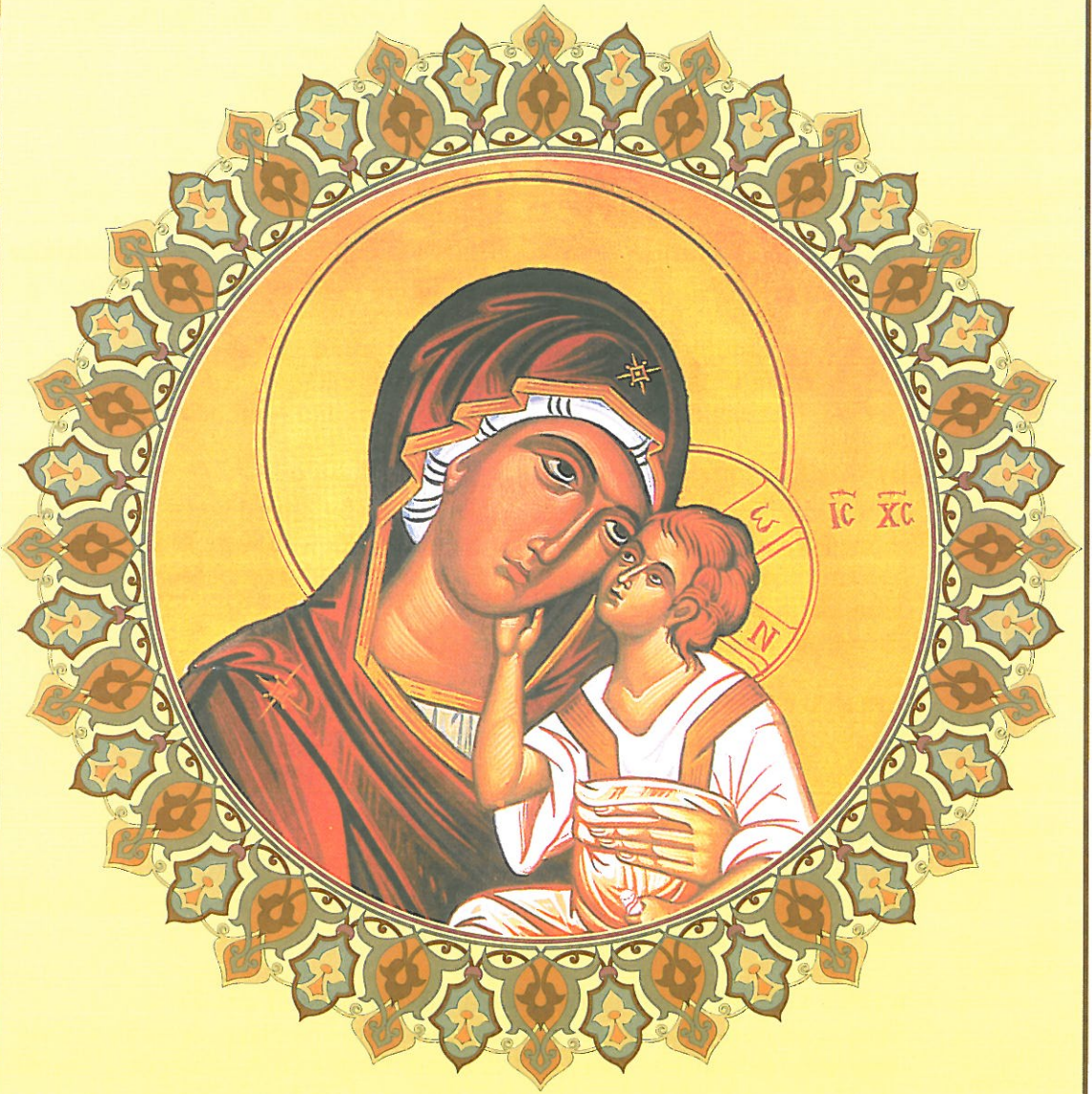


JULY 27, 2014



*Are you prepared to hear
if God speaks to you?*

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Matins: Sundays 9:30am

Divine Liturgy: Sundays 10:30am

Confessions: call to schedule

Sunday, July 27, 2014

Tone 6 Sunday of Prophet Elias (Elijah) the Tishbite **Eothinon 7**
& Seventh Sunday of Matthew

Today we Commemorate: The martyred blind man healed by Panteleimon; Clement of Ochrid, bishop of greater Macedonia; Angelar, Gorazd, Nahum and Sabbas, disciples of Cyril and Methodios

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 6)

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION for St. Panteleimon (Tone 3)

O holy prizewinner and healer Panteleimon, intercede with the merciful God that He grant unto our souls forgiveness of offences.

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 the Transfiguration of Christ (Tone 7)

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

THE EPISTLE
(For St. Panteleimon)

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord. O God, hear my prayer.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (2:1-10)

Timothy, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

THE GOSPEL
(For the Seventh Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (9:27-35)

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud: "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When He entered the house, the blind men came to Him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread His fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to Him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons." And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Directors

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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.

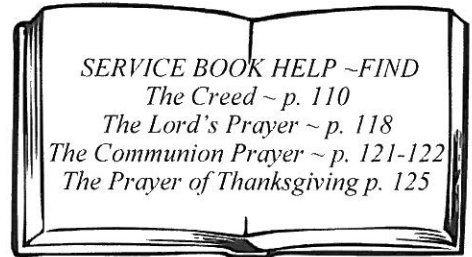
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- 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 Sam & Margo Sahouri-Ghanem
FELLOWSHIP HOUR: offered by Sam & Margo Sahouri-Ghanem

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

Phillip Allen
Janan Bitar
Brian Briggs

Andrew Gavin, Victoria Curtin
& Jack Bottash

Sam, Margo & family
Hala & Radi
Massarweh family
Joe, Olivet & family
Kathy

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

Robert Peter Abdow 1924-2024

Lucy Saba 1920-2024

Ryan Michael Saba 1975-2024

Rose & Theodore Yonkers

Yousef, Afifa, Yaqoub
Wadeha

Michael, Hannah, Ghanem, Kathriena
Salem, Sabha, Nijmeh
Abe, Albert, Saeed & Baby Michelle

Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News

31ST ANNUAL MIDDLE EASTERN CULTURAL FESTIVAL September 26, 27 & 28

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

Get updates for Festival news, cooking class, baking sessions, and other preparations at www.facebook.com and paste into the search bar *Ss. Peter & Paul Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church*.



MIDDLE EASTERN FOOD FROM A-Z

You are wanted to learn to make the wonderful food that is your heritage. Experienced men and women of the parish offer their expertise in food preparation. Young and old, men and women, come, learn and perpetuate the tradition! Join Saints Peter and Paul Cooking Classes. Even if you cannot attend both sessions, attend one! Come to the Saturday sessions if you cannot make the weekday sessions. Come, watch and learn all the steps and practice cooking for your family—impress them with your culinary skills! Prepared foods to benefit Saints Peter and Paul Middle Eastern Food Festival held September 26-28. Questions? Contact Sam and Margo at ssg@afg-inc.com.

Final JULY SESSION

Kibbe Wednesday July 30 @ 10am

AUGUST SESSIONS

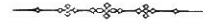
Spinach Pie Wednesday August 20 @10am
Spinach Pie Saturday August 23 @ 10am
Spinach Pie/Sfeeha Wednesday August 27 @10am
Spinach Pie/Sfeeha Saturday August 30 @ 10am

BAKERY HELP NEEDED

As we Look forward to another profitable bakery booth at our festival 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.

~all bakery sessions start at 10am~

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



FALL 2014 MISSION TEAM

The Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) is seeking 10 volunteers to help fill teams that will serve in Albania, Tanzania and Uganda this fall. The Albania team departing on September 17th will lead spiritual retreats for clergy wives, women lay leaders and women's groups. The Tanzania team departing on October 27th will offer theological training for the clergy of the Metropolis of Mwanza. The Uganda team, also departing on October 27th will offer Christian stewardship workshops to clergy and laity in various communities. Are you able to serve on one of these teams? If so, you are urgently needed! Without 10 additional volunteers these teams may not go. Please visit http://www.ocmc.org/about/open_teams.aspx, or contact OCMC's Teams Department by e-mail at teams@ocmc.org or by phone at 1-877-463-6784 for more information and to apply.

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From Betty & John Slanta @ slanta@verizon.net

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

Do you enjoy learning? Are you looking for a challenge? Do you want to help the children in our parish grow to love and know Christ? Do you want to help teach the traditions of our church? We have the perfect place for you! Come and join our Sunday School staff. No previous experience is required. We will provide training, curriculum and eager learners. Please contact Jennifer Buchko or Samia Zolnerowich to join the Sunday School staff or ask any questions you may have at peterpaulsundaysschool@gmail.com.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR AND BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION

Baking or ordering the Holy Bread of Oblation and/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. August and September have many openings —please consider contributing to this vital ministry. Sign-up in the vestibule.

GREAT MARTYR AND HEALER SAINT PANTELEIMON

The name means 'the All-Merciful.' According to a Christian legend, he was a physician to Emperor Galerius at Nicomedia. After having been converted to Christianity in his early years by his mother, he was corrupted by the worldly attractions of court life and was led to apostasy. But he was reconverted by a Christian called Hermolaos and suffered martyrdom when Diocletian ordered the purging of Christians at the court. In the Middle Ages he was honored as one of the patron saints of physicians, second only to St. Luke. His feast day is on July 27.



LOOKING AHEAD Upcoming events...

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 1 - Baking Session: Mamoul @ 10am
Aug 2 - Baptism of Eliana Goitom-Jones @ 12pm
Aug 2 - Arabic Divine Liturgy @ 5pm
Aug 6 - Baking Session: Birds Nest @ 10am
Aug 6 - Service of the Small Paraklesis @ 7pm
Aug 11 - Baking Session: Ghrabee/Yansoon@10am
Aug 12 - Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm
Aug 13 - Service of the Small Paraklesis @ 7pm
Aug 14 - Feast of the Dormition Liturgy @ 7pm
Aug 15 - Baking Session: Custard Triangles@10am
Aug 16 - Baptism of Desmond West @ 1pm
Aug 22 - Baking Session: Knafee @10am
Aug 23 - Baptism Elnaz Davarparast @ 4pm
Aug 26 - Men's Club Meeting @ 7:30pm

HAVE YOU TALKED TO GOD LATELY?

Does God speak to us? When we read the Old Testament, we find countless examples of God talking directly to some of the main characters of these early books of Scripture. In Genesis, we find Him speaking to Adam and Eve. He converses repeatedly with Moses, instructing him every step of the way as Moses leads the Israelites to the Promised Land. In the New Testament, everyone present at Christ's baptism heard the booming voice of God the Father from heaven saying "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased."

But how about today? Does God **STILL** speak to common, ordinary people like us? The answer is "yes." Now I know everyone is thinking: I've never heard Him. But you have - or at least you should have - in so many ways. You may not have heard His voice talking directly to you. But we have all heard Him throughout our lifetime. He speaks to us when our prayers are answered. He speaks to us when we are troubled and are trying to make a proper decision. He speaks to us when we choose to obey God's Law rather than give in to temptation. A thought may occur to us and lead us to a specific action . . . that's God's way of speaking to us.

Yes, God still tries to speak to all of us. The problem is: we aren't always listening! Often, our thoughts and our lives are cluttered with so many things. We worry about so much . . . we try to deal with everything on our own. Consequently, we crowd out that one voice that we need to hear to help and guide us: **THE VOICE OF GOD**. In Psalm 46:10, we read these words: **BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD**. In Hebrew, it translates a bit more powerfully: **SURRENDER**, and know that I am God. When we are willing to turn everything over to Him and do what we are asked to do again and again in our services: commend ourselves, one another and all our life to Christ our God, then God will be able to speak to us quite clearly.

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Aug 3	Qustandi & Naheda Kaibni	Qustandi & Naheda Kaibni
10	Buchko family	
17		
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