

	BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
04 Oct	The Eways Family 40-day Memorial for Mudallaleh Fareed Eways	The Tawil Family 40-day Memorial for Mudallaleh Fareed Eways
11 Oct	Lorna Malooley	Lorna Malooley
18 Oct	Joanne Demchok	Joanne Demchok
25 Oct	Joyce Kogok	Roula Qaqish Knowleton 4-month Memorial for her mother EVangelia
01 Nov	FSJD 40-day Memorial for Renee Moorad	FSJD 40-day Memorial for Renee Moorad

**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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## 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 4, 2015** **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** **&** **SECOND SUNDAY OF LUKE** **TONE 1 / EOTHINON 7**

HIEROMARTYR HIEROTHEOS, BISHOP OF ATHENS; HIEROMARTYR PETER OF CAPITOLIA IN SYRIA; MARTYRS DOMNINA AND HER DAUGHTERS OF SYRIA; GURIOS, FIRST ARCHBISHOP OF KAZAN AND BARSANOUPHIOS, BISHOP OF TVER; AND MARTYRS STEPHEN (STILJANOVICH) AND ELIZABETH OF SERBIA

#### **APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRESTION (Tone 1)**

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

#### **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.

**I DO NOT WORSHIP MATTER; I WORSHIP THE CREATOR OF MATTER,  
WHO FOR MY SAKE BECAME MATTER, AND TOOK UP HIS ABODE IN  
MANNER, AND BY MEANS OF MATTER ACCOMPLISHED MY SALVATION.  
ST. JOHN OF DAMASCUS**

## Sensing the Reality of God:

### Elements of Christian Formation in Family, Community, and Church

**Fr. Isaac Crow**

The formation of an integral Christian person does not take place by a series of accidents or in a vacuum. Such formation rather involves a continuing and life-long process of education and training. Christian education as such can never be reduced to an intellectual academic endeavor, separated from the context of everyday life. Rather, total education takes place all the time and at a variety of levels that overlap and reinforce one another. This is why the Christian is called to walk in the way of faith after the example of Christ who said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6). Learning the way involves receiving formal and informal instruction, training, and practice in the exercise of virtues, the bodily and spiritual disciplines of ascetism, imitation of the sound example of the saints and elders, and constant study of the scriptures and of the writings of the Holy Fathers.

Central to the notion of total education in the way of faith is the role of continual training and persistent instruction and guidance. This significant function of Christian training is underlined in an age-old injunction from the Book of Proverbs: "Train up a child in the way he shall go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). To train up a child is never an easy or simple process but demands great motivation, discipline, and patience. The original notion of training in its Hebrew context refers to a certain constricting and making narrow. Training in this sense includes the discipline of Christian admonition and the obedience of children to their parents. In his epistle to the Ephesians, Saint Paul says the following:

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise... and you fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord."

Ephesians 6:1-4

Saint Paul also addresses this necessity for the profit of training in the epistle to the Hebrews:

"Now, no chastening seems to be joyful for the present but painful; nevertheless, afterward, it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it."

Hebrews 12:11

The purpose of this admonition, or making straight pathways for our feet to follow, is not, as Saint Paul goes on to explain, to punish but rather to "strengthen and to heal." Slowly and painstakingly, the character of the Christian is engraved and marked out. While many adverse influences mold the formation of character, the Christian is marked most deeply by the sound teaching of the tradition and by the training and sound example of the community. This is why the Christian life is essentially an "imitative life" rather than an "innovative life" as such. In Christ and in the Church the Christian is given the sound path and the narrow way to follow in obedience and humility. The daily task of apprehending the sound example of those who came before in their encounter with Christ is therefore an original and creative act. The Christian is called to do and to emulate "as they did" only because they who came before and who grew in the way did as the Lord himself revealed and commanded. Thus, the task of Christian education seeks to train up the imitators and followers of Christ himself, that is, to make a disciple of every Christian.

*Part 3 of a series*

# Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News

## OCTOBER IS YOUTH MONTH

### TEEN SOYO

#### Oct. 4

- \* Teen SOYO monthly meeting following Sunday School.
- \* Special Olympics Awareness Day - the teens will collect money for the running of the 35th Annual Special Olympics Sports Camp at the Antiochian Village.
- \* Oratorical Presentation by the winner of the Eastern Diocese's Junior Level Oratorical Competition - Julia Allen
- \* Swearing in of the newly-elected officers - President, Rashid Haddad; Vice-President, Julia Allen; Treasurer, Danielle Bellone; Secretary, Christopher Zolnerowich

#### Oct. 16-18

- \* Eastern Region Fall Delegates' Meeting at the Antiochian Village - we will send a delegation of our teens to represent Ss. Peter and Paul.

#### Oct. 24

- \* Fall kick-off party at the Bellone's house - all teens welcome for pizza and a haunted gathering somewhere in Loudoun County, VA

### "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" meets every other Thursday evening from 7:15pm to 8:30pm in the lower level conference room. 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. The next meeting is Thursday, October 8.

ALL ARE WELCOME

#### Peter & Paul Parishioner & Vietnam War Hero, Everett Alvarez, to Speak at October 24 Ceremony

On Oct. 24, 2015 Everett Alvarez will be a featured speaker at a Montgomery County Government special event honoring Vietnam veterans. The event will take place at 10:30am at the Universities at Shady Grove in Rockville, MD.

### SIMON SHAHEEN & THE QANTARA ENSEMBLE

On Saturday, October 24, 2015 at 7:00pm, our Parish will host a benefit concert for the children of Gaza and Palestine organized by the non-profit organization United Palestinian Appeal. The concert will feature Simon Shaheen and the Qantara Ensemble (the leading classical Arabic music group in America) and is entitled "Music for Healing." Following the concert in the Church, a reception will follow in the Church Hall from 8:30pm - 9:30pm which will feature a children's art exhibit. Tickets for this charity fund raising event are available from [helppupa.org/concert](http://helppupa.org/concert) (\$50.00/adult and \$25.00/student).

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

*Calling all Church members...*

Stop by our Membership table, which will be up every second Sunday of each month after Church in the Fellowship hour hall to:

Drop off your business card

Smile for our cameras

Fill out your membership form

Fill out your annual pledge form

Sign up to work with us!

The Stewardship Committee's mission is to inspire our Parish members to give of their time, talent and resources.

*"Give and it will be given to you" Luke 6:38*

### Upcoming events...

- Oct. 4— 40-Day Memorial for Mudallaleh Fareed Eways Teen SOYO mtg, Blessing & swearing in of the new Teen SOYO officers
- Oct 8— Adult Ed Forum/Exploring our Faith/LL Conf. Rm/7:15pm
- Oct 10— Arabic Language Class/10a-12:30p/LL Conf. Rm.
- Oct 13— Parish Council mtg/7pm/LL Conf. Rm.
- Oct 17— Arabic Language Class/10a-12:30p/LL Conf. Rm.
- Oct 18— Suad J. Peter/1-yr Memorial to follow Liturgy Annual Parish Assembly to follow Memorial in Sanctuary
- Oct 22— Adult Ed Forum/Exploring our Faith/LL Conf. Rm/7:15pm
- Oct 24— Arabic Language Class/10a-12:30p/LL Conf. Rm. Simon Shaheen Ensemble/7:00pm/reception to follow.
- Oct 25— Memorial Service/Richard Kogok to follow Liturgy
- Oct 27— Men's Club Mtg/7:30pm/LL Conf. Rm.
- Oct 31— Arabic Language Class/10a-12:30p/LL Conf. Rm.
- Nov 01— 40-Day Memorial for Renee Moorad
- Nov 05— Adult Ed Forum/Exploring our Faith/LL Conf. Rm/7:15pm
- Nov 7— Arabic Language Class/10a-12:30p/LL Conf. Rm. Arabic Liturgy @5:00pm
- Nov. 10— Parish Council mtg/7pm/LL Conf. Rm.
- Nov 14— Arabic Language Class/10a-12:30p/LL Conf. Rm. Antiochian Women Mini Retreat/1p-3p/LL Hall/ The Art of Spiritual Writing
- Nov 19— Adult Ed Forum/Exploring our Faith/LL Conf. Rm/7:15pm
- Nov 20— Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos @7:00pm

## THE EISTLE

(For the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

*Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.*

### **The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (9:6-11)**

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

## THE GOSPEL

(For the Second Sunday of Luke)

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (6:31-36)**

The Lord said: "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

## THANK YOU AND WELL DONE!

*Fr. George and Fr. Isaac wish to offer their sincere thanks to all the Ss. Peter and Paul Parish community for the wonderful hard work and dedication of so many in making the Annual Festival a success last weekend. Thanks to Mr. Danny Khammar, Festival Chair, all the volunteers and workers for a job well done.*

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

### **Directors**

Samia Zolnerowich  
Jennifer Buchko

### **Teachers**

Jumana Misleh  
Susan Kozlov  
Michelle Zook  
Razan Abdallah  
Christine Morin  
Lara Bellone  
Amber Bennett  
Caroline Jarboe  
Saleem Mokhiber  
Stephen Zolnerowich  
Anees Mokhiber

### **Men's Club**

Sam Khalil

### **Antiochian Women**

Kate Niewenhous

### **Teen SOYO**

Jamilee Bellone

### **Officers**

Nicholas Zolnerowich  
Rashid Haddad  
Robert Bridenhagen  
Thomas Zook  
Danielle Bellone

### **Fellowship of St. John**

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Dn. Christian & Zeina Manasseh

### **Adornment**

Shams Akkawi  
Jamil Hermes

### **Facility Management**

Nick Nahas  
Bob Simon

### **Rental Coordinator**

Barbara Abraham

### **Charities**

Sam Sahouri Ghanem

### **Finance**

David Jackson

### **Stewardship**

Lina Eid

# 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	Edmond Neam
May Fillah	Richie Kogok
Issa & Suad Shammass	Brian Briggs
Lulu & George Brown	Robert Simon
Bertha Aed	Isabel Thredeh
Thelma & Bob Badwey	Holly Dubois
Josephine Lofgren	Salwa Gabro
Elia Ghanem	Sally Ruffin
Nouha Aramouni	Andrew Gavin
Joan Lanciani	Bill Dora, Jr.
Linda Dora Elkanich	Joe & Donna Gavin
Jack & Patricia Bottash	Richie Ayoub
Catherine Bolus	Robert Dubois
The Friends & Family of Renee Moorad	
The Eways Family	The Salem Family
The Ayoub Family	The Tawil Family
The Muffareh Family	The Kassis Family

## DEPARTED

Arch Priest Louis Mahshie  
Fr. John Tavlarides  
Renee Moorad  
Mudallaleh Fareed Eways  
Fareed Eways  
Jad Eways  
Helweh Tawil  
Farag Tawil  
Fadel Taweel  
Said Ayoub  
Fred Ayoub

### 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

### 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

### HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:

Eways Family  
40 Day Memorial for Mudallaleh Fareed Eways

### HOLY WHEAT OFFERED BY:

Teen SOYO

### FELLOWSHIP HOUR OFFERED BY:

Tawil Family  
40 Day Memorial for Mudallaleh Fareed Eways

### Special Olympics Awareness Day

Today, our teens will request your financial donations to enable them to sponsor the 35th Annual Special Olympics Sports Camp, which will be held at the Antiochian Village, in the summer of 2016. Please be generous as our teens need to raise in excess of \$72,000 to run this worthwhile program.

As an expression of our teens' gratitude for your support of this important ministry, you will receive an icon bookmark of Saint Porphyrios. He served in the Athonite Skete of Kafsoakalyvia, in the Cell of St. George. Through his role as spiritual father, Saint Porphyrios became known to an ever-wider circle of Orthodox followers. He was declared a saint on November 27, 2013.

Thank you for your assistance. Please make checks payable to your local teen group.