

	<b>Bread of Holy Oblation</b>	<b>Fellowship Hour</b>
<b>09 Oct</b>	Bolus Family/1-yr Memorial for Catherine Bolus The Family of Nahida Barbari/40 Day Memorial	Bolus Family/1-yr Memorial for Catherine Bolus
<b>16 Oct</b>	The Parish Council for H.E. Metropolitan JOSEPH	The Parish Council for H.E. Metropolitan JOSEPH
<b>23 Oct</b>	John & Dina Saah & Fahad & Christine Nazer/40-day Memorial for Adib Saah Mona M. Ayoub & Family-6-month Memorial for Mufid K. Ayoub	John & Dina Saah & Fahad & Christine Nazer 40-day Memorial for Adib Saah
<b>30 Oct</b>	Joyce Kogok/5-yr Memorial for Dick & 40-Day Memorial for Richie	open
<b>30 Oct</b>	Open	open

**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, OCTOBER 9, 2016**

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**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**& THIRD SUNDAY OF LUKE**

**THE HOLY APOSTLE JAMES, SON OF ALPHAEUS**

VENERABLE ANDRONIKOS AND ATHANASIA OF EGYPT; VENERABLE POPLIA THE CONFESSOR OF ANTIOCH; RIGHTEOUS FOREFATHER ABRAHAM AND HIS NEPHEW THE RIGHTEOUS LOT; STEPHEN THE YOUNGER, KING OF SERBIA; DIONYSIOS, BISHOP OF PARIS

### APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRECTION (Tone 7)

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

### APOLYTIKION OF ST. JAMES, SON OF ALPHAEUS(Tone 3)

O holy apostle James, intercede with the merciful God to grant to our souls forgiveness of sins.

### 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.

*Don't be sad, for we will all depart from here. We are passing travelers. We came here to show our works and to leave.*

*+Elder George of Drama*

### VISIT OF H.E. Metropolitan JOSEPH

On Sunday, October 16, 2016, Ss. Peter and Paul Church will be blessed by the visit of our Father and chief shepherd in Christ H.E. Metropolitan JOSEPH, Primate of our church in North America.

His Eminence will preside at the Hierarchal Divine Liturgy at 10:30am followed by a special luncheon hosted by the Parish Council for all the Parish in the Church hall.

All the faithful are asked to be in attendance that day and to receive the blessing of our Metropolitan Primate.

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## Euthanasia

### What is euthanasia?

A sick person cannot be healed. He suffers for a long time and his family suffer from this severe agony. The sick person puts an end to his agony through suicide or through medical intervention (removing tubes, for example) in order to end his life out of mercy and pity.

What is the Church's stance in such a situation? The Church regards euthanasia as a crime of murder because she believes that God alone is the Master of life and death, despite all the mercy or pity that comes from qualifying it as "mercy-killing" to relieve suffering and agony.

In the eyes of the Church, suicide is murder. The general mentality of the contemporary world rejects the divine commandment "thou shalt not kill," as in the case of abortion or euthanasia.

What is the standard for us Christians in this case? Is it social and political laws? Or is it divine moral rules? No doubt, the economic factor has a great role in this issue. That is, in the situation of severe illness or permanent disability.

The material element for the family — and even for the state — is an important factor because the family hopes to avoid exorbitant expenses, just as contemporary society finds an increase in the number of elderly, retired and disabled people to be burdensome.

What should we Christians do when the situation is like this? We must, first of all, to the degree we are able and despite all the human and material difficulties, provide medication that reduces the suffering patient's pain. We do not seek out suffering and regard it as expiation for our sins unless it is involuntary, then it benefits us for repentance and patience. The suffering patient is in need, in any case, of someone to accompany him with love and moral and material care, especially in the case of poverty, abandonment and loneliness, because anxiety and psychological agitation accompany such cases.

Last but not least, after all these attempts to reduce suffering and to make social and material effort, there remains — and this is the most important — prayer to God that He will reveal His dispensation in the continuance of life or death. In any case, the final decision is left in practice to the conscience of the patient and his family, and not only to society's laws.

*+Ephrem*

*Metropolitan of Tripoli, al-Koura and their Dependencies*

### THE PARISH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Parish General Assembly meeting will take place today immediately following the Liturgy in the sanctuary to elect 4 new members to the Parish Council and to approve the proposed budget for 2017 (both will be sent via email prior to the elections and copies will be available on the round table in the Narthex). The agenda is as follows:

1. Chair's Welcome and Summary
2. Pastor's Remarks
3. Parish Council Elections
4. Review and Approval of Proposed 2017 Budget
5. Committee Reports
6. Adjournment

# 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. All registrations are handled online at <http://tinyurl.com/registerSunSchool>.

We are in need of snacks & drinks for the kids. Individually wrapped snacks, juice pouches, flavored water pouches in the 4oz-6oz & small 8oz bottles for water. We ask each family to contribute throughout the year.

**Sun. Oct. 16** \*No Sunday school due to the honor of having Metropolitan JOSEPH visit for the Hierarchical Liturgy and luncheon.

## TEEN SOYO

**October, 2016 Youth Month**—Teen SOYO will serve as greeters, read the Epistle, and collect offerings.

**Oct. 23**

\***Blessing of the new 2016-2017 Teen SOYO officers.**

President — Danielle Bellone

Vice President — Kinda Callas

Treasurer — Maya Saah

Recording Secretary — Joud Al-Kallas

Corresponding Secretary — Juliana Natour

\***Special Olympics Awareness Day** — the teens will collect money for the annual Special Olympics program held at the Antiochian Village.

**Oct 29**

\*Halloween Fright Night at Cox Farms in Centerville, VA Details to follow

**Oct 30**

Teen SOYO monthly meeting

## 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, potluck 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](mailto:jad.ibrahim.jr@gmail.com), Amber Bennett at [bennett.amberrose@gmail.com](mailto:bennett.amberrose@gmail.com), Lizzy Cassar or Dn. Christian Manasseh at [dnchristian@peterpaulpotomac.org](mailto:dnchristian@peterpaulpotomac.org).

## "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. The next meeting is **Thursday, October 20, 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](mailto:frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org) or Kate Niewenhaus at [handmaidens20854@gmail.com](mailto:handmaidens20854@gmail.com) for more information. ALL ARE WELCOME..

### 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](mailto:georgezaki@gmail.com) or [ajmzaki@gmail.com](mailto:ajmzaki@gmail.com)), Alex Cox ([alexcoxells@gmail.com](mailto:alexcoxells@gmail.com)) or Fr. Isaac ([frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org](mailto:frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org)). Our Parish is grateful for this ministry remembering that when we visit the sick and the infirm we visit Christ himself.

### Upcoming events...

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| Oct 09  | *Parish General Assembly (to follow the Liturgy)                    |
| Oct 10  | *Parish offices closed/Federal Holiday                              |
| Oct 11  | *Parish Council Meeting/7p  |
| Oct 16  | *Hierarchical Divine Liturgy & Parish Luncheon with Met. JOSEPH     |
| Oct 20  | *Adult Ed Forum/7:15p-8:30p/LL Conf. Rm.                            |
| Oct 22  | *Baptism Joshua Goitom Jones/11:30a                                 |
|         | *Young Adult Fellowship/Spiritual Retreat (see above for more info) |
| Oct 23  | *Blessing of the new Teen SOYO officers (see above for more info)   |
|         | *Special Olympics Awareness Day/Teen SOYO(see above for more info)  |
|         | *40-Day Memorial for Adib Saah                                      |
|         | *6-month Memorial for Mufid K. Ayoub                                |
| Oct 28  | *Baptism-Soleil Noireete/1:30p                                      |
| Oct 29  | *Teen SOYO Fright Night (see above for more info)                   |
|         | *Baptism-Lucas Issa/1p  |
| Oct. 30 | *5-Year Memorial for Richard Kogok and 40-Day Richie Kogok          |
|         | *Teen SOYO monthly mtg  |
| Nov 05  | *Misleh/Koksai Wedding/3p   |
| Nov 08  | *Election Day/Kogok Hall  |
|         | *Parish Council Meeting/7p  |
| Nov 11  | *Parish offices closed/Federal Holiday                              |

## THE EPISTLE

(For the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

*The Lord will give strength to His people.*

*Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.*

**The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:1-10)**

Brethren, working together with Him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For He says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

## THE GOSPEL

(For the Third Sunday of Luke)

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (7:11-16)**

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and many of His disciples and a great crowd went with Him. As He drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And He came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited His people!"

### ANNUAL GALA OF THE AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR SAINT GEORGE HOSPITAL

The Foundation will hold its Sixth Annual Gala and honor **Mr. Edward Ameen** and **Ms. Diane Rehm** at the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium in Washington, DC on Saturday **November 5, 2016**. The evening will feature a performance by world-renowned **Bassam Saba Ensemble**. For further information and reservations: [www.stgeorgefoundation.org/gala2016](http://www.stgeorgefoundation.org/gala2016) or contact Lama Najjar at 703-385-2182/[info@stgeorgefoundation.org](mailto:info@stgeorgefoundation.org)

**Reservation Deadline: October 24, 2016**

### 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://hcef.org).

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Directors

Samia Zolnerowich

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Christine Morin

Lizzy Cassar

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Anees Mokhiber

Philip Allen

AJ Wood

Jennifer Montgomery

Dina Saah

Alexis Yazge

Stephen Zolnerowich

Rula Nassar

### Men's Club

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### Antiochian Women

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Gary Farha

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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.

SERVICE BOOK HELP ~FIND  
The Creed ~ p. 110  
The Lord's Prayer ~ p. 118  
The Communion Prayer ~ p. 121-122  
The Prayer of Thanksgiving p. 125

### HOLYBREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:

Prepared by Chris Malaska & offered by the Bolus & El-Hage Families for the 1-year Memorial of Catherine Bolus  
The Family of Nahida Barbari for Nahida's 40-day Memorial

### MEMORIAL WHEAT OFFERED BY:

Prepared by Loma Malooley & offered by the Bolus & El-Hage Families for the 1-year Memorial of Catherine Bolus  
The Family of Nahida Barbari for Nahida's 40-day Memorial

### FELLOWSHIP HOUR OFFERED BY:

The Bolus & El-Hage Families for the 1-year Memorial of Catherine Bolus  
Coffee hour will follow the General Assembly Mtg

# 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  
Brian Briggs  
Isabel Threddeh  
Edmond & Sophie Neam

May Fillah  
Helen White  
Holly Dubois  
Tesia Yonkers

### LIVING

Archpriest George & Family

Everett Alvarez

Melinda Fannoney

Kathy & Gabriel Habib

George & Joan Abraham

Matthew Malooley & Family

Joseph Malooley & Family

John & Andrea Bolus & Family

Michael & Nadia El-Hage & Family

Chris Malaska & Family

Robert, Fayeruz, & Hamilton Regan

Nabeela Barbari

Sami & Maha Awwad & Family

Victor Joubran

Thelma Badwey

The Family of Nicholas White

Alexandra Malooley

Kristian Malooley & Family

Denise Bolus

Michael & Kristin Bolus & Family

Loma Malooley & Family

Nabil Barbari

Gilberto, Nadia, Gilberto IV, & Laila Pietri

Issam & Nuha Khalaf & Family

### DEPARTED

Nahida Barbari

Adib Saah

Richie Kogok

Nicholas White

Fred Ayoub

R. Sergei Malooley

Katter & Mary Malooley

John & Nymry Abdow

Alexis Swidonovich

John & Catherine Bolus

Nicholas Hamaty

Julian El-Hage

Shawky El-Hage

Ted Malaska

Saliba & Akileh Barbari

Adeeb & Yasmeen Ibrahim

JoAnne Ibrahim

### Monumental Missions Walk, October 15, 2016

Save the date for the 4th annual Monumental Missions Walk, on Saturday, October 15, beginning 9:00 am, on the DC Mall near 3rd & 4th Streets, next to the American Indian Museum. The walk will go past the Capitol and other monuments/memorials in the area. Go to <http://www.DCGreeks.com/MonumentalMissionsWalk>. Family and friends could sponsor you for the walk. Every walker will receive a t-shirt, drawstring bag, snack, and water. Help raise funds for OCMC and local charities while walking and having fellowship with other Orthodox Christians. For more information, contact Eleni Porter at 703-470- 9992 or email [beporter1@verizon.net](mailto:beporter1@verizon.net) or Betty Slanta at email [slanta@verizon.net](mailto:slanta@verizon.net).

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Theology of Giving Series – Week 41 – October 9, 2016

**2 Chronicles 31: 5 ... "As soon as the commandment was circulated, the children of Israel brought in abundance the first fruits of grain and wine, oil and honey, and of all the produce of the field; and they brought in abundantly the tithe of everything."**

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>