

	BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
18 Sep	Ss. Peter & Paul Choir	Ss. Peter & Paul Church
25 Sep	1-year Memorial for Renee Moorad	Ss. Peter & Paul Bazaar
02 Sep	Fannoney Family	Fannoney Family
09 Oct	Bolus Family/1-yr Memorial for Catherine Bolus The Family of Nahida Barbari/40 Day Memorial	Bolus Family/1-yr Memorial for Catherine Bolus
16 Oct	Joanne Demchok/2-yr Memorial for Suad Butros	Joanne Demchok/2-yr Memorial for Suad Butros

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

TONE 4/EOTHINON 2

SUNDAY AFTER THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

EUMENIOS THE WONDERWORKER, BISHOP OF GORTYNA;
MARTYR ARIADNE OF PHRYGIA

APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRECTION (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 ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (Tone 1)

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thy commonwealth.

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 ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (Tone 4)

Do Thou, Who of Thine own good will was lifted up upon the Cross, O Christ our God, bestow Thy bounties upon the new Nation which is called by Thy Name; make glad in Thy might those who lawfully govern, that with them we may be led to victory over our adversaries, having in Thine aid a weapon of peace and a trophy invincible.

“Thy cross do we adore, O Christ, and thy holy resurrection we praise and glorify: for thou art our God, and we know none other beside thee; we call upon thy name. O come, all ye faithful, let us adore Christ’s holy resurrection. For lo, through the cross is joy come into all the world. Ever blessing the Lord, let us sing his resurrection: for in that he endured the cross for us he hath destroyed death by death.”

From the Prayer of the Proskomedia

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The Organization of the Divine Liturgy

The Three Basic Parts of the Liturgy

V. Rev. Patrick B. O'Grady

THE PROSKOMIDI (con't).

Finally, the fourth and fifth loaves yield particles for the Orthodox faithful living and dead, respectively. The priest keeps a book of commemorations in which he records the names of many persons for whom he prays: his faithful parishioners, family members, other Orthodox Christians, and others for whom prayer has been requested. Note that the particles for both the living and the dead are assembled together on the diskos. We are in communion with our beloved departed; the Church does not forget those who have died in the faith. The person who bakes the prosphora (him- or herself necessarily an Orthodox Christian) customarily includes a slip of paper on which is written the names of those living and departed for whom prayers are desired.

After all is completely set in order, the diskos and chalice are covered with small veils. Later on, after the Liturgy of the Word, they will be carried in a procession to transfer them from the prothesis table to the Holy Table, the larger table in the center of the altar where the Eucharist will be celebrated.

Now that the diskos is populated with the various particles, we see in a microcosm the whole Church of the living and the departed in one body compact, with Our Lord, “the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world,” in the center. The diskos with the Lamb and particles and the chalice with the wine and water within are now both covered with veils, and over both a large cloth is placed, called the aer. In front of the prothesis with the diskos and chalice fully prepared and vested, incense is offered with a special prayer of oblation.

This preparatory portion of the Liturgy ends with a general censing of the whole church nave, where the laity stand—usually at about the time the choirs are concluding Orthros (or the Hours). The altar servers gather the remnants of the loaves and cut them up into bite-sized pieces to be served to the communicants to provide for thorough consumption of the precious Gifts, as well as again after the dismissal of the Liturgy to those who were not prepared to receive Holy Communion. These pieces are called *antidoron*, “(a consolation) instead of the Holy Gifts.”

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The public portion of the Divine Liturgy begins with the Liturgy of the Word. Now we begin the common prayer called the synaxis, or the “assembly” of the Christian community. St. Paul admonishes all, “not forsaking the assembly ... as is the manner of some” (Heb. 10:25). From this point on, the community of the faithful joins with the presiding minister - the bishop or his delegate, the priest - in celebrating the Liturgy as a whole. The chief assistant to the presiding minister is also a clergyman, the deacon. One or more altar servers, all of whom are vested for that service, usually assist in the altar as well.

The Liturgy of the Word is made up of “psalms and hymns and spiritual songs” (Eph. 5:19) and has as its climax the reading of selections from the Apostle (the Book of the Acts or one of the apostolic epistles) and the Gospel. In the primitive Church, the Bible was the Sacred Scriptures of Israel, the Old Testament. The congregation would listen to the readings from the Scriptures, then circulate the apostolic letters and read “the memoirs” (St. Justin the Philosopher, early second century), which are called the Gospels. Now we reserve Old Testament reading for festal and Lenten Vespers, and we devote the Scripture readings of the Divine Liturgy to the two most important kinds of lessons from the Bible: the Apostle and, greatest of all, the Gospel itself.

After the Gospel reading, the homily or sermon is delivered. The preacher bears the important task of interpreting to our own situation the sacred words we have just heard. This is the time for the preacher not to promote his own opinions, but rather to bring the holy Word of God to bear on our lives so that we become accountable to obey it: “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves” (James 1:22)

Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News and Events

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We have classes for children 3 years old (must be potty trained) through 12th grade. Classes meet following Communion until 12:30. We ask each family to contribute snacks and drinks for the students throughout the year. All registrations are handled online at <http://tinyurl.com/registerSunSchool>.

Sept. 18 No Sunday School/children will participate in the Procession of the Elevation of the Cross

Sept 25 No Sunday School/Church Bazaar (please consider Volunteering to help with the children's activities.

TEEN SOYO Meeting Today

All teenagers of the Parish are invited to join Ss. Peter & Paul Teen SOYO which will begin its new year on Sunday, September 18 with a meeting in the Serge Malooley Conference Room at 12:30p. Please contact Jamilee Khoury-Bellone, Teen SOYO Lay Advisor for more information at jamilee-bell@yahoo.com

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

All young adults in the parish (20-40 years of age) are encouraged to participate in this important ministry of the church. The fellowship is planning a number of activities for the new year including resumption of its study group meetings, pot-luck dinners, and Orthodoxy-on-Tap get togethers. **In addition, a spiritual retreat is being planned for Saturday, October 22 at the Monastery of St. Nina in Union Bridge, MD.** For more information contact Jad Ibrahim Jr. at jad.ibrahim.jr@gmail.com, Amber Bennett at bennett.amberrose@gmail.com, Lizzy Cassar or Dn. Christian Manasseh at dnchristian@peterpaulpotomac.org.

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

LADIES SOCIETY KICK OFF LUNCHEON TODAY

September 18, 2016

Please join the new Ladies Society Officers for our 2016-2017 Kickoff Luncheon on Sunday, September 18 after church in the Lower Level Hall. The new officers, Carol Laham, President, Donna Gavin, Vice President, Janet Metz, Treasurer, Artemis (Sharon) Lampathakas, Recording Secretary, and Barbara Bosworth, Corresponding Secretary will be treating you to a nice luncheon and we will discuss what's on tap for the coming year. The meeting won't be long, but it will be packed full of information! Most importantly, all ladies of the parish are welcome and encouraged to participate.

MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club will resume its meetings for the 2016-2017 season on **Sunday, October 2, 2016 following the Liturgy** in the Malooley Conference Room. All are welcome.

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.

SS. PETER & PAUL OUTREACH VISITATION MINISTRY Meeting Today

Our Parish is starting a new outreach ministry 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 (georgezaki@gmail.com or ajmzaki@gmail.com), Alex Cox (alexcoxsells@gmail.com) or Fr. Isaac (frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org). Our Parish is grateful for this ministry remembering that when we visit the sick and the infirm we visit Christ himself.

ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE NEWS

Most people know about Summer Camp at the Antiochian Village. Did you know that they also run a fabulous Family Camp over Memorial Day weekend? This is a weekend for the entire family with church services and activities for parents and kids. It's a great way to become closer as a family in a beautiful place with wonderful people. Many Saints Peter & Paul families have attended and made great friends from near and far. Registration is now open, and filling up quickly! Visit avcamp.org for more information and to register.

Upcoming events...

- Sep 18 *Procession of the Elevation of the Cross to follow the Liturgy
 - *No Sunday School
 - *Teen SOYO Meeting 12:30p
 - *Baking Session @noon (see Bazaar insert)
 - *Antiochian Women's Luncheon to follow Liturgy
- Sep 19-22 *Bazaar Prep
- Sep 23-25 *Ss. Peter & Paul Middle Eastern Bazaar
- Sep 25 *1-year Memorial for Renee Moorad
 - *No Sunday School
- Oct 2 *Men's Club Mtg/Malooley Conf. Rm.
- Oct 22 *Teen SOYO—Spiritual Retreat (see above for more info.)
- Sep 26 *Bazaar clean-up
- Oct 09 *Parish General Assembly (to follow the Liturgy)
- Oct 11 *Parish Council Meeting
- Nov 08 *Parish Council Meeting

THE EPISTLE

(For Sunday after the Elevation of the Holy Cross)
*O Lord, how manifold are Thy works. In wisdom hast Thou made them all.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (2:16-20)

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. Even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the Law died to the Law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

THE GOSPEL

(For Sunday after the Elevation of the Holy Cross)
The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (8:34-9:1)

The Lord said, "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Kingdom of God come with power."

HOLY LAND CHRISTIAN ECUMENICAL FOUNDATION

The Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation (H.C.E.F.) is an Ecumenical Christian Foundation based in Washington D.C. which has worked for many years to support the Christian Communities of the Middle East. This year the H.C.E.F. will honor the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdioceses of North America with the "Living Stones Solidarity Award" at its 18th International Conference to be held at the Georgetown Washington Marriott hotel. His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH will be accepting the award on behalf of the Archdioceses on Friday, October 14 and will be the keynote speaker at the conference on Saturday, October 15. All those interested in attending the conference please speak to Fr. Isaac. For more information see hcef.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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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 to enter the sanctuary quietly during the Divine Liturgy.

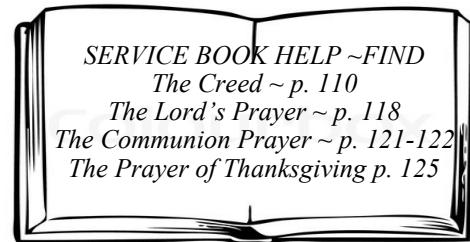
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- 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:
Ss. Peter & Paul Church

FELLOWSHIP HOUR OFFERED BY:
Ss. Peter & Paul Choir

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

Parishioners who remain in our prayers continually

Margaret Ashley
Brian Briggs
Isabel Thredeh
Edmond & Sophie Neam

May Fillah
Nicholas & Helen White
Holly Dubois

LIVING

Archpriest George & Family
Nabeeha Ayoub
Everett Alvarez
Tlesia Yonkers
Melinda Fannoney
Thelma Badwey
George & Joanna Khoury
Eddie & Muge Khalaf
Halim & Hayat Barakat

Raymond Ayoub
Susan Ibrahim Ayoub
Victor Joubran
Kera Tomlin
Jackie Bottash
John Saah & Family
Nadim & Jody Hallal

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

Marita Boulatta
Lina Khoury
Annette Lusby
Yvonne Hyder
Nahida Barbari
Samia Tannous
Hillary Harvey
Adib Saah
Richie Kogok
Ann Kalill
Sasha Dockham

MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Did you know... that contributions from 80% of our Parishioners still only amount to 20% of our annual operating budget?

STEWARSHIP CORNER

Stewardship Corner
Theology of Giving Series – Week 38 – September 18, 2016

Matthew 13: 22 ... "Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful."

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>