

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR
AND BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION**

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
13 Jan	Carol Laham & Paul Bridenhagen	Mltody Tilev & Family
20 Jan	Caroline Jarboe	Caroline Jarboe
27 Jan	Open	Open
03 Feb	Lorna Malooley	Open
10 Feb	Khleif Family	Khleif Family

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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All Things Are Possible to Him Who Believes

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2019
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SUNDAY AFTER THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST

MARTYRS HERMYLOS AND STRATONIKOS OF BELGRADE;
MARTYRS PACHOMIOS AND POPYRINOS OF GREECE;
VENERABLE MAXIMOS KAFSOKALYVITIS OF ATHOS;
VENERABLE ELEAZAR OF ANZERSK ISLAND;
HILARION, BISHOP OF POITIERS

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 8)

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, 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 likeness of a dove confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, Who hast appeared and enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

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, * is signed on us who sing Thy praise * and chant with knowledge: Thou hast now come, * Thou hast appeared, O Thou Light unapproachable.

Enter into the Church and wash away your sins. For here there is a hospital and not a court of law.

St. John Chrysostom

WHO IS MAN?

Bishop Kallistos (Ware)

Made in the divine image, microcosm and mediator, man is priest and king of the creation. Consciously and with deliberate purpose, he can do two things that the animals can only do unconsciously and instinctively. First, man is able to *bless and praise God for the world*. Man is best defined not as a “logical” but as a “eucharistic” animal. He does not merely live in the world, think about it and use it, but he is capable of seeing the world as God’s gift, as a sacrament of God’s presence and a means of communion with him. So he is able to offer the world back to God in thanksgiving: “Thine own from thine own we offer to thee, in all and for all” (The Liturgy of St John Chrysostom).

Secondly, besides blessing and praising God for the world, man is also able to *reshape and alter the world*, and so to endue it with fresh meaning. In the words of Fr Dumitru Staniloae, “Man puts the seal of his understanding and of his intelligent work onto creation... The world is not only a gift, but a task for man.” It is our calling to co-operate with God; we are, in St Paul’s phrase, “fellow-workers with God” (1 Cor. 3:9). Man is not just a logical and eucharistic animal, but he is also a creative animal: the fact that man is in God’s image means that man is a creator after the image of God the Creator. This creative role he fulfills, not by brute force, but through the clarity of his spiritual vision; his vocation is not to dominate and exploit nature, but to transfigure and hallow it.

In a variety of ways—through the cultivation of the earth, through craftsmanship, through the writing of books and the painting of ikons—man gives material things a voice and renders the creation articulate in praise of God. It is significant that the first task of the newly-created Adam was to give names to the animals (Gen. 2:19-20). The giving of names is in itself a creative act: until we have found a name for some object or experience, an “inevitable word” to indicate its true character, we cannot begin to understand it and to make use of it. It is likewise significant that, when at the Eucharist we offer back to God the first fruits of the earth, we offer them not in their original form but reshaped by the hand of man: we bring to the altar not sheaves of wheat but loaves of bread, not grapes but wine.

So man is priest of the creation through his power to give thanks and to offer the creation back to God; and he is king of the creation through his power to mould and fashion, to connect and diversify. This hieratic and royal function is beautifully described by St Leontius of Cyprus:

Through heaven and earth and sea, through wood and stone, through all creation visible and invisible, I offer veneration to the Creator and Master and Maker of all things. For the creation does not venerate the Maker directly and by itself, but it is through me that the heavens declare the glory of God, through me the moon worships God, through me the stars glorify him, through me the waters and showers of rain, the dews and all creation, venerate God and give him glory.



OCMC (Orthodox Christian Mission Charities)

**Please see a framed sign on a table in our narthex listing upcoming short-term missions for 2019, or go to ocmc.org for more information. The listing at our church gives short-term opportunities through International Orthodox Christian Charities as well.

**Remember the OCMC box at the candle stand for your spare change or donations. Your support helps underwrite self-sustainability projects, medical outreach, construction of homes and schools, and much-needed relief.

Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News and Events

CHURCH SCHOOL 2018-2019

Registration for Church School is ongoing using this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/GQ6uQSnltimwglWZ>, include your email as most Church school announcements go out to the entire parish. Please list all/allergies.
Check out our new online Church School Newsletter
<https://tinyurl.com/PeterPaulCSOctober>

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.
Lay Advisors:
 Zaid Sharafudin/Zaid.sharafudin@gmail.com (412) 708-6726 and Marian Azar/azaremarian@gmail.com (703) 297-9638

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

The Ss. Peter & Paul YAF welcomes all young people over 20 years of age to join in its social, educational, and outreach activities. Please contact Wayne Parr at wayneparr@gmail.com or Amal Michael at amall17m@yahoo.com for more information.
 Feb 3 *Young Adult Fellowship Super Bowl Party

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

*Please pay your annual dues of \$25 to help support our outreach and charitable projects. Checks can be given to Janet Metz.
 *Please provide your email address to Donna Gavin @crazygavins@verizon.net for future notices.
 *If you have a child in college, please provide their name and college address to Donna Gavin at the above email address. The ladies are planning a new outreach to college students.
 *PLEASE volunteer to help!
 Jan 20 *Antiochian Women Mtg./1:00p/Serge Malooley Conf. Rm.
 Mar 02 *Antiochian Women hosting St. George ladies for tea/Kogok Hall

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Jan 22 *7:00/Men's Fellowship Mtg./Serge Malooley Conf. Rm. All men of the Church are welcome and urged to attend.

THE SS. PETER & PAUL PARISH LIBRARY & MEDIA CENTER

The new Parish Library and Media Center is up and running. The Center houses the Parish Library, audio visual materials, and Christian educational resources. The Center is located in the lower level inside room accessible from the Serge Malooley Conference Center room. Donations of books or materials related to the history, tradition and teaching of the Church and the Orthodox Faith are welcome. All are welcome to use the center by following its user guidelines. Contact Fr. Isaac, Fr. Luke, or Dn. Christian for access and information.

"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 Library & Media Center. The next meeting is **Thursday, January 24, 2019**. Fr. Isaac facilitates the Forums using brief presentations as a springboard to open discussion on a variety of topics concerning our faith. ALL ARE WELCOME. Contact Fr. Isaac at frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org, Fr. Luke at frluke@peterpaulpotomac.org or Kate Niewenhaus at 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 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 or ajmzaki@gmail.com), Alex Cox at (alexcxsells@gmail.com) or Fr. Isaac at (frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org). Our Parish is grateful for this ministry remembering that when we visit the sick and the infirm we visit Christ himself.

THE PARISH GIFT SHOP

Don't forget to stop by the Parish gift shop for your special gifts. It's open every Sunday following Liturgy. For more information contact Alma Jean Zaki at (703) 283-9338 or ajmzaki@gmail.com

CREDIT CARD GIVING TO SS. PETER AND PAUL CHURCH

The new Credit Card Giving Kiosk for donations or payments to Ss. Peter and Paul Church is operational. The Kiosk and 'swipe' screen are located in the Narthex (entrance) of the Church. Please contact Wayne Parr or Ken Bailey for more information.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Jan 20 *Antiochian Women Mtg./1p, Serge Malooley Conf. Rm.
 *2:00p/John Mufarrrij-Angelica Kania wedding
 Jan 22 *Men's Fellowship Mtg./7pm/Serge Malooley Conf. Rm.
 Jan 24 *Adult Religious Education Forum/'Exploring our Faith'/7:00p/ Library & Media Center
 Jan 26 *Retreat/Envisioning the Kingdom: the Why & How of Beauty in the Orthodox Church/10a-3p. (including lunch)/Kogok Hall
 Feb 01 *Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple/6p Matins, 7p Liturgy
 Feb 03 *Young Adult Fellowship Super Bowl Party
 Feb 07 *Adult Religious Education Forum/'Exploring our Faith'/7:00p/ Library & Media Center
 Feb 09 *10a-3p/Parish Council Retreat/LL Hall
 Feb 12 *Parish Council Mtg/7p/Serge Malooley Conf Rm
 Feb 21 *Adult Religious Education Forum/'Exploring our Faith'/7:00p/ Library & Media Center
 Feb 23 *5:00p/Community Pot-Luck Dinner/Kogok Hall & LL Hall
 Feb 24 *Baptism/Leo Khalaf/1:30p
 Mar 02 *Antiochian Women hosting St. George Ladies for Tea/Kogok Hall
 Mar 03 *Meat Fare Sunday
 Mar 12 *Parish Council Mtg/7p/Serge Malooley Conf Rm

THE EPISTLE

(For the Sunday after Theophany of Christ)
Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.
The Reading 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 of Christ)
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."

Envisioning The Kingdom

The Why and How of Beauty in the Orthodox Church
 A one day retreat with Krista West at Ss. Peter and Paul Church
 Saturday, January 26, 2019 // 10:00am - 3:00pm (including lunch) // in the Church Hall
All Are Welcome!

House Blessings, 2019

With the coming of the Great Feast of the Theophany and the Sanctification of the Water, a new season of House Blessings has begun. All those who would like to have their homes blessed please contact the Church Office, or Fr. Isaac and Fr. Luke in order to arrange a visit.
 May God Bless and Protect each and every home and family of our Parish in the New Year.

CHURCH SCHOOL

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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

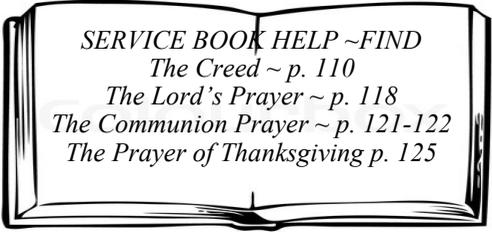
Orthodox Christians
Faithful Orthodox fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when they receive Holy Communion in fulfillment of Christ's command to eat His Body and drink His Blood. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, communicants should not be conscious of grave sin, 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.



Parishioners who remain in our prayers continually

Rt. Rev. Fr. Elias Bitar	Margaret Ashley	Mary Smith
Isabel Thredeh	George Brown	Nabeeha Ayoub
Holly Dubois	Suad Shammas	Robert & Thelma Badwey
Sophie Neam	Miriam Yazge	Barbara Abraham
George & Joan Abraham	Lula Brown	Douglas Kalesh
Michael Buchko, Sr.	Edward Rizkallah	Dorothy Marge
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LIVING

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Haifa Habib & Family	Helen Khalil	Nyla Louh
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Metody, Juliana, Matthew & Toni Tilev		Michael & Nadia El-Hage & Family
Carol Laham	Paul & Robert Bridenhagen	Robert & Gladys Laham and Family
Ruth Bridenhagen and Family	Thomaseena Cox	Alex Cox
Sami Korban		

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Fr. George Rados
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Shawki El-Hage
Elias Habib
Naif Hanna Khleif
Atanas & Ivanka Tilev
John Bridenhagen
Monsour and Nellie Laham
Michael and Helen Joseph

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:
Carol Laham & Paul Bridenhagen

FELLOWSHIP OFFERED BY:
Metody Tilev & Family/IMO Atanas & Ivanka Tilev

2019 STEWARDSHIP DRIVE
The Stewardship Committee is launching our 2019 stewardship drive. Please support your church with your time, talents and treasure and fill out a stewardship form in paper (located in the Narthex) or online at peterpaulpotomac.elxiocms.com. Please make the commitment to support the Church through your generous free-will donation. If you have any questions or need more information, please see a member of the Stewardship committee member or in the fellowship hall for more information. Thank you for your support!

ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE SUMMER CAMP 2019
Attention Parents: Online registration for the Antiochian Village summer camp has started. The program is open to children ages 9-17 years. The sessions run from June 16 through August 9, 2019. Parents are encouraged to send their children to session 4 (July 28 thru August 9) in order to share bus transportation. Please register your children soon as places fill up quickly. See <https://avcamp.org/>