

	<b>Bread of Holy Oblation</b>	<b>Fellowship Hour</b>
<b>14 Jan</b>	Janet Metz/40 Day Memorial for Marie Kennedy Tamari Family/40-Day for Ludwig Tamari Cassis Family/1-Year Memorial for Josephine Cassis	Tilev Family
<b>21 Jan</b>	Hakim Family 1-year Memorial Georges Hakim	Hakim Family 1-year Memorial Georges Hakim
<b>28 Jan</b>	Jweied Family	Jweied Family
<b>04 Feb</b>	El Kari Family/40 Day Memorial Service for Rabieh Al Kari	El Kari Family/40 Day Memorial Service for Rabieh Al Kari
<b>11 Feb</b>	open	open

**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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*All Things Are Possible to Him Who Believes*

**Matins:** Sundays 9:30am

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

**DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2018**

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**LEAVE-TAKING OF & SUNDAY AFTER THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST**

HOLY FATHERS SLAIN AT SINAI AND RAITHU; VIRGIN-MARTYR AGNES;  
VENERABLE THEODOULOS, SON OF NEILOS THE WISE OF SINAI; NI-  
NA, EQUAL-TO-THE-APOSTLES AND ENLIGHTENER OF GEORGIA;  
SABBAS, FIRST ARCHBISHOP OF SERBIA

**RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 7)**

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the 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 likeness 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 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.

**2017 Stewardship Pledges**

With the coming of the new year, the Ss. Peter and Paul Parish Council kindly reminds all the faithful of the Parish that stewardship pledges for 2017 are still due. Please make sure to mail in all donations and payments as soon as possible.

**THE CONSOLATIONS OF HOMS**

*Metropolitan SABA (Esber)*

The Archdiocese of Homs is the second most numerous after that of Damascus. The destruction and displacement that has afflicted the city of Homs has afflicted it. Many of its people have fled it, for the most part heading for neighboring regions that are safer, particularly Wadi al-Nasara. Half of our diocesan complex has been destroyed there. The damage affecting some churches ranges from almost complete to partial, but its great loss is represented by the emptying-out of the Old City and neighborhoods adjacent to it of their inhabitants. Stone brings back people and becomes empty ruins without them.

Therefore her bishop and priests did not leave her. Those who were in the combat zone, along with their parishes, took refuge in safe areas within Homs. He has continued to care for the flock entrusted to him with the strength, ability and acumen given to him.

Despite the current hardship, some of the priests, with the blessing of their bishop and with the cooperation of donor organizations, have initiated development projects in support of those who have been affected. Around 92 people live there: a year-round nursery in the Church of Our Lady (the Armenian Quarter) takes in 150 boys and girls. There is a sewing and embroidery workshop that produces ecclesiastical vestments, a factory for producing sponges and upholstery, a workshop for producing winter clothing, and a cattle farm. It should be mentioned that the income from these projects is dedicated to supporting affected families and to encourage them to set up small businesses.

Needs are great and varied and require enormous budgets. But the believer trades with the balance given to him and offers it to God, who blesses and multiplies honest effort, no matter how humble. Let the believer not forget the words of the Lord, "And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward" (Matthew 10:42).

Likewise the Patriarchate, in cooperation with donor organizations, has launched the "Let's Build" campaign to help the families of the Old City to rebuild their homes and return to them. 751 houses and three schools have been rebuilt in addition to a shelter center as of the time of this writing. By the end of this month, 110 more houses will have been rebuilt.

You may hear some grumbling here and there. Those who lack love justify their laziness with criticism, not caring for those who are exhausted, whose frustration and despair increase on account of his negativity. Those who are thankful and understanding, though they are few, have the blessing of contributing to raising the spirits of those who are exhausted by their examples, strengthening their hopes in their Church and their nation.

The zeal of the priests and the flock, particularly the youth, spreads consolation, lessens suffering, and bears witness to the terrifying destruction and its horrors. From the grave of the martyred [Father Frans](#) in his monastery in the heart of the Old City, I raised a prayer for the repose of his soul, for the souls of those who have died, for the strengthening of those who still struggle, refusing to leave their precious land of Syria, watered with the blood of martyrs and saints.

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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 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)

### MEN'S CLUB

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

### OCMC MISSION TEAMS

What are you doing for your vacation this year? Consider an Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) Mission Team in 2018! Empower the Church by working, witnessing, worshipping and making disciples. Minister to needs of Orthodox communities by sharing your love, unity and support; share your God-given talents to strengthen communities; see the world while sharing your faith; teach the Orthodox Faith and provide labor to communities worldwide. Current OCMC Mission Team opportunities are available to Albania (outreach, teaching and youth work), Ghana (Youth Work), Guatemala (Youth work and Healthcare Education), Indonesia (Teaching), Kenya (Teaching and Youth Work), Mexico (Construction and Teaching) and Alaska (annual wilderness Youth Camp). To apply for a mission team, go to [https://www.ocmc.org/about/open\\_teams.aspx](https://www.ocmc.org/about/open_teams.aspx) or call 1-877-463-6784.

### "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 25, 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 ([alexcoxells@gmail.com](mailto:alexcoxells@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 14 \*Ludwig Tumari 40-Day Memorial Service  
\*Marie Kennedy 40-Day Memorial Service  
\*Josephine Cassis 1-Year Memorial Service  
\*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  
Jan 25 \*Adult Education Forum/"Exploring our Faith"/  
7p-8:30p/LL Conf. Rm.  
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  
Feb 04 \*Rabieh Al-Kari/40-day Memorial  
Feb 10 \*Parish Council Annual Retreat/  
11:30a-4p/LL Hall  
Feb 11 \*Meat Fare  
Feb 17 \*Elias Peter Horany/Baptism/12p  
Feb 18 \*Cheese Fare  
\*Fr. Isaac & Kh. Dolly/1-yr Memorial for  
Fouad Shwayri  
\*Luna James/Baptism/1:30p  
Feb 19 \*Start of Lent  
\*Presidents' Day/Offices Closed  
Mar 18 Church School Pascha Prep Workshop  
Apr 01 \*Palm Sunday  
Apr 08 \*Pascha

### 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 Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun 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."

*If you want to tune in to God so He listens to you when you pray, turn the knob to humility, for on this frequency God always operates, and humbly ask for His mercy.*

*St. Paisios the Athonite*

### HOUSE BLESSINGS FOR EPIPHANY 2018

With the celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany and the Great Sanctification of the Water, a new season of the blessing of homes has begun. If you would like to have your home blessed, please contact Fr. Isaac directly or through the Church office to arrange a time for a visit.

May the blessing of the River Jordan sanctify and grant protection to all the faithful of our parish in this new year.

### **CHURCH SCHOOL**

#### **Directors**

Samia Zolnerowich  
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### **MENS CLUB**

Sam Khalil

### **ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN**

Carol Laham

### **TEEN SOYO**

#### **Lay Advisors**

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### **STEWARDSHIP**

# 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.

**Parishioners who remain in our prayers continually**

Margaret Ashley	Brian Briggs	Mary Smith
Helen White	Isabel Threddeh	George Brown
Everett Alvarez	Holly Dubois	Robert & Thelma Badwey
Edmond & Sophie Neam	Miriam Yazge	Barbara Abraham
George & Joan Abraham	Lulu Brown	Martin Pinkstaff
Suad Shammass	Mary Bazargan	Michael Buchko, Sr.
Edward Rizkallah	Dorothy Marge	

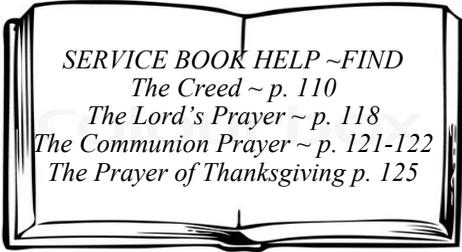
**Welcome to Ss. Peter and Paul**  
To encourage our worship in a proper spirit of prayer and devotion, we respectfully ask you to enter the sanctuary quietly during the Divine Liturgy.

**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.



**LIVING**

Leila Khoury	Bob Petrossian
Louise Magelli	Julia Fayad
Mark Buchko	Debbie Brown
Joyce Kogok	Robert & Joyce Najjar
John Dalelio	Myr Tamari & Family
Betty Adams	Ziad Deeb
Janet Metz & Family	Rima Rizkallah & Family
Zachary DePuy	Michael & Nadia El-Hage & Family
Denise Bolus	John & Andrea Bolus & Family
Haifa Habib & Family	Michael & Kristin Bolus & Family
Victor & Maha Abdunnur	Sami & Rida Boulos & Family
Habib Family	Moujais Family
Frank Ellis	George, Alma Jean & Raphael Zaki
Chris Malaska & Family	Arin, Vivian, Nareg, & Nairy Akopian
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Petrakis Family	Chebib Family
Varelas Family	Amelia Botsis
Elaïne Ghareeb	Katherine Lagos
Dn George & Vicki Cassis	Metody, Juliana, Matthew, & Tony Tilev
Carol Al Kari & Family	

**DEPARTED**

Archpriest George & Kh. Jacqui Rados

Marie Kennedy  
Ludwig Tamari  
Nicholas Mourad  
Rabih Al Kari  
Eli Habib  
Julian John El-Hage  
Shawky El-Hage  
Elias Habib  
Zekin & Adma Shakhshiri  
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Susan Shahade  
George & Josephine Cassis  
Nicholas & Hazel Cassis  
George & Hassiba Cassis  
George & Julia Maloof  
Louise Cassis  
Melba Shaheen  
Victoria Neuman  
Sam Ghareeb  
Michael Rizkallah  
Louiza Khoury Abdo  
Aaron Green  
Atanas & Ivanka Tilev  
Paul Abdo

**MEMORIALS**  
Marie Kennedy  
Ludwig Tamari  
Josephine Cassis

**HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:**

Janet Metz/40-Day Memorial for Marie Kennedy  
Tamari Family/40-Day Memorial for Ludwig Tamari

**MEMORIAL WHEAT OFFERED BY:**

George & Peter Cassis & Nikki Haddad/1 Year Memorial for Josephine Cassis  
Janet Metz/40-Day Memorial for Marie Kennedy  
Tamari Family/40-Day Memorial for Ludwig Tamari

**FELLOWSHIP OFFERED BY:**

The Tilev Family