- Membership; forms, booklet, etc.
- Social Services; food drive, etc.
- Sisterhood; social events, preparing dinners, visitations

Please make checks payable to "Philoptochos"

RETURN ON SUNDAY or MAIL TO:

Sts Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Church
c/o Philoptochos Society
5640 Jay Rd
Boulder, CO 80301

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT EDUCATION

ORTHODOX FAITH SERIES

The Orthodox Christian Faith Class will meet today after the Divine Liturgy. Class will begin at 12 noon. We will be meeting in the parish hall (upstairs classroom). 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 at frjordanbrown@gmail.com or 303-581-1434.

Updated April Schedule:

Friday, April 9, 7 pm (Icon Presentation)

Sunday, April 11, 12 noon; Sunday, April 18, 12 noon

April 4 class topic: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving

ICON PRESENTATION

FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 7 PM

Vladimir Grigirenko, Master Iconographer, will be visiting our parish next weekend. There will be a special icon presentation offered by Vladimir on Friday, April 9, 7 pm. The Salutations service will begin at 6 pm. Please visit Vladimir's website to see the beautiful iconography. www.orthodox-icon.com Vladimir is working on the St Gregory Greek Orthodox Monastery located in Pennsylvania at the present time.

ICONS FOR GREAT LENT

The Church offers special icons during the Great and Holy Lent. If you would like to help with donating an icon for the Lenten Season, please see Father Jordan. The icons are from the Life Giving Women's Monastery located in Dunlap, California.

Icons needed for Great Lent:

Sunday of Orthodoxy, St Gregory Palamas, Crucifixion of our Lord, St John of the Ladder, St Mary of Egypt, Palm Sunday, Raising of Lazarus, Resurrection.

(suggested donation \$400) Questions, please contact Father Jordan @ frjordanbrown@gmail.com.

YOUTH MINISTRY, APRIL SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY OF LAZARUS RETREAT APRIL 24, 9 AM - 12 NOON.

We are planning a special retreat for our youth on the Feast of Lazarus. The Divine Liturgy will begin at 9am. The children will prepare the palm crosses for Palm Sunday. A Lenten Pancake Breakfast will be offered.

HOLY FRIDAY YOUTH RETREAT FRIDAY, APRIL 30

We are planning a special youth retreat for Holy Friday. The children will help with the decorating of Christ's tomb. The retreat will begin at 11 am, and end with the Taking down of Christ @ 2 pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ON SATURDAY! SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 5PM TO 7PM

Schedule:

5pm Vespers (Evening Prayers)

5:45pm Dinner

6pm - 7pm Breakout Classes
(pre-k thru grade school)

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



HOLY WEEK FLOWERS

You may offer a donation for the Holy Week Flowers. There is a special basket on the table with the Lenten Spiritual Articles in the Narthex.



HOLY CROSS DONATIONS

A special tray for the Holy Cross will be available for donations in the Narthex and at the south door exiting the church.

Philoptochos Pascha Cookie Fund Raiser

Philoptochos of Sts Peter & Paul is happy to announce their Pascha Cookie Fund Raiser. There will be 24 specialty cookies wrapped in a bag for your convenience. Requested donation is \$20. **Place your order by Sunday April 18th for pick up Sunday April 25th.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: _____ eMail: _____

_____ Number of bags (min \$20 donation per bag) \$Total = _____

If you do not wish to purchase cookies at this time but would like to make a monetary donation to the philoptochos \$Total = _____

Paid with _____ Check # _____ Cash _____

Mail or Return order form below along with your check
made payable to Philoptochos:

Sts. Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church
attn: Cookie Basket
5640 Jay Road
Boulder, CO 80301

\$20⁰⁰ Donation per Bag

If you do not wish to donate towards the cookie fund raiser, we ask that you prayerfully consider making a monetary donation to your Philoptochos to help them continue their ministry of serving the less fortunate in our church community, the local Boulder community, and beyond.

COVID-19 GUIDELINES UPDATE 4/4/2021

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:
MASK IS REQUIRED AND TO BE PROPERLY
WORN AT ALL SERVICES,
INCLUDING ALL WEEKDAY SERVICES.**

Please sign up for one for the following services:

Presanctified Liturgy, Wednesday, April 7
Sunday Divine Liturgy, April 11

Please be considerate and allow others to sign up if you have already attended either the Wednesday

Presanctified Liturgy or Sunday Divine Liturgy. If at the end of the week (Saturday Evening), and the Sunday list is not filled, then please sign up. If you did not sign up for Sunday, and we have reached the maximum number allowed by the county, you are welcome to participate from the exonarthex (outside entrance into the church). There are chairs placed at the outside entrance of the church. The parish hall will be open to accommodate the overflow of people. Those outside and in the hall are welcome to come inside the church at the end of service for the sacrament of Holy Communion.



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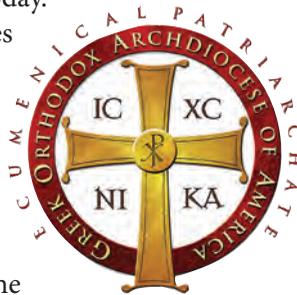
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Icon of the Theotokos “Sweet-Kissing”
by Ileana Barbu

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

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