

	BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
06 Dec	Christakis Family	Slanta/Hawkins Families IHO Alexandra's 2nd Birthday & St. Nicholas
13 Dec	Marie Khalil	St. Ignatius Luncheon
20-Dec	The Emad Family	Falafal Sale
27 Dec	OPEN	OPEN
03 Jan	Mary Misleh	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, DECEMBER 6, 2015
TONE 2/EOTHINON 5

NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER, ARCHBISHOP OF MYRA IN LYCIA & TENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

NICHOLAS, BISHOP OF PATARA; NEW-MARTYR NICHOLAS OF KARAMANIA IN ASIA MINOR

APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRECTION (Tone 2)

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. NICHOLAS (Tone 4)

Thy work of justice did reveal thee to thy community as a canon of faith, the likeness of humility and the teacher of abstinence, O thou Father and great Bishop Nicholas. Wherefore, by humility thou didst achieve exaltation, and by thy meekness wealth. Intercede, therefore, intercede with Christ that He will save our souls.

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 OF PREPARATION OF CHRIST’S NATIVITY (Tone 3)

Today the Virgin cometh to the cave where she will give birth in an ineffable manner to the Word Who is before all the ages. Rejoice, therefore, O universe, when thou hearest it heralded: Glorify Him, with the angels and the shepherds, Who chose to be seen as a new-born babe, the God Who is before all the ages.

FROM THE CHARITY COMMITTEE

Please start thinking about charities you would like to propose for 2016. The Charities Committee is seeking your input as to the charities to be supported in 2016 with our monthly collections. We are planning to support International, Orthodox, National, and Local organizations as we have for the last several years. Please provide the name of the organization you wish considered for the monthly collection to the any of the following committee members: Ann Marie Moses, Carol Laham, and Sam Sahouri Ghanem.

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NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER, ARCHBISHOP OF MYRA IN LYCIA

As a child, Nicholas was instructed in theology by his uncle, Nicholas, who was the bishop of Patara. Then he became a monk at the monastery of New Sion, which had been founded by his uncle. He gave all the money he inherited to the poor, keeping nothing. He once saved a poor man’s daughters from prostitution by throwing bags of gold through an open window at night. He at first hoped to live a life of solitude; however, in a vision he saw Jesus giving him the Gospels covered with precious jewels. Next to Jesus, the Theotokos was placing a pallium on him. This vision is depicted in the icons of St. Nicholas. Jesus told him that he must work among the people if he wanted to receive a crown from heaven. The previous archbishop of Myra soon died, and Nicholas was installed as the new archbishop. At the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea in 325, Nicholas slapped the heretic Arius in the face for speaking against Jesus Christ and the Theotokos. Those present disapproved of his actions, expelled Nicholas, and relieved him of his station as bishop. That night several of the fathers had the same vision: they saw Jesus and the Theotokos on either side of Nicholas, restoring him as bishop. He was immediately reinstated and treated with great respect. Nicholas became the patron saint of children, merchants, sailors, scholars, and travelers. His charity is still remembered in the concept of Santa Claus. He died peacefully in the fourth century.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. NICHOLAS IN TONE FOUR

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CONSIDER JOINING AN OCMC ORTHODOX MISSION TEAM IN 2016

Mission Teams serve our Orthodox Church’s unending mission that all people may come to know the saving love of our Lord. Be a living witness on a healthcare, teaching or construction team to Alaska, Albania, Guatemala, Indonesia, Kenya, Moldova. See https://www.ocmc.org/about/open_teams.aspx or call the OCMC at 877-463-6787 (ext 142) for more information.

LOOKING FOR A SPECIAL WAY TO HONOR A GODPARENT, SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER, PRIEST, FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND THIS NATIVITY?

Consider offering a gift in support of an Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) mission ministries throughout the world in their honor! Each Nativity card is \$15 and expresses that a gift has been offered to OCMC in their honor.....with a Nativity greeting. The card(s) will be mailed to you so that you can offer them directly to your loved ones! If possible, please promote this within your parish and among your friends and family. Contact OCMC at missions@ocmc.org; OCMC 220 Mason Manatee Way St. Augustine, FL 32086, or call 1-877-463-6784 to make a donation.

Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News and Events

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S UPDATE

The Ladies Auxiliary will again be collecting toiletries and small clothing items for the *needy* through BETHESDA CARES. Please see the flyer on the round table in the Narthex for more information and a list of items needed. The final due date is December 13. Please be generous for this worthy cause.

2015 Poinsettia Flower Donation

The Ladies Auxiliary is collecting donations for the Poinsettias displayed in our Church during the Christmas Holiday. If you would like to make a donation for the health of or in memory of your loved ones, please complete the form available in the vestibule. Please return your completed form to the Ladies Auxiliary to the attention of Leila Ayoub or Thomascena Cox no later than Sunday, December 20th.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On Sunday, December 20, 2015 following Liturgy Ss. Peter and Paul will have its Christmas Concert in the Church. This will be followed by a Falafal luncheon in the Kogok Hall.

CALLING ALL CHURCH PHOTOGRAPHERS

Do you have a digital camera and an interest in capturing the beautiful smiles of our Parish Members? If so let us know because we need you.

The photos you take will be uploaded to our new Elexio database and allow us all to see and recognize each other in the Church Directory.

The first session is scheduled for December 20th at the Christmas event.

Sign up by sending an email to Lina Eid at Lina033@verizon.net, who will provide you with more details.

Have a blessed holiday season!

ARABIC TRANSLATORS NEEDED FOR CULMORE CLINIC

The Culmore Clinic is a free clinic in Falls Church, VA one block down from the St. Katherine Greek Orthodox church. It is for those people without health insurance. It is based in the Columbia Baptist Church but is supported by the area churches, a synagogue and a mosque. It meets one day a week, Thursdays, from 10 AM to 7 PM. It is in need of Arabic translators since many of the patients are from the Middle East. If interested email Dr. John Demakis as demakis9931@gmail.com. The address of the clinic is: 3245 Glen Carlyn Road, Falls Church, VA 22041

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

"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, December 17, 2015. ALL ARE WELCOME

Upcoming events...

Dec. 06	*Teen SOYO Meeting (following Sunday School) *Sunday School St. Nicholas Workshop *6th-20th Collection for Children in Need (see insert for more details)
Dec 08	Parish Council Mtg. @7:00pm, LL Conf. Rm
Dec 09	Young Adult Fellowship @8:00pm (see insert for More details)
Dec 12	*Arabic Language Class/10a-12:30p/LL Conf. Rm. *Antiochian Women Christmas Luncheon 11:30a
Dec 13	*Christmas Play Performance *St. Ignatius hosting annual luncheon to follow Church School Play
Dec 17	Adult Ed Forum/Exploring our Faith/LL Conf. Rm/7:15pm
Dec 19	*Teen SOYO Christmas Party hosted by the Taweel Family *no Arabic Language Classes *No Arabic classes due to Christmas Holiday
Dec 20	Christmas Concert following Liturgy w/Falafal Luncheon following concert
Dec 24	6:00p Matins/Feast of the Nativity 7:00p Divine Liturgy Feast of the Nativity
Dec 26	No Arabic classes due to Christmas Holiday
Dec 29	Men's Club Mtg/7:30pm/LL Conf. Rm.
Jan 02	No Arabic classes due to Christmas Holiday
Jan 09	Arabic Language Class/10a-12:30p/LL Conf. Rm
Jan 12	Parish Council Mtg. @7:00pm, LL Conf. Rm
Jan 10	Teen SOYO meeting (following Sunday School)

EPISTLE

(For St. Nicholas)

*Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.
What shall I render to the Lord for all that He has given me?*
The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (13:17-21)

Brethren, obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls, as men who will have to give account. Let them do this joyfully, and not sadly, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to Whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Tenth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (13:10-17)

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrite! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" As Jesus said this, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by Him.

Hold to patience in your hearts, my friends, and put it into action when the situation calls for it. Don't let any abusive word from your neighbor stir up hatred in you, and don't allow any loss of things that pass away to upset you. If you are steadfast in fearing the loss of those things that last forever, you will never take seriously the loss of those that pass away; if you keep your eyes fixed on the glory of our eternal recompense, you will not resent a temporal injury. You must bear with those who oppose you, but also love those you bear with. Seek an eternal reward in return for your temporal losses.

St. Gregory the Great

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Directors

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Christine & Samer Korkor
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Shams Akkawi
Jamil Hermes

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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 al-
ways: now and ever, and unto ages
of ages

LIVING

Parishioners who remain in our prayers continually

Margaret Ashley	May Fillah
Richie Kogok	Brian Briggs
Suad Shammass	Robert Simon
Lulu & George Brown	Bertha Aed
Isabel Threddeh	Holly Dubois
Thelma & Bob Badwey	Edmond & Sophie Neam

DEPARTED

Very Rev. Fr. Elias Eid Sweiss
Issa Shammass
Cathy Chyz
Nicholas Yanowsky
Alexis Swidonovich
Katherine Slanta
William Dora, Sr.
Olga & Zore David
Josephine & George Dora
Salwa Atallah Kassir
Helen Athanas Christakis
Christopher Barr

Josephine Lofgren	Salwa Gabro
Sally Ruffin	Robert Dubois
Nouha Aramouni	Joan Lanciani
Bill Dora, Jr.	Linda Dora Elkanich
Richie Ayoub	Patrick Emad
Jamil Al-Kallas	Christakis Family
Kassir Family	Leahy Family
Cox Family	Cindy & Peter Casteel
Jeanne Benson	Alexandra,, Jessica,& Justin Hawkins
Elizabeth & John Slanta	Barbara, Michael, & Joshua Bosworth
William & Nita Hawkins	Nicholas Zolnerowich & family
Ss. Peter & Paul Choir members & family	
Collette, Grace, Sarah, Isaac, & Beau Boulanger	
Thomas, Vicki, Andrew, Emma, Alex, Olivia, & Erik Yanowsky	
Barbara Abraham	

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:
Christakis Family
BOILED WHEAT OFFERING FOR ST. BARBARA'S FEAST DAY:
Offered by Margo Ghanem for the good health of Barbara Abraham
FELLOWSHIP HOUR OFFERED BY:
Jessica Hawkins Family
Betty & John Slanta
In Honor Of Alexandra's 2nd Birthday And In Memory Of St. Nicholas Of Myra

St. Ignatius Luncheon on Sunday, December 13
On Sunday, December 13 following the Christmas Play after Liturgy, St. Ignatius will be offering the Fellowship Hour with a luncheon. All parishioners are invited to the luncheon. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Hall. Please include the family name and number of attendees.