

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	Susan & Gary Farha	Susan & Gary Farha
9		
16		
23		
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

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Sunday, January 12, 2014

Sunday after the Theophany of Christ

On this day we commemorate: Martyr Tatiana of Rome and those with her;
Martyr Peter Absalom of Palestine; Virgin-martyr Euthasia;
Martyr Mertios of Mauretania

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 4)

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

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.

TROPARION of Ss. Peter & 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)

(**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.

Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News

North America. The Orthodox Church is closely related to the Catholic Church in its theological doctrines and worldviews, which stem from the apostolic tradition founded two thousand years ago in the time of Jesus Christ (Pulcini n.p.).

As a Christian religion, the Orthodox Church poses some important answers to many religious questions. Orthodox Christianity teaches that human beings are fundamentally good, created in the image and likeness of God. Following its biblical creation narrative in Genesis, the Orthodox Church teaches that following the fall of mankind with Adam and Eve partaking of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in Eden, human beings accepted the ancestral curse of original sin. Although Orthodoxy believes that all humans are sinful and that only Jesus Christ as the Son of God is sinless, it contends that human beings can overcome their suffering in order to attain salvation (SCOPA n.p.).

Orthodoxy teaches that humans are destined to go to an afterlife in the form of Heaven or Hell, unlike the Catholic religion which includes a purgatory. This is because the teaching is that humans all go to the same place when they die, until the day that they are judged to either spend eternity in heaven or hell. Salvation would be going to heaven to spend eternity with God, while damnation would be being absent from God in Hell for all eternity. At the end of time, God will reveal his presence to the world in the second coming, and judge each according to his/her lifestyle. Those who love him will be in paradise, while those who hate him will be in hell, according to his

divine mercy. Although salvation depends on one's faith, living a good and moral life, and loving his/her brothers and sisters as well as the Lord, Orthodoxy does not believe in strict judgment and condemnation, rather preaching the message of God's mercy and love toward all mankind and the fact that no one knows the day or the hour of the Lord's second coming or its outcome. Also, besides believing in the immortality of the soul, and in salvation, Orthodoxy also believes that the human body is good, including all other material creations. Humans are supposed to be good moral people and stewards of creation, who in order to overcome the human condition have to live moral lives, pray, fast, give alms, and worship the one and only true God (Potapov n.p.). To be continued...

LOOKING AHEAD Upcoming events...

Jan 12 - Baptism of Naya Jabour @1pm
Jan 14 - Parish Council Meeting @7pm
Jan 19 - Baptism of Angelina Alnmir @1pm
Jan 21 - Adult Education Forum @7:15pm
Jan 26 - Marriage Blessing Younes
Feb 1 - Holy Bread Making Class @10am
Feb 1 - Arabic Liturgy @5pm
Feb 4 - Adult Education Forum @7:15pm
Feb 8 - Wedding of Mazen Saah @3pm
Feb 9 - Ladies Auxiliary meeting/lunch @12:15pm
Feb 11 - Parish Council Meeting @7pm
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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STEWARDSHIP MONTH

Our Parish Council is designating January as "Stewardship Month," during which we will make special efforts to bring to parishioners' attention the need to contribute to the financial support of our church and our Archdiocese. Our priests will help us understand what our faith has to say about stewardship. Upon the solid foundation built by those before us, we strive to continue the tradition of Ss Peter and Paul for those who come after us – our children and our children's children. The effort to sustain Ss Peter and Paul spiritually and financially never ends. It is OUR church. All are welcome to become involved, we need you! The doors are always open, thanks to all those who give of their treasure and time and labor here at the church. If you have not already done so, please complete and submit a green pledge form. During Stewardship Month, green pledge forms will be available in the vestibule for your convenience. Yellow envelopes are available for your Archdiocese dues. Each church is assessed based on their annual operating budget, so if you do not pay your share of the Archdiocese Assessment, it must come out of the church's general fund that could be used for other purposes. You may drop your envelope at the candle stand or in the collection basket.

LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING

Our next meeting and pot luck luncheon is Sunday, February 9th, in the Lower Hall, immediately following Liturgy.

PROSFORA (HOLY BREAD) BAKING CLASS

Learn to make Prosfora (Holy Bread) at our next class Saturday, February 1st, from 9:00am to 2:00pm, in the Upstairs Kitchen. Space is limited so sign up now! You will receive the list of items to bring to make five loaves. Special guests Fr. George and Fr. Isaac will present the liturgical aspects of preparing the Prosfora for Communion and Antidoran. Come learn, it is a wonderful and gratifying experience. Contact Lorna at LornaAM@aol.com or 703-978-6542.

EXPLORING OUR FAITH

Adult Ed class will meet again on Tuesday January 21st 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.

CATECHISM

from Fr. Isaac

What Is Orthodox Christianity?
Here is the first in a four-part series.
Orthodox Christianity is one of the three main branches of Christianity, alongside Catholicism and Protestantism. In its essence, the Orthodox Church believes itself to be the living continuation of the Apostolic Church, founded by Christ himself, maintained without distorting addition or detrimental detraction. The contemporary Orthodox Church thrives in many countries throughout the world, and is the fastest growing Christian religion in

THE EPISTLE (For the Sunday after Theophany)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (4:7-13)

Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When He ascended on high He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is He who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ

THE GOSPEL (For the Sunday after Theophany)

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (4:12-17)
At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulon and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulon and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Directors

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Christian & Zeina Manasseh

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Sami Najjar

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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.

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION IS OFFERED BY: The Saah family in Memory of Jeane Saah

40-Day Memorial for Jeane Saah

2-Year Memorial for Marie L. Yanowsky (mother of Betty Slanta & Barbara Bosworth; husband of Nicholas Yanowsky)

10-Year Memorial for William Slanta (father of John Slanta)

14-Year Memorial of Aggie Loboda

2-Year Memorial of Adrian Gan

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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

Asma Ayoub

Abe, Lulu & George Brown

Issa Shammass

LIVING

Saah family

Richie Kogok

Samantha Guthrie

Madelyn Nader

Dee Garvin

Amahl Smiley

Jeanette Bolus

Helen and Mike Khalil
Nick, Nyla, Dalya, Eliana and Lucas Louh
Nawal Ayoub

DEPARTED

William Dora Dec. 26

Evelyn T. Coury Dec. 11

Dolores Marge Dec. 11

Jeane Athena Saah Dec. 5

Julian John El-Hage

Shawki El-Hage

John Bolus

Marie L. Yanowsky

William Slanta

Aggie Loboda

Adrian Gan

Freddy Ayoub