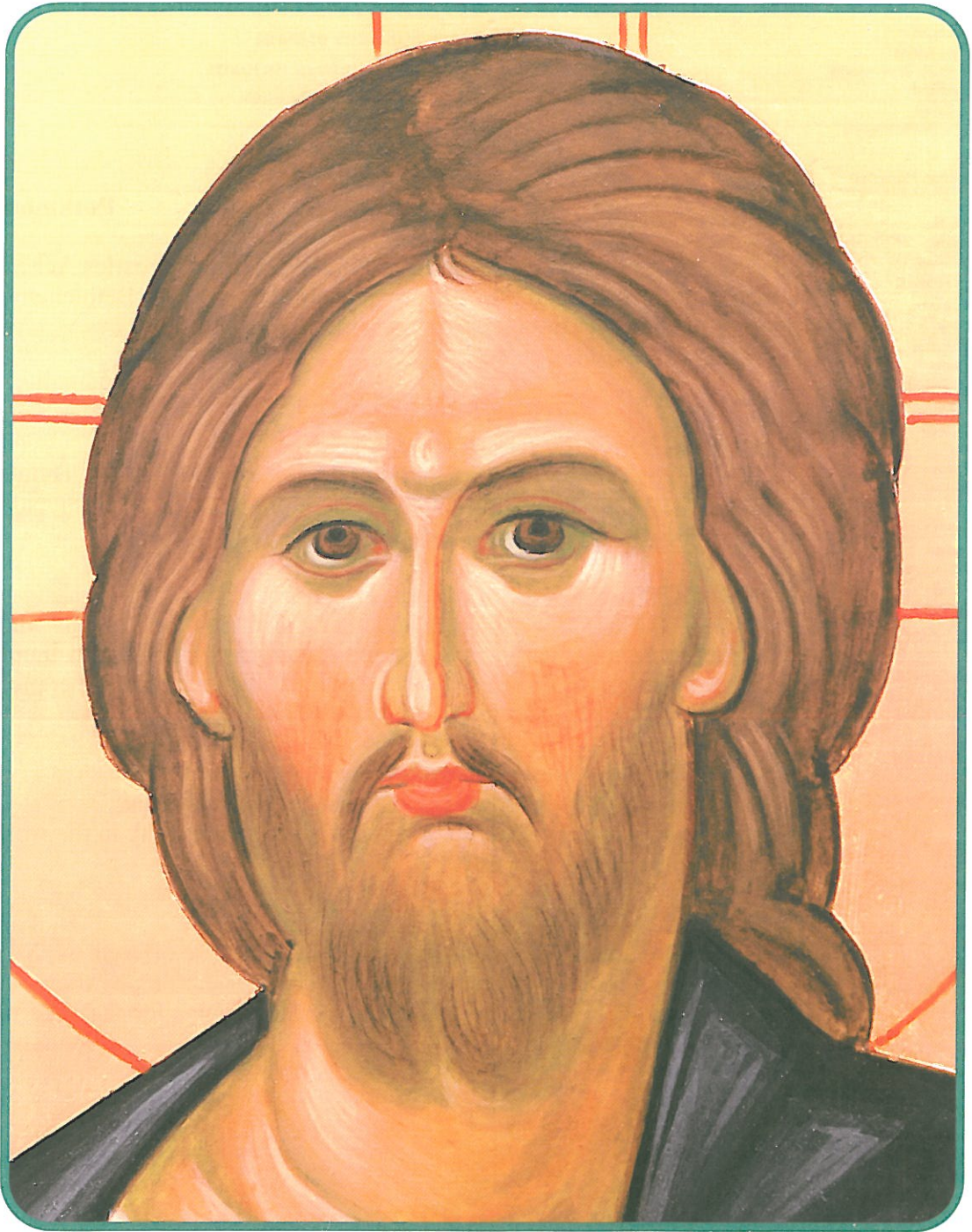


JUNE 15, 2014



# SS. PETER AND PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

*All Things Are Possible to Him Who Believes*

## Priests

Very Reverend  
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Very Reverend  
Fr. Isaac Crow  
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**Matins:** Sundays 9:30am

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

**Confessions:** call to schedule

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**Sunday, June 15, 2014**

**Tone 8**

First Sunday after Pentecost

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**Today we Commemorate:** All Saints: Prophet Amos; Apostles Achaikos, Stephen and Fortunatos of the Seventy; Venerable Jerome of Bethlehem and Augustine, bishop of Hippo; Jonah, metropolitan of Moscow; Martyr Lazarus, Serbian prince

**APOLYTIKION** of the Resurrection (Tone 8)

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

**APOLYTIKION** of All Saints (Tone 4)

Thy Church, O Christ God, hath regaled herself in the blood of Thy Martyrs throughout the entire world, as in porphyry and purple. Through them she lifteth her voice crying: Turn with Thy compassion toward Thy people, and grant peace to Thy city, and to our souls 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 All Saints (Tone 8)

To Thee, O Lord and Author of all creation, the universe offereth as first-fruits of nature the divinity-bearing Martyrs. Wherefore, by their imploring, preserve Thou Thy Church in perfect safety, for the sake of the Theotokos, O most Merciful.

## THE EPISTLE

*God is wonderful among His saints. Bless God in the congregations.*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (11:33-12:2)**

Brethren, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfection of our faith.

## THE GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (10:32- 33, 37-38; 19:27-30)**

The Lord said to His disciples, “Everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father Who is in heaven; but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny before My Father Who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me.” Then Peter said in reply, “Lo, we have left everything and followed Thee. What then shall we have?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, in the New World, when the Son of Man shall sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My Name’s sake, will receive a hundred fold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first.”

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

#### **Directors**

Samia Zolnerowich  
Jennifer Buchko

#### **Teachers**

Nicole Kyriakos  
Susan Kozlov  
Michelle Zook  
Razan Abdallah  
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Leila Taweel  
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Saleem Mokhiber  
Caroline Jarboe  
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Anees Mokhiber

#### **Men’s Club**

Bill Zook

#### **Ladies Auxiliary**

Ann Marie Moses

#### **Teen SOYO**

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Gary Farha  
**Stewardship**  
Lorna Malooloy

### **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.

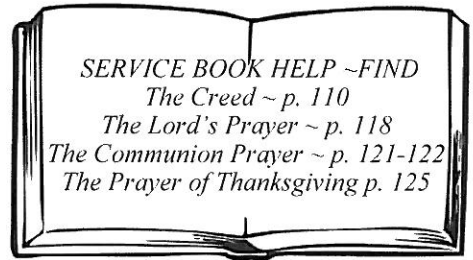
#### **PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS**

- 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:** offered by Lorna Malooley

Memorial bread made in memory of Gretchen Miller from the SS Peter and Paul Choir members

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** offered by the Brown family in honor of their father

Abraham "Brownie" Brown

# 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

Parishioners who remain  
in our prayers continually

Margaret Ashley

Lulu & George Brown

Issa & Suad Shammas

Edmond Neam

Richie Kogok

Eddie Yazge

Victoria Curtin

Andrew Gavin

Jamileh Taweel

Lina, Rayna & Anthony Eid

John Moses

Madelyn Nader

Frieda Shama

Lorna Malooley & family  
Family of Abraham Brown

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

Gretchen Miller May 6

Velio Chotov May 6

Rose Ann Yonkers May 19

Joseph Charley May 22

Kathryn Haddad May 24

Lillian George June 2

Marie Moses

Fred Ayoub

Joseph Ayoub

Fadel Taweel

Serge Malooley

Abraham Brown

# Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News

## SS. PETER & PAUL FEAST DAY

**PICNIC**  
SUNDAY • JUNE 29  
NOON  
KOGOK HALL

Everyone is invited to a celebration of the Feast of our Patronal Saints Apostles Peter & Paul

**Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

a Festal Picnic-Cookout (*FREE!*)  
here at the church in Kogok Hall  
immediately following Liturgy  
Hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, drinks, chips,  
and cookies are provided courtesy of  
new members – *Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Jacob (Catalina)*

**Side dishes are welcome,  
please bring your favorite**

Children's entertainment is planned!

### FJSD's ORTHODOXY ON TAP

Join us for at Ss. Peter & Paul's first "Orthodoxy on Tap," a gathering of the Fellowship of St. John the Divine. Father Isaac will be our guest speaker for this first meeting, Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at Busboys & Poets, 1025 5th St NW, Washington, DC 20001, [www.busboysandpoets.com](http://www.busboysandpoets.com), (202) 789-2227. For more information contact Samer Korkor at [skorkor@gmail.com](mailto:skorkor@gmail.com).

### 40-DAY MEMORIAL FOR GRETCHEN MILLER

There will be a 40-Day Memorial for Gretchen Miller on Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:30pm at St. Mark's Orthodox Church, 7124 River Rd, Bethesda, MD. All are welcome.

### NEWSLETTER • ENTRY DEADLINE

Articles and items for submission are still being accepted for the Summer Issue of *Our Legacy*, Ss. Peter & Paul's Newsletter. To be considered, get your items to Sherrie Zacharia at [sherriezac@aol.com](mailto:sherriezac@aol.com) by **June 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

### GOLF & BACKGAMMON TOURNAMENT

Parallel to the golf there will be a *Tawleh* or Backgammon Tournament—held simultaneously at the Bretton Woods Golf Club. To play, you must register by contacting Tony Moussa at 301-379-0350, Hikmat Nasr at [hgnasr@gmail.com](mailto:hgnasr@gmail.com) or George Tannous at [tannousge@gmail.com](mailto:tannousge@gmail.com) by June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Golfers and sponsors, register now and be part of this memorable event. Many foursomes are planned, but space is limited, so get all donations and sponsorship's in to reserve your spot and ensure a successful tournament. Ss. Peter & Paul Church is counting on your support to honor the memory of our beloved parishioner, Abraham Brown. Go to [www.peterpaulpotomac.org/events](http://www.peterpaulpotomac.org/events) for more information or Contact Bob Simon at 202-253-0490 or [bobsimonjr@mail.com](mailto:bobsimonjr@mail.com) regarding the golf, but contact Tony or Hikmat or George regarding the Backgammon.

### SIGN UP FOR FELLOWSHIP HOUR

As you make your summer plans, would you include signing up and providing refreshments for Fellowship Hour? There are many openings and your contribution is vital to the ministry of the church. 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. Sign-up in the vestibule.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are starting to plan for the 2014-15 school year and are looking for teachers. If you would like to join the Sunday school staff or would like more information please email Samia & Jennifer at [peterpaulsundayschool@gmail.com](mailto:peterpaulsundayschool@gmail.com)



**CLASSES FOR ALL AGES**

# Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News

## **Pastoral Letter of His Eminence Metropolitan SILOUAN at the Conclusion of the Special Convention in Chicago**

Very Esteemed Hierarchs, Reverend Clergy, Honorable Members of the Archdiocese Board of Trustees and Beloved Faithful Of this God-protected Archdiocese,

*"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ" (Ephesians 1:3).*

As the Special Convention is over, I would like to share with you my gratefulness to our Lord and to each of you for the atmosphere in which everything took place. Indeed, comprehension and sense of responsibility dominated the Convention, with a kind of acceptance of our "imperfectness", accompanied with the commitment to continue implementing best practices at all levels while serving our Church.

In addition, I would like to congratulate you for such a blessed conclusion of the nomination process and I thank the Hierarchs and the members of the Board of Trustees for their valuable contribution in this regard, because their approval of the procedures guaranteed that transparency and professionalism be the cornerstone in such an important event in the life of this Archdiocese.

I will not forget that their responsible attitude and full comprehension of the "landmine" map were the keys to determining the roadmap to follow in this nomination process and allowed us to go to the Special Convention with a spirit of peace. It is an achievement that it is added to the so many they have been accomplishing in serving the church and ministering to all. By taking such a courageous decision, they have preserved unity and peace in a wonderful but a simple manner.

Now that Pentecost is at hand, I pray with you that the Holy Spirit illumine each of us in his commitment to the church, with a special reference to the three nominees, our beloved Hierarchs Joseph, Basil and John, as well as to the members of the Holy Synod of Antioch, for the best conclusion of the election process that will take place in the near future.

Having completed one important step regarding the

process of election of a successor to His Eminence, Metropolitan Philip of eternal memory, I will not forget how the presence of Metropolitan Philip was evident during the period following his falling asleep in the Lord, and how it was a determinant throughout the nomination process. Indeed, his wisdom assured the framework in which the Convention took place in such a blessed and peaceful way.

Furthermore, I recall to mind the request that His Beatitude, Patriarch JOHN X addressed in his letter to the Special Convention in which he asked all to "hope and pray" that the Convention "be a blessed time of unity, dialogue and forward looking reflection for the common good of the Church of Antioch".

Last, but not least, I express my gratitude to all those who insured that this transitional period be a blessed and a fruitful period by their continued prayers and constant work, be it visible or behind the scene. I take the opportunity to thank all the participants in the Special Convention and our hosts in Chicago for the witness they gave to the entire archdiocese.

May our Lord bless the work that has been accomplished and the one to come ahead for the good of this Archdiocese and the entire Church of Antioch!

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

## **LOOKING AHEAD Upcoming events...**

June 12 - Adult Education Forum @ 7:15pm  
June 19 - "Orthodoxy on Tap" @ 7:30pm  
June 22 - Baptism Stella Mele @ 1pm  
June 24 - Men's Club Meeting @ 7:30pm  
June 25 - Golf Memorial Tournament @ 9am  
June 26 - Adult Education Forum @ 7:15pm  
June 29 - Festal Picnic @ 1pm  
July 2-5 - Parish Life Conference @ the Village  
July 5 - Arabic Liturgy @ 5pm  
July 6 - Baptism Danielle Dib @ 1pm  
July 8 - Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm  
July 12 - Baptism of Faraj Tawil @ 12:30pm  
July 13 - Baptism of Luke Montgomery @ 1pm  
July 14 - 18 Clergy Symposium @ the Village

## FATHERS IN THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

**S**acred Scripture, the mirror of life, records many examples of fatherhood. Some of these are great fathers, others indifferent and still others poor fathers. It was Jesus Himself Who taught us of God as Father. That is the way He taught us to pray in what has come to be known as the Lord's Prayer.

Surely one of the great fathers of Holy Writ is Abraham, the man of great faith, trust and obedience. He is often referred to as the father of God's chosen people of the Old Testament. Just as he was a father to the nation of God, he was also a true father to his children of the flesh.

And what can be said of Moses, brought up in the palace of the Pharaoh, but who "refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season . . . Esteeming the reproach of Christ's greater riches than the treasures of Egypt."

On and on, the accounts of the Holy Bible record the triumphs and the tragedies of fathers. And in the New Testament the tradition is carried on. We meet Joseph, who cared for and protected the Child of the Holy Virgin. And we go on to Zachariah, father of Forerunner John. This deeply religious man sacrificed his life at the cruel hands of Herod, in order to save his young son.

But we cannot linger only in the past. We need great fathers today who will raise great sons and daughters. These are critical times for the Church and for our Christian family. Let us hope and pray that the line of great heroes of the Faith will not have died out but will be carried on in our generation. May we ponder this as we observe Father's Day.

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### FELLOWSHIP HOUR AND BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION

	BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
22	Marie Khalil	Marie Khalil
29	Abdow family	Festal Picnic-Jeff Jacob
Jul 6		
13	Family of Fr. George Rados	Family of Fr. George Rados
20		
27		
Aug 3	Qustandi & Naheda Kaibni	Qustandi & Naheda Kaibni
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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.