

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR AND BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION**

	BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
Jan 12	Saah family	Saah family
19		
26	The Emads	The Emads
Feb 2		
9		Leila Ayoub
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Mar 2		

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

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*All Things Are Possible to Him Who Believes*

**Matins:** Sundays 9:30am

**Divine Liturgy:** Sundays 10:30am

**Confessions:** call to schedule

Sunday, January 5, 2014

[Celebration of the Feast of Epiphany by Anticipation]

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## THE FIRST ANTIPHON

When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language; Judah was in his sanctuary, and Israel his dominion.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us. The sea saw it and fled: Jordan was driven back. What ailed thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest? O thou Jordan, that thou was driven back? (Refrain)  
Glory... Both now... (Refrain)

## THE SECOND ANTIPHON

I am well pleased, for the Lord will hear the voice of my prayer. He hath inclined His ear unto me; therefore will I call upon Him as long as I live.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who wast baptized by John in the Jordan; who sing to Thee. Alleluia. The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell took hold of me; I found trouble and sorrow, and I called upon the Name of the Lord. (Refrain)  
Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful. (Refrain)  
Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

## THE THIRD ANTIPHON

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Israel now confess that He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Aaron confess that He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let them now who fear the Lord confess that He is good; for His mercy endureth forever.  
(Now sing the Festal Apolytikion: "When Thou, O Lord.")

## THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST

Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. The Lord is God and hath appeared unto us. Save us, O Son of God, Who wast baptized by John in the Jordan; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

## APOLYTIKION OF THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST (Tone 1)

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity wast made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, Who hath appeared and enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

## KONTAKION OF THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST (Tone 4)

(\*\*On this day Thou hast appeared\*\*)

Today Thou hast appeared to the universe, O Lord, and Thy light hath been shed upon us, who praise Thee with knowledge, saying, Thou hast come and appeared, O unapproachable Light.

## THE ANTI-TRISAGION HYMN (Sung in place of "Holy God")

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia. (THRICE)  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.  
Have put on Christ. Alleluia.  
Dynamis! As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

## Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News

## CATECHISM

from Fr. Isaac

### STEWARDSHIP AS CREATION CARE

By Dr. John Chryssavgis

### PART IV: AM I ACCOUNTABLE?

While there are numerous passages in the Old and New Testaments that provide insight into the principle and practice of stewardship — intimately relating its social and ecological aspects — it is a message that acquires increasing urgency in light of our ultimate accountability on the day of judgment with Christ's parable about the faithful and prudent steward in Luke chapter 12, which concludes with the following warning: "From everyone to whom much has been given, more will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded." (verse 48) This is a verse that might not meet with general agreement on a political level; yet it is a statement that deserves close attention on a spiritual level: "Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes." (verse 43) Like the servant in the parable, we too will be asked for accountability by the Master: "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management." (Luke 16.2) We will surely be judged for the abuse of the earth that has been entrusted to us" to preserve," as for the unjust distribution of its resources to human beings that we are called to serve" — for the devastation of God's creation by human beings unjustly usurping the right to control it and arrogantly presuming the right to manipulate it, as for the exploitation of the poor (and the poor

nations) by the rich (and the rich nations). If we open ourselves — avail ourselves and become sensitive — to all people and to the whole creation, then we shall recognize our history as inextricably linked to the destiny of the world. We shall begin to perceive the universe in its unfathomable interconnectedness, and we shall surely feel the spirit of God as a gentle breeze and hear the seal's heartbeat as the pulse of our own life.

*For further information on this subject, see F. Krueger's book (2012) entitled, Greening the Orthodox Parish: A Handbook for Christian Ecological Practice.*

## LOOKING AHEAD Upcoming events...

Jan 7 - Adult Education Forum @7:15pm  
Jan 11 - Un-decorate the church @ 8:30am  
Jan 11 - Men's Club Holiday Dinner @ 7pm  
Jan 14 - Parish Council Meeting @7pm  
Jan 21 - Adult Education Forum @7:15pm  
Feb 1 - Arabic Liturgy @ 5pm  
Feb 4 - Adult Education Forum @7:15pm  
Feb 8 - Wedding of Mazen Saah @ 3pm

## SAVE THE DATE

Feb 15 - Hafle @ 7pm  
Feb 21-23 - Weekend with Bishop Nicholas and Ordination of Christian Manasseh to the Holy Diaconate

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### **BLESSING AND INSTALLATION PARISH COUNCIL**

As is our custom, following Liturgy today, all members of the Parish Council—those currently serving and those newly elected—in church today are presented for blessing and installation.

### **EXPLORING OUR FAITH**

Adult Ed class will meet Tuesday January 7th at 7:15pm in the lower level conference room. All are welcome, with a special invitation to young adults. For more information, contact Fr. Isaac at frisaac@gmail.com.

### **UNDECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, please help take down and properly store for next year our beautiful Christmas decorations on Saturday, January 11th from 8:30am to 12:00pm. Men and women are needed to help in this endeavor.

### **MEN'S CLUB HOLIDAY DINNER**

All men of the parish are invited to gather at the Blue Iguana Buffet in Fairfax, VA on Jan 11th at 7:00pm. The cost is \$30 each. Bring your wife. For more information contact Bill Zook at 301.910.8023 or wnzook@gmail.com, or Walid Mourad at 571-277-3610 or lepremierchoix@gmail.com.

### **SINGLES PARTY**

Pan-Orthodox Christian Singles over age 21 and clergy are welcome to a Happy 2014 Welcome Party Saturday, January 11th from 6:00pm to Midnight at St. Luke's Orthodox Church in McLean VA. For more information contact V. Rev Gregory Safchuk at 301-320-0739 or gsafchuk@hotmail.com. Future events to include a ski weekend in February and Odyssey Dinner Cruise in May.

### **MISSION DINNER**

The Metropolitan DC Orthodox Mission and Outreach Committee is sponsoring a Mission dinner at St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church, Falls Church, VA, February 9th, at 4:30pm. To benefit the OCMC, the Orthodox Christian International Orthodox Mission and Evangelization organization, Fr. Luke Veronis presents "Capturing the Spirit of Missions: Kenya, Albania and the World." Tickets are \$55 for adults over age 22, \$30 and for those under age 22, free for children under age 6. To make your reservation by February 4th contact Dr. John Demakis at demakis9931@gmail.com, Skip Mersereau at 301-229-0878 or jwmster@gmail.com, or Betty Slanta at 703-354-3242 or slanta@verizon.net.

### THE EPISTLE

Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.  
O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to Titus. (2:11-15; 3:4-7)

My son Titus, the grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men, training us to renounce irreligion and worldly passions, and to live sober, upright, and godly lives in this world; awaiting our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, Who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all iniquity and to purify for Himself a people of His own who are zealous for good deeds. Declare these things; exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you. When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit, which He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might be justified by His grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

### THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (3:13-17)

At that time, Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by Thee, and Thou dost come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, He went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on Him; and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased."

• The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great continues with the following variables.

### ST. BASIL LITURGY MEGALYNARION

In thee rejoiceth all creation, O thou who art full of grace: the hierarchy of the angels, and all mankind, O consecrated temple and paradise endowed with speech; glory of virginity, of whom God, Who is our God before the ages, was incarnate and became a little child. For He made thy womb a throne, and thy belly did He make more spacious than the heavens. In thee doth all creation rejoice, O thou who art full of grace, and it glorifieth thee.

### KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) OF THEOPHANY (Tone 8)

The grace of God our Savior hath appeared to all men. Alleluia.

• After Communion, instead of singing "We have seen the true light", sing the Festal Apolytikion: "When Thou, O Lord."

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### Directors

Samia Zolnerowich  
Jennifer Buchko

#### Teachers

Nicole Kyriakos  
Susan Kozlov  
Michelle Zook  
Jennifer Montgomery

Ranya Eid  
Leila Taweel  
Hala Paskaleva  
Razan Abdallah  
Caroline Jarboe  
Anthony Eid  
Stephen Zolnerowich  
Anees Mokhiber

#### Men's Club

Bill Zook

#### Ladies Auxiliary

Ann Marie Moses

#### Teen SOYO

Robert Bridenhagen  
Layla Najjar  
Nick Zolnerowich  
Sarah Salem  
Phillip Allen  
Reema Guegel

#### Fellowship of St. John

Christine & Samer Korkor  
Christian & Zeina Manasseh

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Shams Akkawi

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Bob Simon,  
George Rados Jr  
Nick Nahas

#### Rental Coordinator

Barbara Abraham

#### Charities

Sam Sahouri Ghanem

#### Cultural

Sami Najjar

#### Educational

Gabriel Habib

#### Finance

David Jackson  
Stewardship  
Lorna Malooley

### 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.

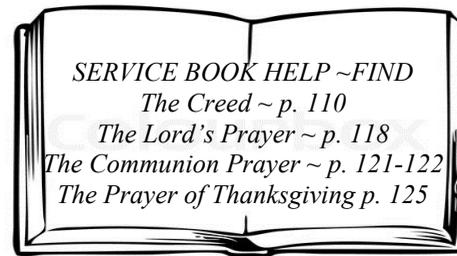
#### PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- 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 IS OFFERED BY:

Fr. George & family (in Memory of Kh. Jacqui) & Caroline Jarboe

### JELLOWSHIP HOUR IS OFFERED BY:

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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

### Parishioners who remain in our prayers continually

Margaret Ashley  
Asma Ayoub  
Abe, Lulu & George Brown  
Issa Shammass

## LIVING

Fr. George & family  
Brian, Caroline, Alex and Anna Maria Jarboe  
Paul and Helen Jarboe family  
June and Dan DeHart family  
Ashley DeHart and Tony Russo (betrothed)  
John Langston, Jr.  
Elizabeth Pennebaker  
Janice and Steve Allen family  
Kate and Erik Noren  
Brent and Mery Allen family  
Paul and Peggy Langston family  
Fr. Aris and Presbyteria Valerie Metrakos, and  
Nicholas and Stefan  
Jim and Kathy Jattras

Richie Kogok  
Madelyn Nader  
Dee Garvin

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

## DEPARTED

William Dora Dec. 26  
Evelyn T. Coury Dec. 11  
Dolores Marge Dec. 11  
Jeane Athena Saah Dec. 5

Kh. Jacqui Rados

John Langston, Sr.

Gloria Langston

Ruth Schmidt

Paul E. and Margaret Jarboe

Wilmer Reyes

Glenda Adams

Nawal Ayoub

Fadel Taweel

Julia Walters

Jack Neam

Eddie Brown

Suzie • Siham George