

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
05 Nov	Bashar & Rana Callas Amine Matar/40-Day Memorial for Salloum Matar & 1-year Memorial for Therese Matar	Teen SOYO/Za'atar Sale Amine Matar/40-Day Memorial for Salloum Matar & 1-year Memorial for Therese Matar
12 Nov	Alganesh & Michael Piechocinski	Open
19 Nov	George Family	George Family
26 Nov	Open	Open
03 Dec	Fr. George 40-Day Memorial Lorna Malooley Alganesh Piechocinski	Fr. George 40-Day Memorial

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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All Things Are Possible to Him Who Believes

Matins: Sundays 9:30am

Divine Liturgy: Sundays 10:30am

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2017

TONE 5 / EOTHINON 11

PENTECOST & FIFTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

APOSTLES HERMAS, LINUS, GAIUS, PATROBAS AND
PHILOLOGOS OF THE SEVENTY; JONAH THE WONDERWORKER,
ARCHBISHOP OF NOVGOROD

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (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 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.

Christians are forbidden to correct the stumblings of sinners by force... It is necessary to make a man better not by force but by persuasion. We neither have authority granted us by law to restrain sinners, nor, if it were, should we know how to use it, since God gives the crown to those who are kept from evil not by force, but by choice.

St. John Chrysostom

WHY GO TO CHURCH?

WHAT IS WORSHIP?

The great thirst for communion is the ground on which the worship of God happens, and therefore it is why we need to go to church, which is where worship happens in its fullness. We'll get to what that means later, but first we should ask what worship is.

Some folks think worship is simply one being bowing down to another, perhaps saying how great that other being is while bowing. Such people identify worship with subservience, obeisance, groveling. Of course, there is a certain truth to this definition in that worship involves giving respect and honor to the other, humbling oneself before the other. The word *worship* in English comes from the word *worth*, and in its most basic sense, to worship another is to demonstrate the worthiness of the other.

Even the two Greek words that sometimes get translated as “*worship*”—*proskeunesis* and *latreia*—literally mean “kissing toward” and “serving,” respectively. Over the course of church history, those words came to have distinct technical meanings: *proskeunesis* is the veneration given holy persons, objects, and places, while *latreia* is the worship, service, and adoration due to God alone. The word *idolatry* includes *latreia*, and it literally means “serving a fantasy.”

But Orthodox Christian worship of the Holy Trinity consists not merely of the outwardly visible acts of kissing, bowing, sing-ing words of respect and reverence, and so forth. Yes, these are some of the things we do when we worship God, but something is also happening within. When we perform these outward acts toward God, and when they are done with the right inner attitude, it is worship.

So what happens when we do these things? What does our giving worship to God have to do with the great thirst we have for Him?

From a skeptical, secular point of view, the worship of God has little to do with our need for communion with Him. After all, how does bowing down before someone and saying how great he is fulfill any need for communion? At best, this communion must only be virtual—that is, it resembles communion and even has some effects that imitate communion, but it is not communion. It has to be fantasy, right?

We can see this clearly in the many modern idolatries that surround us. There is a great cult of celebrity in our society. There are also cults of politics, food, the body, sex, and money. In all these pursuits, people are literally engaging in idolatry—they are serving *fantasy*.

When we worship a celebrity, we do not actually know him. But we imagine ourselves to be identified with him in some way. We may even try to look like him. In worshipping politics and ideology, we may be worshipping politicians as celebrities, but we may also be worshipping ideologies, believing we somehow become better people by being positioned within the correct political camp. In pursuing the cult of food or any other bodily aspect such as sexuality, we are following after a phantom image, in which we present a “taste” or a “look” to the world and to ourselves, hoping that those things will define us, will fill us up, perhaps even literally.

Whether we are filling up our bellies or transgressing against our flesh or attempting to possess the flesh of another through lust, we are pursuing phantoms that will never satisfy and will always demand more. The same is true of money, as well, which is getting more fantastical all the time, since our currencies are not backed by anything other than someone's word.

It is no wonder that all these worldly pursuits are so conducive to addiction. Addiction is the increasing need for something that cannot satisfy, cannot complete the human person. And so we serve the fantasy even more.

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Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News and Events

CHURCH SCHOOL 2017-2018

Registration for Church School is ongoing using this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/GQ6uQSnlitmwgwJW2>. Also, please make sure to register with the church, including your email as most Church school announcements go out to the entire parish. School calendars are now available. We are also in need of snacks/drinks for the children--small and reg. juice boxes, juice pouches, small waters, individually wrapped snacks (PEANUT & TREE NUT FREE).
Dec 3 *Saint Nicholas Workshop
Dec 17 *Church School Christmas Play
Mar 25 *2018 Pascha Prep Workshop

TEEN SOYO

Teen SOYO thanks all the faithful for their support during October Youth Month and to all those who generously donated to the Special Olympics project. Today, the teens will offer a delicious Za'atar Sale as a fundraiser for their many events and outreach projects such as the YES trip, Children's Relief Fund, Parish Life Conference. The Lay Advisors are: Zaid Sharafudin/zaid343@yahoo.com and Anees Mokhiber /aneesmokhiber@gmail.com

Nov 05 Teen SOYO Za'atar Sale/during Fellowship
Nov 10 YES trip led by FOCUS North America at -12 St. George Antiochian Church, Wash. DC

THE ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

Starting Today, the Antiochian Woman will be collecting funds for the following Activities:

1. Gift Bags for our Shut-Ins over the holidays
2. Back Packs full of toiletries and sundries for those in need at Bethesda Cares
- Our Ladies will be available in the hall to accept your donations. We will be putting the gift bags and back packs together after church on **December 3**.
3. Poinsettias to decorate the church for Christmas
4. Antiochian Women's Christmas luncheon is December 9 at 11:30am at Wildfire, Tysons Corner.

And please note that we are also accepting dues payments from those ladies willing to help underwrite our costs during the year.

"EXPLORING OUR FAITH" THE SS. PETER AND PAUL ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORUM

"Exploring Our Faith" will meet every other Thursday evening from **7:00pm to 8:30pm** in the lower level conference room. **The next meeting is Thursday, November 16, 2017.** Fr. Isaac facilitates the meetings 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 Niewenhou at

MEN'S CLUB

Dec. 02 Decorate Church for Christmas/9:00a. Volunteers welcome. Please see Abe Fannoney for more information.
Jan 06, 2018 Take down Christmas decorations/9:00a

CHURCH CALENDAR

Nov 05 *Teen SOYO Za'atar Sale/during Fellowship
 *Leo Robles/Baptism/1:30p
 Nov 10 *Office closed/Veterans' Day
 Nov 10-12 *YES Trip to St. George Antiochian Church, Wash. DC
 Nov 11 *Awad/Norman Wedding 4p
 Nov 14 *Parish Council Meeting/7p/LL Conf. Rm.
 Nov 16 *Adult Education Forum "Exploring Our Faith"/7p-8:30p
 Nov 18 *Talia Tawil/Baptism/12p
 Nov 19 *Suham George/5 yr Memorial offered by The George Family
 Nov 20 *Divine Liturgy/Feast of the Presentation Of the Theotokos/7:00p
 Nov 23 *Offices closed/Thanksgiving
 Dec 02 *Men's Club/Decorate Church for Christmas/9a Volunteers welcomed. Contact Abe Fannoney
 Dec 03 *V.R. Fr. George M. Rados/40-day Memorial
 *Church School St. Nicholas Workshop/LL Hall
 *Antiochian Women putting together gift Bags and back packs/Kogok Hall
 Dec 09 *Antiochian Women Christmas Luncheon 11:30am/Wildfire, Tysons Corner
 *Vespers @5:00pm
 *Boston Byzantine Choir/6p-7p
 *Reception to follow in the Hall
 Dec 12 *Parish Council Meeting/7p/LL Conf. Rm.
 Dec 17 *Church School Christmas Play to follow the Liturgy
 *St. Ignatius Luncheon to follow

THE EPISTLE

(For the Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost)
*Thou, O Lord, shalt preserve us and keep us from this generation.
 Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (6:11-18)

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the Law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all, who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Fifth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (16:19-31)

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover, the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

THE PARISH GIFT SHOP

The Ss. Peter and Paul Parish Gift Shop (formally the Parish Bookstore) is now open in its new location on the right side of the Narthex (entrance hall) opposite the elevator. The Gift Shop is newly stocked with books, bibles, Icons, CDs and all kinds of hand-made religious items with many items for children. The Gift Shop will open every Sunday following Liturgy. For information contact Alma Jean Zaki at (703) 283-9338 or ajmzaki@gmail.com

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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	Mary Smith
Helen White	Isabel Thredeth	George Brown
Everett Alvarez	Holly Dubois	Robert & Thelma Badwey
Edmond & Sophie Neam	Grace Malouf	Barbara Abraham
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Sherrie Zacharia	Christopher Zolnerowich
Elias Horany	Amine Matar & Family
Bob & Gladys Laham	
Bashar, Rana, Kinda, & Hadeem Callas	

CHURCH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PLAY

The Church School Christmas Play and St. Ignatius luncheon will be held after Church on Sunday, December 17. Once again, Carol Pappas will provide her beautiful costumes for our children. You can get a form for reserving a costume for your child from your child's teacher. Forms plus \$5.00 are due by November 26. We will be fitting the children with their costumes on December 3. Please contact Linda Shaheen at lshaheen47@gmail.com with any questions.

SS. PETER & PAUL OUTREACH VISITATION MINISTRY

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

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.

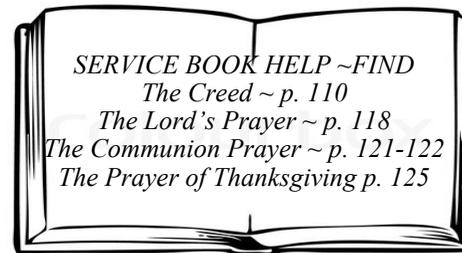
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- 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:

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