

	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 Oct	open	open
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.

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Matins: Sundays 9:30am

Divine Liturgy: Sundays 10:30am

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LUKE

OUR RIGHTEOUS MOTHER EUPHROSYNE

VENERABLE MARTYR PAPHNOUTIOS OF EGYPT AND THOSE SLAIN WITH HIM; RE-POSE OF VENERABLE SERGIOS OF RADONEZH; TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF HERMAN, ARCHBISHOP OF KAZAN

APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRECTION (Tone 5)

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. EUPHROSYNE (Tone 8)

Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O mother Euphrosyne; for thou didst carry the cross and follow Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body, because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels.

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.

In order to fulfill the commandments of Christ, you must know them! Read the Holy Gospel, penetrate its spirit and make it the rule of your life.

St. Nikon of Optina

The Organization of the Divine Liturgy

V. Rev. Patrick B. O'Grady

The Three Basic Parts of the Liturgy

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD con't.

We can also characterize this portion of the Liturgy as "of the catechumens" (an ancient nickname), because this was the portion of the Liturgy in which the Holy Scriptures were read and the homily preached. Those preparing for Holy Baptism, the catechumens, were required to be present so they could learn the teaching of Christ in preparation for their baptism. At the end of this portion of the Liturgy, the catechumens were dismissed.

Throughout the Liturgy of the Word, all of us - the faithful, the catechumens, and those inquiring into the Faith (in ancient times called auditors, "hearers") - are presented with holy teaching accessible to the ear. "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God" (Rom. 10:17). This being said, keep in mind that all the senses are employed in liturgical action in order to raise the whole person to God: we see icons and processions, we smell burning incense and beeswax candles, we touch the icons and make the sign of the cross, we taste Holy Communion. God speaks to us through all of our senses, and beyond - to the heart.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the dismissal of the catechumens (a practice not always observed in all churches), the faithful continue in prayer toward the high point at which the Mystical Sacrifice will be accomplished. This is the final and culminating portion of the Divine Liturgy.

After a series of litanies in which petitions are offered "for all men ... lifting up holy hands" (1. Tim. 2:1, 8), the solemn offering is made. The bread and wine, prepared earlier, now are taken up in procession (called the Great Entrance) and placed on the Holy Table. With great compunction of heart, the faithful join with the celebrant in remembering the saving life, death, and Resurrection of the Lord, including His command to "take, eat" and to "drink." The celebrant calls down the Holy Spirit upon the synaxis of the faithful and upon the Gifts, remembering the saints and all the faithful. The faithful then join in saying the Lord's Prayer together, and with other prayers all make ready the chamber of the heart and body to receive Holy Communion. After the Precious Gifts are distributed to all, with concluding prayers the dismissal is said and all "depart in peace."

So now that we have surveyed the entire Liturgy, we can move on to look at each part in more detail, asking ourselves always this question: How can I participate?

Entry into the Church

PREPARATION AND ENTRY, INWARD AND OUTWARD

In general, prayerful participation in the Divine Liturgy calls for preparation well before coming to the church temple. It is important to find silence and inner composure before coming to church. Consider the long period of silence in which righteous Job immersed himself before speaking about God (see Job 2:13). Further, the Lord Himself observed silence with His disciples before ascending Mount Tabor, when He was seen by them transfigured in glory. Practically speaking, in our busy world, we should at least keep the evening before the Liturgy in quietness and prayer. Then, in the morning, holding our hearts in prayerfulness and not speaking too much beforehand, we depart to church.

Some people have the custom of arriving at church and immediately going to an area to talk to others. Of course it is wonderful to greet one another, but we put the Lord last in this way. First, let us greet the Lord Himself. Then, after the Liturgy, we can and ought to greet one another. So we immediately go into the church nave and greet the Lord in quiet prayer and veneration. If others greet you, politely smile and keep your greeting soft and short. In silence we best prepare our hearts and minds to be single, to be focused, to receive the Lord.

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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 25 No Sunday School/Church Bazaar. Please consider volunteering to help with the children's activities.

TEEN SOYO

All teenagers of the Parish are invited to join Ss. Peter & Paul Teen SOYO which will begin its new year on **Sunday, October 2 with a meeting at 12:30p to elect new officers in the Lower Level Conference Room**. Please contact Jamilee Khoury-Bellone, Teen SOYO Lay Advisor for more information at jamiliebell@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 ben-nett.amberrose@gmail.com, Lizzy Cassar or Dn. Christian Manasseh at dchristian@peterpaulpotomac.org.

MEN'S CLUB

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

"EXPLORING OUR FAITH"

THE SS. PETER AND PAUL ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORUM

In an effort to better understand and discover the rich spiritual, historical, doctrinal and scriptural tradition of our Holy Orthodox Faith, the Adult Religious Education Forum "Exploring Our Faith" will resume meeting every other Thursday evening from **7:15pm to 8:30pm** in the lower level conference room. Our first meeting for this season is **Thursday, October 6, 2016**. Fr. Isaac facilitates the meetings in an informal setting using brief presentations as a springboard to open discussion on a wide range of topics concerning our Faith. Please contact Fr. Isaac at frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org or Kate Niewenhaus at handmaidens20854@gmail.com for more information. **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

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 25	Ss. Peter & Paul Bazaar *1-year Memorial for Renee Moorad *No Sunday School
Sep 26	*Bazaar clean-up *Nicholas White wake/4p-5p & 6p-7p *Nicholas White Funeral/7p
Oct 01	*Kristopher Reese/Danielle Chakra wedding/3p
Oct 2	*Men's Club Mtg/following Liturgy *Teen SOYO/mtg to elect new officers following Liturgy in the LL Conf. Rm *Helou/Alkhoury Wedding/3p
Oct 06	*Adult Ed Forum/7:15p-8:30p/LL Conf. Rm.
Oct 09	*Parish General Assembly (to follow the Liturgy)
Oct 11	*Parish Council Meeting
Oct 16	*Hierarchical Divine Liturgy & Parish Luncheon with Met. JOSEPH
Oct 20	*Adult Ed Forum/7:15p-8:30p/LL Conf. Rm.
Oct 22	*Teen SOYO—Spiritual Retreat (see above for more info.)
Oct 23	*40-Day Memorial for Adib Saah
Oct. 30	*5-Year Memorial for Richard Kogok and 40-Day Richie Kogok
Nov 01	*Election Day/Kogok Hall
Nov 05	*Misleh/Koksal Wedding/3p
Nov 08	*Parish Council Meeting

THE EPISTLE

(For the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

Thou, O Lord, shalt keep and preserve us. Save me, O Lord, for the godly man is no more.
The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (1:21-2:4)

Brethren, it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; He has put his seal upon us and given us His Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. But I call God to witness against me—it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. For I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

THE GOSPEL

(For the First Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (5:1-11)

At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And He saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, Jesus asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when Jesus had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at Thy word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish, which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.

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.

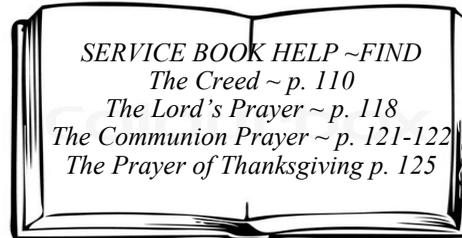
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

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 - 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 Piechocinski Family, & Maha Assaleh for the 1-Year Memorial for Renee Moorad

FELLOWSHIP HOUR OFFERED BY:

Ss. Peter & Paul Bazaar

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
Brian Briggs	Helen White
Isabel Threddeh	Holly Dubois
Edmond & Sophie Neam	

LIVING

Archpriest George & Family	Raymond Ayoub
Nabecha Ayoub	Susan Ibrahim Ayoub
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Tesia Yonkers	Thelma Badwey
Melinda Fannoney	George & Joanna Khoury
Jackie Bottash	Yasmin & Sophia Courtright
John Saah & Family	Janet Zagby Metz
Doreen Moses	Moorad Family
Kathy & Gabriel Habib	Piechocinski Family
Maha Assaleh & Family	The Family of Nicholas White
Mokhiber Family	

DEPARTED

Lina Khoury
 Annette Lusby
 Yvonne Hyder
 Nahida Barbari
 Samia Tannous
 Hillery Harvey
 Adib Saah
 Richie Kogok
 Nicholas White
 Renee Moorad
 Albert (Butch) Moses
 Michael Moses
 Robert Joseph Curtin

MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Did you know... that over the last several years we have been blessed to have several parishioners remember the church in their wills. The church is very thankful to these parishioners and encourages you to consider the same.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Stewardship Corner

Theology of Giving Series – Week 39 – September 25, 2016

Deuteronomy 14:22 ... "You shall tithe all the yield of your seed, which comes forth from the field year by year."

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>