

MAY 4, 2014



# SS. PETER AND PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

*All Things Are Possible to Him Who Believes*

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**Matins:** Sundays 9:30am

**Divine Liturgy:** Sundays 10:30am

**Confessions:** call to schedule

**Sunday, May 4, 2014**

Third Sunday of Pascha

**Eothinon 4**

**Tone 2**

*Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women, Pious Joseph of Arimathea & Righteous Nicodemus Venerable Martyr Pelagia of Tarsus; Athanasios, bishop of Corinth; Venerable Nikephoros the Solitary of Athos*

## TROPARION of Easter (Tone 5)

Christ is risen from the dead trampling down death by death and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

## RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 2)

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

## APOLYTIKION of Joseph of Arimathea (Tone 2)

The pious Joseph, having brought down Thy pure body from the Tree, wrapped it in fine linen, embalmed it with ointment, provided for it, and laid it in a new tomb. But Thou didst verily rise after three days, O Lord, granting the world Great Mercy.

## APOLYTIKION of Myrrh-Bearing Women (Tone 2)

Verily, the angel came to the tomb and said to the ointment-bearing women, the ointment is meet for the dead, but Christ is shown to be remote from corruption. But cry ye: The Lord is risen, granting the world the Great Mercy.

## TROPARION of Ss. Peter & Paul (Tone 4)

O foremost in the ranks of Apostles, and teachers of the world, Peter and Paul, intercede with the Master of all to grant safety to the world and to our souls the great mercy.

## KONTAKION of Pascha (Tone 8)

O Immortal One, when Thou didst descend into the tomb, Thou didst destroy the power of Hades; and Thou didst rise victorious, O Christ God. Thou hast said to the ointment-bearing women: Rejoice! And Thou gavest peace to Thy Disciples, O Bestower of Resurrection to those Who had fallen.



# ***CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY, HE IS RISEN!***

## THE EPISTLE

*The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me severely.*

### **The Reading from the Acts of the Saintly and Pure Apostles. (6:1-7)**

In those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the Twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

## THE GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (15:43-16:8)**

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the Kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if He were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether Jesus was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that He was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking Him down, wrapped Him in the linen shroud, and laid Him in a tomb, which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where He was laid. And when the Sabbath was passed, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices so that they might go and anoint Him. 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—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 anyone, for they were afraid.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

### **Directors**

Samia Zolnerowich  
Jennifer Buchko

### **Teachers**

Nicole Kyriakos  
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Bill Zook

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### **Orthodox Christians**

Faithful Orthodox fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when they receive Holy Communion in fulfillment of Christ's command to eat His Body and drink His Blood. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, communicants should not be conscious of grave sin, have fasted from the night before taking communion, and seek to live in charity and love with their neighbors. Persons conscious of grave sin must first be reconciled with God and the Church through the Sacrament of Penance (Confession and Absolution). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

### **Non-Orthodox**

We welcome to this celebration of the Eucharist those Christians who are not fully united with us. It is a consequence of the sad divisions in Christianity that we cannot extend to them a general invitation to receive Communion. Orthodox believe that the Eucharist is an action of the celebrating community signifying a oneness in faith, life, and worship of the community. Reception of the Eucharist by Christians not fully united with us would imply a oneness which does not yet exist, and for which we must all pray.

### **Not Receiving Communion**

Those not receiving sacramental communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another by receiving a piece of blessed bread following the dismissal prayers.

### **Welcome to Ss. Peter and Paul**

To encourage our worship in a proper spirit of prayer and devotion, we respectfully ask you enter the sanctuary quietly during the Divine Liturgy.

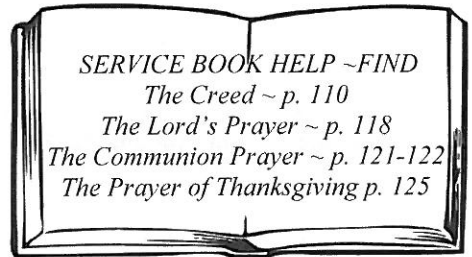
#### **PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS**

- the clergy censes the sanctuary
  - the congregation is standing, or
  - during the Little Entrance with the Gospel
  - during the Reading of the Epistle and the Gospel
- Please enter the sanctuary upon the completion of
- the sermon
  - the Great Entrance with the Holy Gifts
  - the Prayers of Consecration p. 112-113
  - the Hymn to the Theotokos "It is Truly Meet"

Please follow the directions of the ushers during Communion and dismissal; refrain from using cell phones in the narthex; and be considerate of those praying and converse in the hall, outside or downstairs.

### **Visitors**

If you are visiting our parish, please let us get to know you. Complete a visitor card you will find in your pew, and drop it in the ushers tray or the collection box.



**HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION:** is offered by the Brown family, and by  
Lorna Malooley & Madelyn Nader

40-Day Memorial for Metropolitan PHILIP [of thrice blessed memory] & Abraham Brown

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** is offered by the Parish Council in honor of Metropolitan SILOUAN

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# Commemorations

For the Servants of God that they may have mercy, peace, health, salvation and visitation, pardon and remission of sin; the Lord God remember them in his Kingdom always: now and ever, and unto ages of ages

## LIVING

Met. SILOUAN  
The Brown family  
Lorna Malooley & family  
Madelyn Nader & family  
Susan Fannoney  
Eddie Yazge  
Betty & John Slanta

Parishioners who remain  
in our prayers continually

Margaret Ashley  
Lulu & George Brown  
Issa & Suad Shammias  
Edmond Neam  
Richie Kogok  
Khalil Haddad

For the Servants of God departed this life: the Lord God remember them in his kingdom always: now and ever, and unto ages of ages

## DEPARTED

HE Metropolitan PHILIP Mar 18  
ArchPriest Alexander Atty  
Richard Gelles  
Mona Shalhoub  
George Atiyeh  
Abraham Brown Mar 27  
Farida Khalil Mansur Mar 31  
Evelyn Hier Apr 12  
Isam Naim Ibrahim Apr 6  
Ivanka Tileva Apr 17  
Raymond Yazge

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### STEWARDSHIP

"I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back." ~Maya Angelou

### ADULT EDUCATION FORUM

Exploring Our Faith, Adult Education Forum [and ministry of the Fellowship of St. John the Divine] will resume meeting *this* Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 7:15—8:15pm in the Lower Level Conference Room. This group meets in an effort to better understand and discover the rich spiritual, historical, doctrinal and scriptural tradition of our holy orthodox faith. Fr. Isaac facilitates our meetings in an informal setting using brief presentations as a springboard to open discussion evoking questions and reflections on a wide range of topics of our faith. All are welcome, with a special invitation to young adults. For more information contact Fr. Isaac at [frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org](mailto:frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org).

### ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN FASHION SHOW

Our 11th Annual show and luncheon is Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am at the Congressional Country Club. Tickets are \$50; proceeds to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project. For more information contact Rida Boulous at [frita18@aol.com](mailto:frita18@aol.com).

### SS PETER & PAUL MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



The 15<sup>th</sup> Golf Tournament is held at the Bretton Woods Golf Course, 15700 River Rd, Germantown, MD on Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, to celebrate the life of Abe Brown. Registration deadline is June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Download a registration form (Events Page) at [www.peterpaulpotomac.org](http://www.peterpaulpotomac.org)

or contact Bob Simon at 202-253-0490  
or [bobsimonjr@mail.com](mailto:bobsimonjr@mail.com).

### VISIT OF MET. SILOUAN TODAY

His Eminence Metropolitan SILOUAN of Argentina, the Patriarchal Vicar – Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of North America — is visiting our parish today. He has been given the task of overseeing the election of our new Metropolitan of the Archdiocese of North America. We are blessed and honored to have Met. SILOUAN celebrate the 40-Day Memorial of our beloved Met. PHILIP [of thrice blessed memory]. All the faithful are invited to attend a free luncheon in honor of our Patriarchal Vicar, Met. SILOUAN in Kogok Hall following Liturgy today. The luncheon is open to all and is being offered by the church free of charge, but donations to offset the cost will be gratefully received.

### THE HOPE THAT NEVER FAILS

#### Met. SILOUAN Tribute to Met. PAUL of ALEPPO

"The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God; and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ; if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified with Him." (Romans 8:16-17)

Beloved in Christ, Hierarchs, clergy, Members of the Board of Trustees and faithful of this God-protected Archdiocese:

Christ is risen! Truly He is risen!

I am writing to you on the Holy day of the resurrection of our Lord, not only to greet each one of you and convey my personal salutation, as well as those of our clergy and parishioners in Argentina, but also in order to address you upon the one year anniversary of the abduction of our beloved brother Metropolitan Paul of Aleppo, Alexandretta and Dependencies.

April 22nd of 2013 was a remarkable day in our Patriarchate. On the eve of celebrating the commemoration of the Great Martyr Saint George, Metropolitan Paul undertook a new witness of faith, a witness expressed through a new commitment toward his Archdiocese, his Church and all of us. It was a remarkable day because none supposed that he would be the engineer in charge, among many others, building the edifice of hope in our lives. This construction started a year ago, and it is still

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growing high in the eyes of our Lord, in depth in our lives, and in extension in the world bringing others to abide by the same hope.

All those who are concerned by such a construction, stand in awe of how this engineer manages to follow everything from behind the scenes, in a meticulous but very generous and professional way. The final shape of the building is not known beforehand, as is the case in engineering, because it depends on the will of Him who is blessing this construction and the will of the engineer in charge of the design, execution and supervision. Surely, this building will be one of the most amazing and spacious in modern history.

The beauty of this building is invisible. It is hidden in its foundation based on the invincible faith of the engineer in charge and his wholehearted self-offering in order that those who are suffering, mourning, lost and in despair, can find a shelter, along with all those who serve and struggle, as well as those who became victorious or are heroes.

The workers in such a construction are brethren from everywhere; no previous acquaintance gathered them, but the grace of God. They do not have any experience in such a construction, but they strive every day to strengthen themselves while they serve and witness to their faith with joy and abide by prayer and the meditation of the Word of God.

Everyone is waiting for the day when the dedication of this building will take place. Such a day will be a great one indeed, on earth and in heaven. The light shining forth on that day will be such that it will vanquish the darkness of monstrosities and consciences, as well as the multitude of sufferings and grief. The joy of that day will reveal how true and real is the word of God. It will also manifest how His promise comes to fruition and completion.

On account of this hope, witnesses from our Archdiocese in Aleppo, in their celebration of Pascha yesterday, on Saturday evening, April 19<sup>th</sup>, and today, on Sunday morning, April 20<sup>th</sup>, revealed how strongly they felt the power of the resurrection of Christ despite their lack of water, food, electricity and their basic and foremost necessities. They are on the footstep of their shepherd in sharing the

paschal joy of Christ's victory over death.

For our part, on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014, we will light a "candle of hope" for Metropolitan Paul, for Archbishop Youhanna Brahim, and for all those who are captive in Syria, who are in danger and in grief. Having spoken only about His Eminence, Metropolitan Paul of Aleppo does not diminish or disregard at all the witness of his companion, His Eminence, Archbishop Youhanna or any other person in the same situation. Our sole intention is to give a witness to the one we know, and open the way to others to do the same. These persons teach more by their living example, but also by their silence and invisible presence, than any of us do by our words. They are examples to emulate and bow down before, in reverence and gratitude for their long term and unwavering witness to Christ on behalf of all of us.

Our continued prayers for them are recompensed by seeing this building of hope becoming higher, bigger, wider, grounded on earth but reaching heaven.

May our Lord deliver them from captivity, bring peace back to Syria, and comfort the souls of all our brethren, Christians and Muslims, in Syria!

†Silouan  
Metropolitan of Buenos Aires and all Argentina  
&  
Patriarchal Vicar of New York and all North America

**LOOKING AHEAD  
Upcoming events...**

- May 4 - 40-Day Memorial Metropolitan PHILIP  
40-Day Memorial Abraham Brown  
Visit & Luncheon w/Met. SILOUAN
- May 6 - Adult Education Forum @ 7:15pm
- May 10 - Women's Fashion Show @ 11:30am
- May 20 - Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm
- May 27 - Men's Club Meeting @ 7:30pm
- June 4-6 - Special Antiochian Assembly, Chicago,  
Illinois, to elect the new Metropolitan



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## PRIVILEGED WITNESSES OF THE RESURRECTION



**T**he story of the MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN is a tale of boldness and bravery. Their loyalty to their Lord knew no limits. While others betrayed, deserted and abandoned Him, these women sadly looked on as Christ was crucified, taken from the Cross and finally placed in a tomb. How crushed they must have felt as they witnessed the huge rock rolled into place, seemingly sealing forever the tomb of their Master!

The Gospel tells us, however, that even the prospect of encountering a band of Roman soldiers did not deter these saintly women from going back to the tomb to do what their religious laws said they must: properly prepare and anoint Christ's Body for burial. What they saw in those early morning hours certainly must have astounded them: the guards were gone . . . and so was the Body of Jesus! **HE IS**

**RISEN! HE IS NOT HERE!** This is the angelic message that they received! Except for Christ's linen burial cloth, the tomb was empty. Thus, these faithful women earned the honor of being the first witnesses of the Resurrection.

The Gospel accounts of the number of women vary. St. Luke gives no specific number. The Evangelist Matthew mentions 2 women, while St. Mark speaks of 3 being present. Matthew and Mark give testimony of 1 angel, while the contention of Luke and John is that 2 were present. Church Fathers have theorized that the joy and excitement of the realization that Christ had truly risen may have clouded the recollections of the Gospel writers. **NOTHING**, however, can overshadow the significant contributions these humble and pious women made to the greatest event in the history of mankind.

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## FELLOWSHIP HOUR AND BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION

	BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
May 11	Jamileh Taweel	Jamileh Taweel
18	Sunday School & Hier extended family	Alex & Thomaseena Cox
25		
Jun 1		
8		
15	Debbie Brown & family	Debbie Brown & family
22	Marie Khalil	Marie Khalil
29		

Baking or ordering the Holy Bread of Oblation or providing and serving the refreshments for Fellowship Hour following the Liturgy on Sundays is a great way to practice Christian fellowship among our fellow parishioners. Notice the openings to the left and consider contributing to this vital ministry. Sign-up in the vestibule.