

JULY 13, 2014



SS. PETER AND PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

All Things Are Possible to Him Who Believes

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Confessions: call to schedule

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Sunday, July 13, 2014

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Tone 4

Sunday of the Holy Fathers
Of Fourth Ecumenical Council

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Today we Commemorate: Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel;
Venerable Stephen of Mar Sabbas monastery and Heliophotos;
Martyr Golinduch of Persia

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 4)

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION of the Holy Fathers (Tone 8)

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

Church Secretary
Janet Tate
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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.

Choir Director
John Slanta
slanta@verizon.net

Chanters
Wayne Parr
George Tannous

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.

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THE EPISTLE
(For the Holy Fathers)

*Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.
For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to St. Titus. (3:8-15)

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

THE GOSPEL
(For the Holy Fathers)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (5:14-19)

The Lord said to His Disciples: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father Who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them, but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Directors

Samia Zolnerowich
Jennifer Buchko

Teachers

Nicole Kyriakos
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Razan Abdallah
Ranya Eid
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Caroline Jarboe
Anthony Eid
Stephen Zolnerowich
Anees Mokhiber

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Bill Zook

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Ann Marie Moses

Teen SOYO

Robert Bridenhagen
Layla Najjar
Nick Zolnerowich
Sarah Salem
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Reema Guegel

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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.

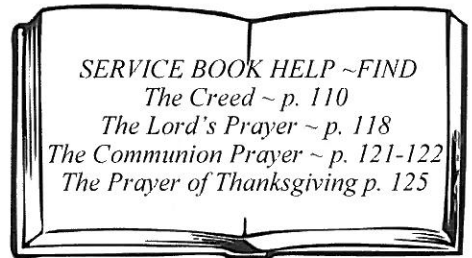
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- 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: offered by Sidawy family in memory of Yvonne Sidawy

FELLOWSHIP HOUR: offered by Sidawy family in memory of Yvonne Sidawy

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 Shammass
Edmond Neam
Richie Kogok

Victoria Curtin
Phillip Allen
Janan Bitar

Tony & Mary Sidawy & family
George & Barbara Sidawy
Mounir & Lily Hayek & family
Emil & Lavinia Sidawy & family

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

Yvonne Arsoff Sidawy Jun 8
Nicholas Anton Sidawy

Joseph Charley Mar 22
Kathryn Haddad Feb 28
Robert Peter Abdow Jan 24
Lucy Saba Jun 26

Larry Jackson
Raymond Walker

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BAZAAR 2014 September 26, 27 & 28

BAZAAR BAKERY HELP NEEDED

As we Look forward to another profitable bakery booth at our bazaar in September, we need your help to ensure its success. Join us for as many of the following baking sessions as you can—sessions of fun and camaraderie! For more information, contact Baking Co-Chairs Mary Misleh at marymisleh@aol.com and Denise Bolus at bolus.denise@gmail.com.

Mamoul	Friday	August 1
Bird Nests	Wednesday	August 6
Ghrabee & Yansoon	Monday	August 11
Custard Triangles	Friday	August 15
Knafee	Friday	August 22

REQUEST FROM BAKERY COMMITTEE

Preparations are underway for Ss Peter & Paul's annual bazaar and the bakery committee seeks donations of ingredients or money towards the purchase of the following (any portion of the amounts is appreciated!):

Filo Dough - 3 cases (24 1-lb. boxes per case)
Knafee Dough - 3 cases (12 1-lb. boxes per case)
Walnuts - 70 lbs.
Butter - 100 lbs.
Sugar (refined, white) - 150 lbs.
All Purpose Flour - 15 lbs.
Semolina, Fine - 20 lbs.
Cream of Wheat (Farina) - 5 lbs.

Please email the item and portion you are able to donate (e.g. 1 case of filo, or 5 lbs of butter, or 10 lbs of walnuts, etc.) and, which Sunday you will be dropping off your item(s) at the church to Mary Misleh at marymisleh@aol.com or Denise Bolus at bolus.denise@gmail.com.

It is very important to let us know in advance what you will be donating so that we don't have too much of any one item, and to ensure we are there to receive your donation. We request all donations NO LATER THAN 26 JULY. Thank you!

MIDDLE EASTERN FOOD FROM A-Z ...

You are wanted to teach...and to learn to make the wonderful food that is your heritage. Experienced men and women of the parish we need you to leave a legacy with generations after you by offering your valuable expertise in food preparation. Young men and women, come, learn and perpetuate the tradition! Join Saints Peter and Paul Cooking Classes 4 days in July and August. *August sessions TBD.* Even if you cannot attend both sessions, attend one! Come to the Saturday sessions if you cannot make the weekday sessions. Come, teach, or watch and learn all the steps and practice cooking for your family—impress them with your culinary skills! Proceeds to benefit Saints Peter and Paul Middle Eastern Food Festival held September 26-28. Questions? Contact Sam and Margo at ssg@afg-inc.com.

JULY SESSIONS

Kubba	Wednesday July 16 @ 10am
Kubba and Kuffta	Saturday July 19 @ 10am
Grape Leaves	Wednesday July 23 @ 10am
Grape Leaves	Saturday July 26 @ 10am

SAVE THE DATE

THE AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR
SAINT GEORGE HOSPITAL, INC.

Fourth Annual Gala to Benefit Saint George Hospital

Saturday October 25, 2014

Cocktails: 6:00pm
Dinner and Dancing: 7:30pm

Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium
1301 Constitution Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Black Tie Optional

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HIS EMINENCE THE MOST REVEREND METROPOLITAN JOSEPH

Training and priestly service

Metropolitan JOSEPH was consecrated to the Holy Episcopacy on June 30, 1991 at the St. Mary Cathedral in Damascus, after many years of serving as a deacon and a priest. His Eminence was born in Damascus, Syria, in 1950. He completed his basic schooling at the St. John of Damascus and al-Alliyeh schools in Damascus and then at Our Lady of Balamand Monastery in Koura, Lebanon. He completed his undergraduate studies at Lebanese University in Beirut and then earned his Master of Theology (M.Th.) with special studies in music and languages from Aristotle University in Thessaloniki, Greece. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from St. Tikhon Seminary in South Canaan, Pennsylvania, in May, 2010.

Patriarch Ignatius IV of Blessed Memory ordained His Eminence as a deacon in November, 1976, and priest in 1980. As priest,

Fr. JOSEPH served as dean of St. Mary Cathedral in Damascus and as overseer of Holy Cross Church and other parishes in the suburbs of Damascus. He served as superintendent of the secondary school in Damascus from 1980 until 1983. Father JOSEPH then went abroad to pastor the Antiochian Orthodox Church in London, England from 1983 to 1986, and then the Antiochian Orthodox Church in Cyprus from 1986 until 1991, when he was elected as bishop.

Hierarchical years

His Grace was consecrated with the title Bishop of Katana in Syria, and served as Patriarchal Assistant and Secretary of the Holy Synod of Antioch. In 1995, he was sent by Patriarch Ignatius to America. Here, in our Archdiocese, Bishop JOSEPH was assigned to the West Coast Chancery by Metropolitan PHILIP of Blessed Memory. After self-rule status was awarded to our Archdiocese, Bishop JOSEPH was enthroned at St. Nicholas Cathedral by Metropolitan PHILIP as the first Bishop of the Diocese of Los Angeles and the West on September 12, 2004.

On December 11, 2011, at the Church of the Dormition of the Theotokos in the Patriarchal Monastery of Our Lady of Balamand in Lebanon, Patriarch Ignatius elevated Bishop JOSEPH to the rank of Archbishop, in honor of his many years of service as a bishop both in our Archdiocese and in the Patriarchate of Antioch.

On Thursday, July 3, 2014, the Holy Synod of Antioch, meeting in Balamand, Lebanon, elected Archbishop JOSEPH to be Metropolitan of all North America.

Apostolic Ministry

Metropolitan JOSEPH'S achievements in apostolic ministry over the course of almost twenty years of diakonia as Bishop of the Diocese of Los Angeles and the West, as well as the Locum Tenens of the Diocese of Eagle River and the Pacific Northwest, form a solid testimony to his spiritual, ethical, and personal leadership qualifications. Over a vast expanse of the western United States and Canada, including Alaska, Metropolitan JOSEPH tirelessly and unrelentingly maintained a personal apostolic presence in the more than 60 parishes under his care in his years as Bishop of the Diocese of Los Angeles. His Eminence also maintained a personal culture of contact, by direct phone, with all his clergy. Many of the clergy and laity testify that Sayidna always remembered and acted on any important issue placed before him. This unique combination of traits—sobriety and blameless familiarity—has formed the bedrock for his personal effectiveness with all.

Based upon his solid spiritual, intellectual, and cultural formation

and education, Metropolitan JOSEPH effectively established solid and meaningful Annual Clergy Seminars and deepened the spiritual and educational experience of both clergy and laity at the annual Parish Life Conferences. He brought in many and diverse Orthodox authors, leaders, and teachers to enrich the clergy and the laity of his two western dioceses. This served to promote a strong sense of clergy brotherhood, inter-parochial exchanges, and became the envy of other Orthodox jurisdictions everywhere. Guest speakers and visitors constantly remarked that Archbishop JOSEPH'S clergy were outstanding in their consistent and active involvement in such events. His Eminence labored intensely to deepen the spiritual life of his clergy, by encouraging frequent confession, personal prayer, continual education, and a heightened sense of the fullness of our Orthodox Christian tradition of interior and ascetical transfiguration in Christ.

During these years, His Eminence also demonstrated episcopal hospitality in his way of life and led the way in cultivating an active pan-Orthodox community in the western United States and Canada. All of the canonical Orthodox hierarchs of the West related to Archbishop JOSEPH in a personal way as an episcopal concelebrant. This episcopal brotherhood was increasingly reflected in the inter-parochial interaction of the priests and laity of all the parishes across the western states and provinces.

Metropolitan JOSEPH also established a strong, clear, and straight-forward liturgical guidance for all his parishes. He pioneered the use of the internet in publishing the entire text of all the Sunday and festal services of the Church throughout the year. His love for the divine services inspired him to improve the liturgical praxis of all the clergy, through constant interactions and special teachings. In addition, he constantly promoted the spiritual climate of the dioceses under his care with such things as "the thought of the day."

LOOKING AHEAD *Upcoming events...*

- July 13 - Baptism of Luke Montgomery @ 1pm
- July 14 - 18 Clergy Symposium @ the Village
- July 16 - Kubba Cooking Class @ 10am
- July 19 - Kubba & Kuffta Cooking Class @ 10am
- July 20 - 1-Yr Memorial Kh. Jacqui Rados @ 12pm
- July 20 - 40-Day Memorial Joe Charley @ 12pm
- July 20 - Baptism of Baby Bergin-Sanford
- July 23 - Grape Leaves Cooking Class @ 10am
- July 26 - Grape Leaves Cooking Class @ 10am
- July 26 - Baptism of Eliana Goitom-Jones @ 2pm
- July 27 - Baptism of Jack Zegeer @ 1pm
- July 29 - Men's Club Meeting @ 7:30pm
- Aug 1-15 - Fast of the Dormition
- Aug 1 - Service of the Paraklesis @ 7pm
- Aug 2 - Baptism of Eliana Goitom-Jones @ 12pm
- Aug 2 - Arabic Divine Liturgy @ 5pm
- Aug 11 - Ghrabee & Yansoon Baking Session
- Aug 12 - Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm

ST. VLADIMIR, PRINCE OF KIEV

Gt was in the ninth and tenth centuries that the great missionary movement of the Christian Church among the Slavs was accomplished. Certainly one of the most prominent figures in this historic expansion of the Gospel was Prince Vladimir of Kiev, called "Equal to the Apostles."

Vladimir was the grandson of St. Olga, the beloved and pious Christian who had a profound influence on him. Vladimir was brought up in heathenism, came to solidify the throne at Kiev in 980, and embrace the Christian faith in the year 988. As Saul the persecutor became Paul the apostle, so now Vladimir the fearful pagan became the zealous follower of the Gospel at his rebirth in Christ. Both Royalty and common people flocked to the waters of the Dnieper for baptism at the hands of Greek priests from Byzantium.

Then began the era of Christian growth and enlightenment for the Slavs. From town to town, over vast areas, the monuments and idols of heathenism were overthrown. Churches and schools were built, with priests and teachers to staff them. The rich Byzantine culture came to the land, bringing a new civilization with it.

And so the seed of the Gospel, planted by St. Andrew the Apostle long before, watered and nursed by early missionaries, St. Cyril, St. Methodios and St. Olga, came now to bring forth great fruit at the direction of Prince Vladimir. He died in July of 1015. The people mourned the falling asleep of one who was born and grew up in darkness, but who came to see the "Light of the world."

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FELLOWSHIP HOUR AND BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION

	BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
20	Family of Fr. George and Friends of Joe Charley	Family of Fr. George and Friends of Joe Charley
27	Sam & Margo Sahouri-Ghanem	Sam & Margo Sahouri-Ghanem
Aug 3	Qustandi & Naheda Kaibni	Qustandi & Naheda Kaibni
10		
17		
24		
31		
Sep 7		

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.