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 Kogok Hall.

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SS. PETER AND PAUL ANTIÓCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America
H.E. Metropolitan JOSEPH
Archbishop Primate

All Things Are Possible to Him Who Believes

Matins: Sundays 9:30am

Divine Liturgy: Sundays 10:30am

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2020

Festal Divine Liturgy The Theophany of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ

**DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT**

APOLYTIKION OF THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST (Tone 1)

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity was made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the likeness of a dove wast made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the likeness of a dove

KONTAKION OF THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST (Tone 4)

On this day Thou hast appeared * unto the whole world, * and Thy light, O Sovereign Lord, * is signed on us who sing Thy praise * and enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

Thousands of times we sin and Christ forgives us, as long as we repent sincerely...

Elder Paisios of Mount Athos, Spiritual Counsels Vol. II Spiritual Awakening 391

TODAY, SALVATION COMES TO OUR HOUSE

Orthodox Christians encounter God today. The God we encounter revealed Himself as a babe in the Feast of the Nativity and as a man and God in this feast of Theophany. We meet this God who comes to us who have already read The Book, or at least the Cliff Notes. We encounter Him, knowing already the whole story of salvation. This God, born in a cavern, who lay in a manger, and now, in this feast, is experienced as a man beginning His ministry on earth, meets us in our time and place. When we meet Him, we choose how to respond to His coming to us. Do we make room for Him in our lives, accept Him as King and God, follow Him as disciples, suffer with Him in our flesh, and die with Him as faithful servants? Alternatively, do we carry on as if He has not yet come to us? This God allows us to choose how we shall respond. This God loves us and waits to hear from us.

When we celebrate each of the feasts, we meet Christ today as He came to us in history. Today He comes to us, His creation as a babe; vulnerable and weak. Will we make room in the caverns of our soul for Him? Today He comes to us as Man and God, who is revealed in the waters of the Jordan, witnessed by John the Baptist and His disciples. Will we join ourselves to Christ and His Father and the Holy Spirit? Today He comes to us as the teacher. Will we learn Truth? Today He comes to us in miracles? Will we follow Him? Today He sends us out into His world to share His good news. Will we be His apostles? Today He is rejected by the elite and many other people. Will we stand by Him and accept their scorn? Today He is crucified. Will we die with Him? Today He Ascends, sits at the right Hand of the Father, comes in glory and judges the world. Will we stand steadfast?

Today we are called to be born anew. Again and again and again, the Church calls us to confess our sins, change our directions and accept our newness. The Church does this because she is the bride of Christ who is Her source. She is enlivened and guided by the Holy Spirit, who works in each of us. In the Church we encounter God, not just in heaven at the liturgies, not just in feeding us in our Sunday School classes, not just in meeting Him in our outreach to those in prison, the naked, the hungry, or the afflicted, but also in every encounter with Church members as we call upon God’s name. She is Holy, She is God’s, She is for us mother, and She is our source of Life in Christ.

We meet Him again today, and in every feast day. Let us receive Him, His Life, and whatever He has for us, in our worship, our learning, and our life together. And today, too, may the world “be lighted by the light of the Lord.”

Bishop JOHN
**CHURCH SCHOOL 2019-2020**

Will be back on the regular schedule. Please check the bulletin board or contact your Sunday school teacher for the regular schedule.

**TEEN SOYO**

Ss. Peter & Paul Teen Youth Ministry Group (TEEN SOYO) is open to all teens of the parish (13 – 19 years). The teens meet regularly for social, spiritual, and community outreach events.

Jan 05 - *Church School*

Jan 12 - *No Church School*

**THE SS. PETER & PAUL PARISH LIBRARY & MEDIA CENTER**

houses the Parish Library, audio visual materials, and Christian educational resources. Donations of books or materials related to the history, tradition and teaching of the Church and the Orthodox Faith are welcome. Please contact the Parish office for details.

**Ss. Peter and Paul Outreach Visitaton 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 to visit, and to reach out to our elderly brethren. All those willing to help please contact the Church office.

**ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN**

Please pay your annual dues of $25 to help support our outreach charitable projects. All women are members and are welcome.

Jan 05 - *Pastoral Visit by His Eminence Metropolitan Joseph*

Jan 12 - *Antiochian Women/Christmas Luncheon/10p/Wildfire @Tysons Corner*

Jan 19 - *Antiochian Women’s Month*

Feb 07 - *Church School resumes*

Mar 07 - *Teen SOYO Meeting to follow Church School*

Mar 11 - *Hosting Christmas Haiti-invites have gone out to St. George, St. Mary, Holy Cross*

**YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP**

The SS. Peter & Paul Young Adult Fellowship is an active group of our church. Please contact Amal Michael at amal716@ymail.com for more information.

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

Jan 05 - *Epiphany of Our Lord and the Blessing of the Waters*

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Apr 09 - *Book Club Meeting/Selling Liturgy (Our Thoughts: Turnervne Our Lives: The Life & Teachings of Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica)*

Apr 23 - *Antiochian Women’s Month*

May 07 - *Teen SOYO Meeting to follow Church School*

May 14 - *Church School resumes*

**FACILITY MANAGEMENT**

Sam Barner

Tia Saah

**RENTAL COORDINATOR**

Barbara Abraham

George Paoud

**CHARITIES & ST. IGNATIUS BAKELSS BAKE SALE/AOCWNA/Helen Khalil**

Mar 08 - *Diocese Liturgy. 8:30 or 7:30 pm. Only hot drinks are served. No food involved. Meet time can be: 7:00-8:30 or 7:30-9:00 pm.

**MEN’S FELLOWSHIP**

The Men’s Fellowship ministry of St. Peter and Paul is to serve the church through charitable outreach, educational and service projects which strengthen and deepen the faith of its members and develop a fellowship of Orthodox Christian servants. Contact Sam Khalil at samkhalil3@icloud.com or Fred Zacharias at frzacharias@comcast.net for more information.

**THE EPISTLE**

**SS. PETER AND PAUL PARISH COUNCIL 2020**

Prayers and congratulations on the election of the new 2019 officers of the Parish Council:

Chairperson: Jumana Misleh

Vice Chairperson: Ken Bailey

Treasurer: Michael El-Hage

Secretary: Sam Khalil

May God Bless them together with all the new and serving members in their ministry to the Holy Church.

**OCMC News**

Did you know OCMC sent mission teams for the first time to Jamaica and Columbia, trained missionaries to work with Project Mexico for the first time, partnered with Orthodox Youth Mission Teams (OYMT), and prepared the first missionaries to Sweden?

—Do talk with Mike Bosworth and Sam Khalil about their upcoming medical mission to Guatemala. They are excited, and thank you for your prayers this new year as their March mission gets closer!
**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 charity and love with their neighbors. Persons in the narthex; and be considerate of those praying and conversing in the hall, outside or downstairs.

**Service Book Help**

- The Creed ~ p. 110
- The Lord’s Prayer ~ p. 118
- The Creeds of the Church ~ p. 121-122
- The Prayer of Thanksgiving ~ p. 125

**St. Ignatius Communion**

- The Service starts on p. 91
- The Prayers of Consecration p. 112
- The Creed ~ p. 110
- The Prayers of the Church ~ p. 118
- The Communion Prayer ~ p. 121
- The Prayers of the faithful and devotion, we respectfully ask you to enter the sanctuary quietly during the Divine Liturgy.

**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 usher’s tray or the collection box.

**Removal of Crowns**

THANK YOU!!

Thank you is so little for the time and effort you put into making the Cookie Walk a success. From putting boxes of cookies in the narthex; and be considerate of those praying and conversing in the hall, outside or downstairs. The Communion Prayer ~ p. 121

**Parishioners who remain in our prayers continually**

- Fr. Rev. Fr. Elias Ditter
- Fr. Rev. Daniel Griffith
- Kh. Ann Anderson
- Kevin Pinkataef
- Nebeba Ayoub
- Barbara Mullin
- Suad Shammas
- Mirian Yarge
- Mediterranean Tours
- Edward Riddalah
- Dorothy Marge
- Shokri George
- Aissa & Patricia Khoury
- Brian Briggs
- Bethany Marge
- Nicky Marge
- Don Milovich
- Edward, Joseph, George, Kat, and Philip Kogok
- Taso, Michele & Timothy Markatos
- Edward, Ritamarie, Emilia & Viviana Saa
- Alex & Thomaseena Cox
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**Removal of Crowns**

THANK YOU!!

Thank you for making our first Cookie Walk a successful event. In just a few hours the cookies were all gone and there were lots of smiles in Kogok Hall.

**Thank you Bakers**

Your cookies were not only beautiful but delicious as well. Over 40 different cookies were presented for the taking. A complete sell-out is testament to your fine culinary skills. God bless your hands and hearts.

**Thank you St. Ignatius!!**

Many thanks for graciously allowing us to share your day and space. God bless you for all you do.

**Thank you Volunteers!!**

Thank you so little for your time and effort you put into making the Cookie Walk a success. From putting boxes together, to arranging cookies for display, setting up tables, setting up electronics, making countless trips between rooms and floors pushing carts full of goodies and supplies, cashing, and helping along the line, your willingness to help did not go unnoticed. Because the Hall was rented for the weekend, all of the above was miraculously accomplished in a very short timeframe. God bless your hands and hearts.

**Thank you Cookie walkers!!**

Parishioners, guests, and friends – thank you for taking the walk and filling your boxes with our wonderful pastry. We hope you enjoyed every bite.

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year. 
Sherrin Zacharia
Fr. Elias John Abraham