

	BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
03 Jul	Sam & Marie Khalil 1-year Memorial for Mufid Khalil	Khalil Family 1-year Memorial for Mufid Khalil
10 Jul	Daniel & Katia Nassif 40-Day Memorial for William Nicholas	Daniel & Katia Nassif 40-Day Memorial for William Nicholas
17 Jul	Daren & Jennifer Montgomery	Darren & Jennifer Montgomery
24 Jul	Fannoney Family	Fannoney Family
31 Jul	40-Day Memorial for Nadia Jabbour	Kurubel Asgedom & Helen Fessehaie

FELLOWSHIP HOUR AND BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION

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.

SS. PETER AND PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

All Things Are Possible to Him Who Believes

Matins: Sundays 9:30am

Divine Liturgy: Sundays 10:30am

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SUNDAY, JULY 03, 2016

TONE 1 / EOTHINON 2

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& SECOND SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

MARTYR HYACINTH THE CHAMBERLAIN OF CAESAREA IN CAPPADOCIA; ANATOLIOS, PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE; VENERABLE MARTYR GERASIMOS THE NEW OF CARPENISION; TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF PHILIP THE WONDERWORKER, METROPOLITAN OF MOSCOW; VENERABLE NIKODEMOS OF KOZHE LAKE.

APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURECTION (Tone 1)

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

APOLYTIKION OF SAINTS PETER AND 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 FOR ORDINARY SUNDAYS (Tone 2)

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

PASTORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Effective June 1, 2016, the Faithful of the Ss. Peter and Paul Parish Community are kindly requested to direct all Pastoral communications to Fr. Isaac our new Pastor. These include all day-to-day parish visitations, sick calls, prayers and sacraments, Pastoral consultations, and Parish Ministries and ongoing parish events and projects. Fr. Isaac can be reached at the following: cell (401) 300-8238, office (301) 765-3400/prompt 1, or FrIsaac@peterpaulpotomac.org.

The Holy Spirit

H.E. Metropolitan GEORGES (Khodr)

It is hard to talk about the Holy Spirit because He does not have a visible face like Christ's face.

In the beginning, creation was desolate and empty. The Holy Spirit hovered over the face of the waters, and through Him heaven and earth were brought from chaos into something ordered. Then there were the prophets. God chose out of the Children of Israel people whom He set apart for Himself and sanctified by His word, placing in them breaths of His Spirit until the Word of God came, died and arose. We read in the Gospel today that "the Holy Spirit was not yet given because Jesus had not yet been glorified." That is, when divine love reached its ultimate point in death, the Holy Spirit went into the world.

On this feast, fifty days after Pascha, when God sent His spirit in the form of tongues of fire upon each of the disciples, we have entered into the divine flame, where there is the life-giving word, where the waters become fire that illuminates in baptism. That is, the Spirit becomes personal life for each one of us, inasmuch as it becomes God who leads the universe, a personal God for me. The Holy Spirit is that hypostasis, that person who gives breath to the words of the Gospel, words that give motion, words that give life. In Him, Christ is no longer only Savior of the world-- He becomes my own Savior too.

This movement from the universal God of whom the philosophers speak to the God who faces me and Whom I face, moves my heart and it becomes a resting-place for God. This is the work of the Holy Spirit.

Each of us needs, today and tomorrow, for Christ to become his Christ and the Lord of the world his Lord. Each of us needs to shed his belief in a god who only dwells in heaven. God does not only dwell in heaven. This we have said many times over. God dwells in people's hearts, but people push Him away to the heavens, so that they will no longer have a relationship with Him. Because if God is in heaven, man remains free on earth and he acts according to his lusts. This is why thinkers say that God is in heaven so that the earth will remain theirs alone. But if heaven does not exist for the senses, as is the case, and if the heart alone is heaven, then each person's lot is to become divine, moved by God.

Then the earth is God's possession and it is man's possession if he is from God. The earth is violated and man sickens and sins. Man is not a god, but he is nominated for divinity. You on your own are not a god, but you are a god with all. If you do not love all or all does not love you, you cannot heal your wound. You must heal people's wounds.

For the sake of this, the Holy Spirit is the "Comforter," because He is the Spirit of redress, the Spirit of hope, because He balms our wounds so that all may return to the Father. The Holy Spirit is not a comforter in the sense of replacing people and replacing people's faces, but He is the one who makes people's faces whole again. He is the one who makes people's faces beautiful. He is the one who traces God's splendor on the face of every person because He has sealed with the touch of holiness.

Receive today the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News and Events

2016 BAZAAR UPDATE

SAVE THE DATE

Ss. Peter & Paul 33rd Annual Bazaar **September 23-25, 2016**. Please contact us with your thoughts and interest in volunteering!

Contact Wayne Parr at wayne.parr@gmail.com/571-294-0197 or Barbara Abraham at bmwabraham@gmail.com/301-949-1056

Vendors Needed:

Dear Parishioners: Your help is needed! We are looking for some vendors for our upcoming three-day middle eastern bazaar. The dates are September 23, 24 and 25. We are also in need of someone to assist this year and take over the vendor job for next year. Male or female; we don't discriminate!! And you'll have fun doing it! Contact Lorna Malooley at 703-503-3344 or LornaAM@aol.com

VOLUNTEER FOR FOCUS

NORTH AMERICA

SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM

Summer feeding is a government sponsored initiative to provide nutritious meals to children who might otherwise experience food scarcity during the summer months. This program will take place at **St. Mary Orthodox Church**, 7223 Roosevelt Ave, Falls Church, Virginia 22042, **August 1-5, 2016**. Volunteers are needed from 7:30 am - 2:30 pm each day, and will assist with serving food, leading games and activities for the children, and cleanup. At least **15 adult volunteers are needed per day**. Teens over the age of 14 are also welcome to volunteer! (All adult volunteers will be required to submit to a background check). Questions? Please don't hesitate to contact Lauren Cooper, FOCUS site coordinator, at stmarysummerfeeding@gmail.com. Together, we can provide physical and spiritual nourishment to children in need. Please join us!

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

***On Sunday, July 3** the YAF will have a general meeting following the Liturgy from 12:15p—12:45p. Topics are new/old business, elections and open discussion.

*The study group meetings of the YAF have concluded for the time being. The meetings will resume in September.

*The YAF is planning several activities and a spiritual retreat over the summer. More information will follow.

BAZAAR - REQUEST

FROM THE BAKERY COMMITTEE

Our annual bazaar will be here before you know it, and preparations are underway by the bakery committee to ensure we once again have a successful and profitable weekend. In an effort to realize as much profit as possible, we are seeking monetary donations towards the purchase of the needed ingredients. If you are able to assist with a monetary donation, please **make your check payable to "Ss. Peter and Paul Church", earmarked for the "Bakery"**. Checks can be handed/mailed to: Denise Bolus, 7420 Westlake Terrace, #1409, Bethesda, MD 20817. We would appreciate any donation by July 31, 2016, and we thank you in advance for your generosity.

In addition, we're calling on all bakers to come and join us for as many of the baking sessions as you can! All sessions begin at 10:00 am. Here is the schedule:

Mamoul	Wednesday	August 3
Ghrabee & Yansoon	Friday	August 5
Birds' Nests	Wednesday	August 10
Custard Triangles	Wednesday	August 17
Knafee	Friday	August 19

In Christ,

Mary Misleh marymisleh@aol.com
Denise Bolus bolus.denise@gmail.com

Upcoming events...

Jul 03 Young Adult Fellowship general mtg./12:15p
Jul 04 *Church offices closed
Jul 09 *Colette Lily Korkor/Baptism 11a
Jul 10 *Chrismation/Russell Kreutter
Jul 12 *Parish Council Mtg/LL Conf. Rm/7:00p
Jul 18 *Clergy Symposium/Antiochian Village (thru 7/22)
Jul 23 *Raya Seraphima Paskalev/Baptism/1p
Jul 30 *Noelle Nijmeh Tawil/Baptism/12:00p
Aug 06 *Emelia Saa/Baptism/2p
 *Arabic Liturgy/Sanctuary/5p
Aug 09 *Parish Council Mtg/LL Conf. Rm/7p
Aug 14 *John Augustus Mele/Baptism/1p
Sep 23-25 *Ss. Peter & Paul Middle Eastern Bazaar

THE EPISTLE

For Second Sunday after Pentecost)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.
The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (2:10-16)

Brethren, glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law, and all who have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law. For it is not the hearers of the Law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the Law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the Law do by nature what the Law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the Law. They show that what the Law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

THE GOSPEL

(For Second Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (4:18-23)

At that time, as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and He called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. And He went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

“What sacrifices we make, let them be sacrifices that transform us. They are not ends in themselves. They are tools by which we can become a little closer to God's image, a little closer to Christ's life.”

Saint John Chrysostom

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Philip Allen

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Sam Khalil

Antiochian Women

Kate Niewenhaus

Teen SOYO

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Dn. Christian & Zeina
Manasseh

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Jamil Hermes

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Nick Nahas
Bob Simon

Rental Coordinator

Barbara Abraham

Charities

Sam Sahouri Ghanem

Finance

Gary Farha

Stewardship

Lina Eid

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

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

Parishioners who remain in our prayers continually

Margaret Ashley	May Fillah
Richie Kogok	Brian Briggs
Isabel Threddeh	Holly Dubois
Edmond & Sophie Neam	

DEPARTED

Jeanne "Jay" Slyman
William Arwady
Charles (Chuck) Neam
Bertha Aed
Nadia Jabbour
Mufid Khalil
Jimmy Lowry
Richard (Richie) Abraham
James Morro
Jamil Bullata
Tawfig Khalil
Selwa Khalil
Thelma Walker
Raymond Walker
Andre Bullata
Issa Shamas

LIVING

Archpriest George & Family	Josephine Lofgren	Richie Ayoub
Adib Hanna Saah	Nabeeha Ayoub	Raymond Ayoub
Everett Alvarez	Gary Younes	Jack Schueneman
Michael Piechocinski	Nicholas & Helen White	Sam, Khalil & Family
Mike Khalil & Family	Amal Lowry & Family	Joy Khalil & Family
Mousa & Laila Farmand	Eugene Slyman & Family	Ulla Khalil & Family
John & Betty Slanta	Susan Fannoney	Suad Shammas
Elizabeth, John, Elias, Kristina, Mary Kay, Lynn & Nina	Issa Boullata & Family	
Kamal Boullata & Family	Annette Bullata & Family	Joseph Bullata
Barbara Bullata Shaw & Family	Joseph Boullata & Family	Shawn Khalil & Family
The Family of Charles (Chuck) Neam	Dean & Denna Gakos & Family	
Kera & Chris Tomlin	Ss. Peter & Paul Young Adult Fellowship	

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

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 to 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.

SERVICE BOOK HELP ~FIND
The Creed ~ p. 110
The Lord's Prayer ~ p. 118
The Communion Prayer ~ p. 121-122
The Prayer of Thanksgiving p. 125

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:
Marie & Sam Khalil

FELLOWSHIP HOUR OFFERED BY:
Kahlil Family
1-year Memorial for Mufid Khalil

STEWARDSHIP CORNER
Theology of Giving Series – Week 27 – July 3, 2016

Corinthians 8: 10-15 ... "And in this I give advice: It is to your advantage not only to be doing what you began and were desiring to do a year ago; but now you also must complete the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to desire it, so there also may be a completion out of what you have. For if there is first a willing mind, it is accepted according to what one has, and not according to what he does not have. For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened; but by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may supply their lack, that their abundance also may supply your lack – that there may be equality. As it is written, 'He who gathered much had nothing left over, and he who gathered little had no lack.'"

What does this message from God require from me, His loyal and obedient servant? What must I change in my life to be able to follow this teaching in both word and in deed?
Select the link to read the entire *Theology of Giving* series on our website blog: <https://www.peterpaulpotomac.org/stewardship-corner>