

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
07 Jan	Gabro Family/1-yr Memorial for Selwa Gabro	Gabro Family/1-yr Memorial for Selwa Gabro
14 Jan	Janet Metz/40 Day Memorial for Marie Kennedy Tamari Family/40-Day for Ludwig Tamari	Tilev Family
21 Jan	Hakim Family 1-year Memorial Georges Hakim	Hakim Family 1-year Memorial Georges Hakim
28 Jan	Jweied Family	Jweied Family
04 Feb	El Kari Family/40 Day Memorial Service for Rabieh Al Kari	El Kari Family/40 Day Memorial Service for Rabieh Al Kari

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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**Matins:** Sundays 9:30am  
**Divine Liturgy:** Sundays 10:30am

**DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 07, 2018**  
**TONE 6 / EOTHINON 9**  
**SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY PROPHET, FORERUNNER & BAPTIST JOHN**  
NEW-MARTYR ATHANASIOS OF ATTALIA; VENERABLE  
BRANNOCK OF BRAUNTON

**RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 6)**  
When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

**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.

**APOLYTIKION OF SYNAXIS OF JOHN THE BAPTIST (Tone 2)**  
The memory of the righteous is celebrated with songs of praise, but the Lord’s testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner. Thou wast shown indeed to be the most honorable of the prophets, for in the waters thou didst baptize Him Who had been proclaimed. After suffering with joy in behalf of the truth, thou didst proclaim even to those in Hades the God Who appeared in the flesh, Who takest away the sin of the world, and granteth us the Great Mercy.

**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 THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST (Tone 4)**  
*(\*\*The original melody\*\*)*  
On this day Thou hast appeared \* unto the whole world, \* and Thy light, O Sovereign Lord, \* signed on us who sing Thy praise \* and chant with knowledge: Thou hast now come, \* Thou hast appeared, O Thou Light unapproachable.

*Keep in your thoughts that when misfortune comes, you cannot throw it off like a tight-fitting garment; you must bear it. Whether in a Christian way or in a non-Christian way, you cannot avoid bearing it; so it is better to bear it in a Christian way. Complaining will not deliver you from misfortune, but only make it heavier; whereas humble submission to God’s Providence and a good attitude relieve the burden of misfortunes.*

*St. Theophan the Recluse*

**THE HOLY FEAST OF THE THEOPHANY**

By Rev. Fr. Ayman Kfouf

**Introductory Notes**  
The word “*Theophany*” Means manifestation or revelation of God and refers to the manifestation of the Holy Trinity at the Baptism of Christ. The feast of Theophany (January 6) is considered to be the third greatest feast of the Orthodox Church (after Pascha and Pentecost). It commemorates the Baptism of our Lord by John the Forerunner in the river Jordan and the official appearance of the incarnate Word to the world.

The feast of Theophany is also called: “Epiphany, which means manifestation” and the “Day of Illumination and the Feast of Lights, for Christ, the Sun of Justice has appeared to illumine those who sat in darkness”.

**Historical Background of the Feast of the Theophany:**  
The feast of Theophany is the 2nd oldest Christian feast after Easter. Historical evidence indicates that the Gnostics celebrated the feast of Theophany as early as the year 140 A.D. St. Clement of Alexandria described the celebration of the baptism of Christ and the night vigil before this Feast, which was spent reading the scriptures. St. Clements writes: “And the followers of Basilides hold the day of His baptism as a festival, spending the night before in readings.” (Stromata, Book I: 21)

Many faithful Christians celebrated the feast of the Baptism of Christ with the Gnostics, which concerned the church, who was vigilant against heretical teachings. Therefore, to protect the faithful from associating with the Gnostics, the church officially adopted the celebration of the Baptism of Christ on January 6, along with the feast of His Nativity.

By the year 350 A.D, the feast of Theophany became more officially recognized in the church and took the names Epiphany and Theophany. This fact is evident in the Apostolic Constitutions: “*Brethren, observe the festival days; and first of all the birthday which you are to celebrate on the twenty-fifth of the ninth month; after which let the Theophany be to you the most honored, in which the Lord made to you a display of His own Godhead, and let it take place on the sixth of the tenth month.*” (Book V:13)

By mid to late fourth century, the church separated the feast of Theophany from the feast of the Nativity of Christ. The celebration of the Feast of Theophany settled on January 6, and the Feast of the Nativity of Christ was moved to December 25 to replace the pagan festival of *Sol Invictus* "unconquerable Sun."

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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/GQ6uQSnltimwgvJW2>. 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).

**Mar 18** \*2018 Pascha Prep Workshop

### TEEN SOYO

Events and outreach projects:

**Jan 20** \*Great Vespers @5:00p  
\*Overnight Retreat @6:00p

### The Lay Advisors are:

Zaid Sharafudin/zaid343@yahoo.com

### THE ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

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

**Save the Date:** Saturday, January 13 for a Luncheon Meeting hosted by Kate Niewenhaus, 14513 Whirlaway Lane, North Potomac, MD 20878

### THE PARISH GIFT SHOP

The Ss. Peter and Paul Parish 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](mailto:ajmzaki@gmail.com)

### 2018 CALENDARS

The Church Calendars for the New Year 2018 have arrived and are available on the tables in the Narthex (entrance lobby). Please kindly take only one (1) per family or household and hang them in your homes to use during the year ahead.

### MEN'S CLUB

**Jan 28, 2018** \*Men's Club Mtg./12:30p/LL Hall

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

"Exploring Our Faith" meets every other Thursday evening **7:00p to 8:30p** in the lower level conference room. The next meeting is **Thursday, January 11, 2018**. Fr. Isaac facilitates the meetings using brief presentations as a springboard to open discussion on a variety of topics concerning our faith. ALL ARE WELCOME. Please contact Fr. Isaac at [frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org](mailto:frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org) or Kate Niewenhaus at [handmaidens20854@gmail.com](mailto:handmaidens20854@gmail.com).

### 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](mailto:georgezaki@gmail.com) or [ajmzaki@gmail.com](mailto:ajmzaki@gmail.com)), Alex Cox at ([alexcoxseals@gmail.com](mailto:alexcoxseals@gmail.com)) or Fr. Isaac at ([frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org](mailto:frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org)). Our Parish is grateful for this ministry remembering that when we visit the sick and the infirm we visit Christ himself.

### CHURCH CALENDAR

Jan 07 \*Selwa Gabro Memorial Service  
\*Blessing of the New Parish Council  
\*Distribution of Holy Water  
Jan 09 \*Parish Council Meeting/7p/LL Conf. Rm.  
Jan 11 \*Adult Education Forum "Exploring our Faith"/7p-8:30p/LL Conf. Rm.  
Jan 13 \*Antiochian Women's Luncheon hosted by Kate Niewenhaus (see above for address)  
Jan 14 \*Ludwig Tumari 40-Day Memorial Service to follow Liturgy  
\*Raphael George Zaki/Baptism/1:30p  
Jan 15 \*Offices closed. MLK Holiday  
Jan 20 \*Nareg & Nairy Akopian Baptism/1:30p  
\*Vespers/5p  
\*Teen SOYO Overnight Retreat/6p  
Jan 21 \*Georges Hakim Memorial Service to follow Liturgy  
Jan 28 \*Men's Club Mtg./12:30p/LL Hall  
Feb 01 \*Feast of the Presentation of the Lord  
Matins/6:00p  
Liturgy/7:00p  
Mar 18 Church School Pascha Prep Workshop

### THE EPISTLE

(For the Synaxis)

*The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord. O God, hear my prayer.*

**The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (19:1-8)**

In those days, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the One Who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve of them in all. And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, arguing and pleading about the Kingdom of God.

### THE GOSPEL

(For the Synaxis)

**The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (1:29-34)**

At that time, John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world! This is He of Whom I said, 'After me comes a man Who ranks before me, for He was before me.' I myself did not know Him; but for this I came baptizing with water, that He might be revealed to Israel." And John bore witness, "I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on Him. I myself did not know Him; but He Who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on Whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is He Who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

### Blessing of the Parish Council

**Chair:** Alex Cox  
**V. Chair:** John Abraham  
**Treasurer:** - George Zaki  
**Secretary:** - Abe Fannoney

The newly elected, approved and serving members comprise:

Roy Abdo	Michelle Forzley	Anees Mokhiber
Philip Allen	Salim Habayeb	Wayne Parr
Jerry Audi	Bassem Haddad	Mitody Tilev
Nabil Emad	Samer Korkor	

May God Bless them as they begin their term of service and ministry to the Holy Church.

### FEAST OF THE HOLY THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Thank you for joining in this Feast of the 'Epiphany' or appearance of the Lord and His being revealed in the Jordan River. Holy Water will also be distributed today on Sunday, January 7, 2018 at the conclusion of the Liturgy.

### **CHURCH SCHOOL**

#### **Directors**

Samia Zolnerowich  
Jennifer Buchko

#### **Teachers**

Jumana Misleh  
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Rose Ansara  
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Caroline Jarboe  
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Anees Mokhiber  
AJ Wood  
Philip Allen

#### **MENS CLUB**

Sam Khalil

#### **ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN**

Carol Laham

#### **TEEN SOYO**

##### **Lay Advisors**

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Anees Mokhiber

##### **Officers**

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#### **FACILITY MANAGEMENT**

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#### **CHARITIES**

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#### **FINANCE**

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#### **STEWARDSHIP**

**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.*

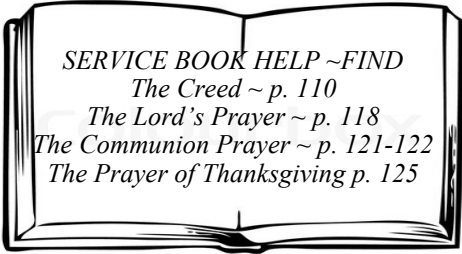
**Not Receiving Communion**  
*Those not receiving sacramental communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another by receiving a piece of blessed bread following the dismissal prayers.*

**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:  
The Gabro Family~ 1-Year Memorial for Salwa Gabro

ZALABIYA-FRIED DOUGH FOR THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY  
Sam & Margo Ghanem In Memory Of Fr. George and Kh. Jacqui Rados

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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		
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Helen White	Isabel Thredeh	George Brown
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Edward Rizkallah	Dorothy Marge	

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Victor, Joseph, Warde, Fouad, Mary,  
Christian & Fadi.

Churching  
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Alina Farmand

Memorial Service  
Selwa Gabro