

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
27 Aug	Bellone Family/Memorial Wheat Tammy Alvarez offering	Bellone Family/IMO Gilbert Precivale
03 Sept	Paul & Jamileh Mogin	Paul & Jamileh Mogin
10 Sept	Saah Family—1-yr Memorial Adib Saah & Barbari Family 1-year Memorial for Nahida	Saah Family—1-yr Memorial Adib Saah & Barbari Family 1-year Memorial for Nahida
17 Sept	Joyce Kogok— IMO Richard & son Richard Kogok	Parish Council hosting the Fellowship Hour for Fr. George
24 Sept	Abraham & Susan Fannoney	BAZAAR

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.

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All Things Are Possible to Him Who Believes

Matins: Sundays 9:30am

Divine Liturgy: Sundays 10:30am

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2017

TONE 3 / EOTHINON 1

**TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& TWELFTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

RIGHTEOUS FATHER PIMEN THE GREAT OF EGYPT; HOSIUS THE CONFESSOR,
BISHOP OF CORDOVA; MARTYR ANTHUSA THE NEW; NEWLY-REVEALED MAR-
TYR PHANOURIOS OF RHODES; CAESARIUS, BISHOP OF ARLES

APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRECTION (Tone 3)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

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 OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS (Tone 4)

By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life.

“How do we develop a sensitivity to the presence of the many problems around us? How do we bear them all with the same intensity? How do we come to perceive the unity, beauty, and richness of existence through these problems? How do we learn to navigate the outward appearance of tragedy so as to open ourselves to its underlying hope and expectation? We must cling to the reality of events and to God at the same time, making ourselves available to every creature while ceaselessly abandoning ourselves into the hands of the Almighty.”

Metropolitan GEORGES (Khodr)

In Memory of Madelyn Nader

Today a new Icon of the Theotokos will be blessed and placed in the Church. This Icon is donated by the Women of the Annual Fashion Show Committee in loving memory of their sister in Christ Madelyn Nader. The Icon was hand written by Mr. Michael Piehocinski.

May God Rest Her Soul And May Her Memory be Eternal.

The Joy Of Our Witness

Therefore, do not be ashamed of the Gospel, because, “it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith.... For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, ‘He who through faith is righteous shall live’” (Romans 1:16-17). Our willingness to witness to the Gospel by our words and actions reveals the power of God to those around us. We speak the words that are lodged in our hearts, words that have become for us living water.

Mission should not be reduced to words alone. Mission implies care for the whole human person. It means reaching out to everyone around us. The Gospel is for all people. Reaching out may also require that we think through our preconceptions of who our particular parish is meant to serve. These may not be just the people of our own ethnic, social or economic group. In some places it may mean selflessly serving an inner-city neighborhood in which we find ourselves. Regardless of where we are, our neighbors should be able to recognize the richness of our faith by the way we live and serve others.

Mission is first and foremost a person-to-person encounter. It requires that we engage the person in front of us in a real and genuine way, being as open to that person as we would like for him or her to be with us. In the name of Christ, we put ourselves on the line, becoming transparent to others so that Christ can work through us. Mission, thus causes as much change in us as it does in the person to whom we announce the Good News.

Mission means action. St. James counsels us: “Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves” (James 1:22). When our Lord encountered people, He addressed actual, physical needs they had. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, comforted the despondent, and raised the dead. It was through His ministry to their physical needs that they knew His love and concern. Fundamentally, we are psychosomatic beings, that is, we are composed of both matter and spirit. We have both physical needs and spiritual longings. It is difficult, if not impossible, to hear the Good News of salvation if one's stomach is empty. If one is sick or even, dying, how can one know the love of God, if someone does not come and minister to one's pain? Our preaching is hollow if it is not accompanied by concrete actions.

Our Lord said, “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor does one 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 people, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” (Matthew 5:14-16) Jesus put in plain words the relationship between the proclamation of the Gospel, our own good works, and the willingness of people to worship the true God as a consequence. How are people to know the power of God if we who claim to believe do not act any differently than those who make no such claim? Or, as St. John says, “If anyone says, ‘I love God,’ and hates his brother, he is a liar, for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen” (1 John 4:20).

One of the distinctive characteristics of Orthodox Christian thinking is that it sees the Gospel message not as law, but as relationship. We speak of the mystery of the Holy Trinity - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - in terms of the relationship of love that exists among them. We speak of the “economy” or plan of salvation in terms of the desire of God to heal the relationship between us and Him that we damaged through sin. We see in the example of our Lord the way in which He reached out to those who were separated from God. He ate with publicans, welcomed harlots, and consoled thieves even while on the Cross. The missionary principle of the Orthodox Church is to meet people where they are, on their own terms, in order to show them how much more they can become through the love of God.

**From a Pastoral Letter for the Third Millennium
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Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News and Events

SUMMER UPDATE

This summer the Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Council continues to work on several important maintenance and renovation projects. *The new sound system is installed and operational. Work is completed on fixing and repairing the Church parking lot. *Work is underway on the final phase of the roof repair work. *A large new grill has been purchased for the Bazaar.

SS. PETER & PAUL CHURCH LEARNING & MEDIA CENTER

Donations are welcomed in support of the establishment of the new Church Learning and Media Center. Please send all donations to Ss. Peter and Paul Church earmarked "Library Fund". In addition, donation of books on topics related to the Orthodox Faith, Doctrine, Church History, Liturgy, and Scripture will be gratefully accepted. Please contact Fr. Isaac, Dn. Christian, or Kate Niewenhaus for more information.

CHURCH SCHOOL 2017-2018

It is time to register for our Children's Church School Program. All Registration is online and now open. Please go to: <https://goo.gl/forms/GQ6uQSnItimwgvJW2> All new and returning students should register each year to provide us with the most current information. Our first day of Church School will be September 10th. Students will line up for communion first and proceed to the downstairs area for a snack and class. We ask families to donate snacks and drinks throughout the year. Donations can be dropped off in the Church School office on Sundays. What can you donate? Small water bottles, juice boxes, small juice boxes, and individually packaged snacks. Please make sure all snacks are NUT AND PEANUT FREE. Please contact us at peterpaulsundayschool@gmail.com with any questions.

SS. PETER & PAUL OUTREACH VISITATION MINISTRY

The outreach ministry seeks to visit and to assist the elderly, the sick, and those who are housebound, shut-in, or living in nursing homes. Volunteers are needed who are willing to call and to visit and to reach out to our elderly brethren. All those willing to help please contact the coordinators of the group: George & Alma Jean Zaki at (georgezaki@gmail.com or ajmzaki@gmail.com), Alex Cox at (alexcoxsells@gmail.com) or Fr. Isaac at (frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org). Our Parish is grateful for this ministry remembering that when we visit the sick and the infirm we visit Christ himself.

CHURCH CALENDAR

- Aug 27 *Blessing of the Icon of the Theotokos In Memory of Madelyn Nader
*Bellone Family/40-Day Memorial & Service for Gilbert Percivale
*Saroufim & Sevin Wedding/4p
Sep 04 *Church office closed for Labor Day
Sep 07 *Evening Divine Liturgy for the Nativity of the Theotokos @7p
Sep 10 *Start of the Church School
*Saah Family/1-Year Memorial for Adib Saah
*Barbari Family/1-Year Memorial for Nahida Barbari
*Helia Bahmaei Baptism/1:00p
Sep 12 *Parish Council Mtg./7p
Sep 13 *Feast of the Elevation of the Cross
Sep 22-24***Ss. Peter & Paul Church Bazaar**
Sep 17 *Procession of the Cross
*Joyce Kogok In Memory of Richard & son Richard Kogok/Memorial Wheat & Bread
*Fellowship in honor of Fr. George Rados
Sep 30 *Rafeedie/Erazo Wedding/4p
Oct 01 *Andrew Hinton Hartman Baptism/1:30
Oct 10 *Parish Council Mtg/7p
Oct 14 *Bahou/Alhabib Wedding/3p

THE EPISTLE

(For the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost)

Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Clap your hands, all ye nations.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (15:1-11)

Brethren, I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the Gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He rose on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. Then He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then He appeared to James, then to all the Apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. For I am the least of the Apostles, unfit to be called an Apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God, which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

GOSPEL

(For the Twelfth Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (19:16-26)

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, "Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to Him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness, honor your father and mother, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to Him, "All these I have observed; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this, he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

In Honor of Fr. George Rados

On Sunday, **September 17, 2017**, the Ss. Peter and Paul Parish Council is hosting a Fellowship Hour in honor and appreciation of our Pastor Emeritus The V. Rev. Fr. George. Also on that day, a special plaque will be dedicated in the Narthex (entrance hall) of the Church in honor and in gratitude of Fr. George's service and dedication to our Parish. Please plan on attending this event and coming to the fellowship Hour in the Church Hall.

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STEWARDSHIP

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

Archpriest George Rados	Brian Briggs	Mary Smith
Margaret Ashley	Isabel Threddeh	George Brown
Helen White	Thelma Badwey	Everett Alvarez
Holly Dubois	Grace Malouf	Barbara Abraham
Edmond & Sophie Neam	Lulu Brown	Tania Mufarrrij
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DEPARTED

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Bryan & Marc Alvarez	Anise Mokhiber
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Diane & Nick Pelkey	Mark & Jennifer Buchko & Family
Sarah Gabrielli	Thelma & Robert Badwey & Family
Edward Khorey & Family	Thomasine & Everett Alvarez Jr. & Family
The Shaheen Family	George & Joanna Khoury
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Vilma Bellone	Margaret Ashley
Cheryl Precivale	Matthew Gavin
Joseph Gavin	John Adam
Sophia Neam	Lorna Malooley & Family
Alexandra	Matthew
Amanda	Krisitan & Family
Joseph & Family	Cristine Haddad
Alice Doherty	Siham Ayoub & Family

Stewardship Corner/Theology of Giving Series – Week 30

Acts 4: 32-35 ... "Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all. Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold, and laid them at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need."

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>

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 to enter the sanctuary quietly during the Divine Liturgy.

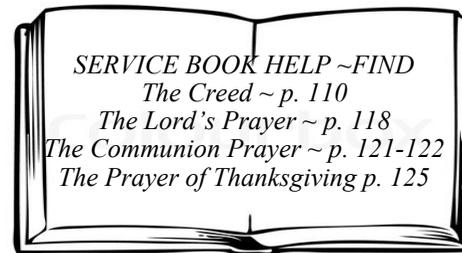
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- 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.



HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:

The Alvarez & Badwey Families and baked by Lorna Malooley

HOLY WHEAT OFFERED BY:

Bellone Family in Memory of Gilbert Precivale and prepared by Siham Ayoub

FELLOWSHIP OFFERED BY:

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