

FELLOWSHIP HOUR AND BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION

	BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
1-Feb	Abe & Susan Fannoney	Abe & Susan Fannoney
8-Feb	Lorna Malooley; Laila Ayoub	Lorna Malooley; Laila Ayoub
15 Feb	Sam & Margo Sahouri-Ghanem	Sam & Margo Sahouri-Ghanem
22 Feb		Dara Potter

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

TONE 8 SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2015 EOTHINON 11

Venerable Demetrios the Sacristan; New-martyr Auxentios of Constantinople

Today we Commemorate: Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 8)

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN IN TONE (1)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

The pastoral psalter of thy discourse in theology triumphed over the trumpets of orators and overcame it; for having sought the depth of the Spirit, there was also vouchsafed to thee excellence of speech, O Father Gregory. Wherefore, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

TROPARION 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.

RESURRECTIONAL THEOTOKION IN TONE (1)

Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

As Gabriel cried aloud unto thee, "Hail, O Virgin," with that cry did the Lord of all become incarnate in thee, O holy ark, as spake the righteous David; and Thou wast revealed, as more spacious than the heavens, in that thou bore thy Creator. Wherefore, glory to Him Who abode in thee; glory to Him Who came from thee; glory to Him, Who through thy birth-giving hath set us free.

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God always was, and always is, and always will be. Or rather, God always Is. For Was and Will be are fragments of our time, and of changeable nature, but He is Eternal Being. And this is the Name that He gives to Himself when giving the Oracle to Moses in the Mount. For in Himself He sums up and contains all Being, having neither beginning in the past nor end in the future; like some great Sea of Being, limitless and unbounded, transcending all conception of time and nature, only adumbrated [intimated] by the mind, and that very dimly and scantily. (St. Gregory the Theologian)

An Ecumenical Prayer Service for Christian Unity

On Saturday, March 31st at 6:30 p.m., an Ecumenical Prayer Service for Christian Unity will be held at St. Aphraim Syriac Orthodox Church (6200 Indian Run Parkway, Alexandria, VA). Several churches from both the Orthodox and Catholic traditions will offer prayer for Christian Unity, particularly at this time of great tribulation for the Christian Communities of the Middle East. Following the Service a reception will be hosted by St. Aphraim Church. All are welcome to attend.

Upcoming events...

Jan 27—Men's Club Meeting
Jan 28— FSJD "Evening with the Fathers"
Jan 29—FSJD "Orthodoxy on Tap"
Feb 5—Adult Ed Forum @ 7:15pm
Feb 7—Parish Council Retreat 1:00-4:00pm
Feb 8—Antiochian Women's Luncheon Meeting @ 12 noon
Feb 28—Baptism of Aurora Farmand 12:00 noon

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STEWARDSHIP MONTH

Our Parish Council is designating January as “Stewardship Month,” during which we will make special efforts to bring to parishioners’ attention the need to contribute to the financial support of our church and our Archdiocese. Our priests will help us understand what our faith has to say about stewardship. Upon the solid foundation built by those before us, we strive to continue the tradition of Ss Peter and Paul for those who come after us – our children and our children’s children. The effort to sustain Ss Peter and Paul spiritually and financially never ends. It is OUR church. All are welcome to become involved, we need you! The doors are always open, thanks to all those who give of their treasure and time and labor here at the church. If you have not already done so, please complete and submit a green pledge form. During Stewardship Month, green pledge forms will be available in the vestibule for your convenience. Yellow envelopes are available for your Archdiocese dues. Each church is assessed based on their annual operating budget, so if you do not pay your share of the Archdiocese Assessment, it must come out of the church’s general fund that could be used for other purposes. You may drop your envelope at the candle stand or in the collection basket.

DONATION ENVELOPES

There are 100 sets of donation envelopes available on a first come first served basis for parishioners who prefer using them. Envelopes are on the right counter as you enter Kogok Hall. Each box contains 100 envelopes and are undated and unnumbered. If you prefer including your member number with your donation, feel free to write it on the address line on the front of the envelope.

NOT TOO SOON FOR SUMMER CAMP

Time to think summer...summer camp that is! Registration is open at the Village. There are 4 sessions including chant camp (during session 1) and iconography camp (during session 3). This is a wonderful experience for the kids to learn about and strengthen their faith, make friends, and enjoy the outdoors. As sessions fill quickly, go to avcamp.org and register today. Scholarship help is available; speak with Fr. George or Fr. Isaac. Additionally there is a wonderful family camp Memorial Day weekend for the whole family. Several Ss. Peter and Paul families have participated in family camp and can answer any questions you may have. Email us for more info at SundaySchool@peterpaulpotomac.org.

ICONOGRAPHY PROJECT 2015

The project to complete the Iconography (The Adornment project) in our Church has begun. The project will take approximately four weeks and it will therefore be necessary to hold Divine Liturgy in the main hall (Kogok Hall) on Sundays January 25, February 1, 8 and 15. The faithful are asked to be patient during this period as the Sanctuary will be a “work zone.” Please remember that donations for the Iconography are still needed. Each donated Icon will be dedicated in a special “Journal Book of Consecration” upon completion of the Ss. Peter and Paul Adornment project.

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

Sunday, March 1, 2015

Great Vespers will be held at 5:00 p.m. at Ss Peter & Paul Church, followed by a reception in Kogok Hall. Co-sponsoring churches are St. George, St. Gregory and St. Raphael Mission

THE EPISTLE (for St. Gregory the Theologian)

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Gregory the Theologian to the Hebrews (7:26-8:2)

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did this once for all when he offered up himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever. Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man but by the Lord.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Fifteenth Sunday of Luke: Zacchaeus)

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (19:1-10)

He entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today.” So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold. And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost.”

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.

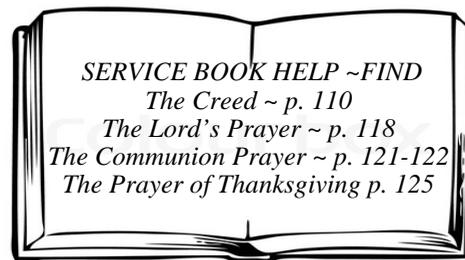
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- 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 & FELLOWSHIP HOUR IS OFFERED BY:

Miriam Erickson & Family; Amy Trey & Family; Christine Malaska and 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

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

LIVING

Parishioners who remain in our prayers continually

Margaret Ashley
Lulu & George Brown
Issa & Suad Shammass
Edmond Neam
Richie Kogok
Renee Mourad

Barbara Abraham
Brian Briggs
Miriam Erickson & Family
Amy Trey & Family
Georgia Evangelatos
Katherine Slanta
Christopher Gailliot
Isabel Threddeh
Melinda Fannoney

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Gloria Swydan
Walter Trey
Ted Malaska
Yusca
Nazzal Hanna Nazzal
