

	<b>BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION</b>	<b>FELLOWSHIP HOUR</b>
<b>17 Jan</b>	John & Jumana Misleh	Caroline Jarboe
<b>20 Jan</b>	Bassam Eways 6-Month Memorial for Mudallah Eways	Teen SOYO
<b>31 Jan</b>	Mokhiber Family	Mokhiber Family
<b>07 Feb</b>	Lorna Malooley	Malouf Family 40-Day Memorial for Eva Catherine Malouf
<b>14 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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## SS. PETER AND PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

*All Things Are Possible to Him Who Believes*

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

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2016**  
**TONE 8/EOTHINON 1 1**

**VENERABLE AND GOD-BEARING FATHER ANTHONY**  
**THE GREAT**  
**& TWELFTH SUNDAY OF LUKE**

ANTHONY THE NEW, ASCETIC OF BERREA IN MACEDONIA; NEW-MARTYR  
GEORGE OF IOANNINA

### APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRECTION (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 ST ANTHONY THE GREAT (Tone 4)

Thou didst become like the zealous Elijah in his condition, and followed John the Baptist in his upright ways, becoming a dweller in the wilderness and an establisher of the universe by thy prayer, O Father Anthony. Wherefore, intercede thou with Christ God to save our souls.

### 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 PRESENTATION OF CHRIST (Tone 1)

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

A house is not built by beginning at the top and working down. You must begin with the foundations in order to reach the top. The foundation is our neighbor, whom we must win, and that is the place to begin. For all the commandments of Christ depend on this alone.

*St. John the Short*

## The Biblical View of Sacrifice

Speaking about sacrifice is unfashionable, and even unpopular, in the modern world. But if the idea of sacrifice is unpopular, this is primarily because many people have a false notion of what sacrifice actually means. They imagine that sacrifice involves loss or death; they see sacrifice as somber or gloomy. Perhaps this is because, throughout the centuries, religious concepts have been used to make distinctions between those who have and those who have not, as well as to justify avarice, abuse, and arrogance.

Nevertheless, if we consider how sacrifice was understood in the Old Testament, we find that the Israelites had a very different view of its significance. To them, *sacrifice meant not loss but gain, not death but life. Sacrifice was costly, but it brought about not diminution but fulfillment; it was a change not for the worse but for the better.* Above all, for the Israelites, sacrifice signified, not primarily giving up, but simply giving. In its basic essence, a sacrifice is a gift — a voluntary offering in worship by humanity to God.

Thus in the Old Testament, although sacrifice often involved the slaying of an animal, the whole point was not the taking but the giving of life; not the death of the animal but the offering of the animal's life to God. Through this sacrificial offering, a bond was established between the human worshiper and God. The gift, once accepted by God, was consecrated, acting as a means of communion between Him and His people. For the Israelites, the fasts — and the sacrifices that went with them — were "seasons of joy and gladness, and cheerful festivals" (Zech. 8:19).

An essential element of any sacrifice is that it should be willing and voluntary. That which is extracted from us by force and violence, against our will, is not a sacrifice. Only *what we offer in freedom and in love is truly a sacrifice. There is no sacrifice without love.* When we surrender something unwillingly, we suffer loss; but when we offer something voluntarily, out of love, we only gain.

When, on the fortieth day after Christ's birth, His mother the Virgin Mary, accompanied by Joseph, came to the temple and offered her child to God, her act of sacrifice brought her not sorrow but joy, for it was an act of love. She did not lose her child, but He became her own in a way that He could never otherwise have been.

Christ proclaimed this seemingly contradictory mystery when He taught: "Those who want to save their life will lose it" (Matt. 16:25; cf. 10:39). *When we sacrifice our life and share our wealth, we gain life in abundance and enrich the entire world.* Such is the experience of humankind over the ages: *kenosis* means *plerosis*; voluntary self-emptying brings self-fulfillment.

*HB. Patriarch Bartholomew*

# Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News and Events

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

**WINTER CAMP** - You can now sign up for Winter Camp at the Antiochian Village. Winter camp is for 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students February 12-15. Registration information can be found on the Camp website: <https://avcamp.org/other-programs/winter-camp/>

**SUMMER CAMP** – at the Antiochian Village. Registration opens up December 10, 2015. Please go to [www.avcamp.org](http://www.avcamp.org) for dates and early-bird discounts.

## TEEN SOYO

**Jan 24** Teens to host the Coffee Hour.

**Jan 30** Snow tubing event

**Feb 07** Teen SOYO Meeting following Sunday School at 12:30 pm.

**Feb 12-15** Many of our teens attending Winter Camp

**Feb 20** Visit to a soup kitchen (S.O.M.E.)

## YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

**January 27, 2016**

The next meeting for the Young Adult Fellowship Study Group is Wednesday, January 27, 2016 @8:00pm. The bi-weekly Wednesday evening meetings will be moderated by Amber Bennett and will start with the reading and discussion of the book "Mere Christianity" by C.S. Lewis. The meetings will be held at two locations: 716 Monroe Street, NE, Apt. 228, WDC (Amber's apartment) and 2030 Freedom Lane, Falls Church, VA 22043 (Dn. Christian's home). There will also be an on-line conference link. For more information contact Fr. Isaac Crow ([frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org](mailto:frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org)), Dn. Christian Manasseh ([dnchristian@peterpaulpotomac.org](mailto:dnchristian@peterpaulpotomac.org)) or Amber Bennett ([bennett.amberrose@gmail.com](mailto:bennett.amberrose@gmail.com))

## ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

The next meeting of the Antiochian Women will be held Saturday, January 23 at 11:30am at the home of Suzanne Hermes. It's a potluck so start thinking about your favorite dish to bring and share. Directions will be provided via your RSVP to Kate [handmaidens20854@gmail.com](mailto:handmaidens20854@gmail.com).

## SS. PETER AND PAUL VALENTINE DINNER

Save the date and mark your calendar

SSP&P Valentine Dinner and Dance Night, Kogok Hall, February 13, 2016. Organized jointly by the Church Antiochian Women (AW) and the Men's Club (MC). Come and enjoy a night of international music, dancing, dinner and wine. For more details see the flyer on the round table in the Narthex, contact members of the AW or MC, or tickets will be on sale following the Liturgy in Kogok Hall during Fellowship Hour.

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

In an effort to better understand and discover the rich spiritual, historical, doctrinal and scriptural tradition of our Holy Orthodox Faith, the Adult Religious Education Forum "Exploring Our Faith" meets every other Thursday evening from 7:15pm to 8:30pm in the lower level conference room. Fr. Isaac facilitates the meetings in an informal setting using brief presentations as a springboard to open discussion on a wide range of topics concerning our Faith. The next meeting is Thursday, January 21, 2016. The topic will be: "The Threefold Way": The Tradition of the Philocalia presented by Fr. Isaac. ALL ARE WELCOME.

## CHURCH CALENDARS

The new 2016 Church Calendars have arrived and are available in the Church Narthex (Entrance Hall). Please take one and sign the sheet (one calendar per family or individual member). Please hang the calendar in your home and use it as it includes the commemorations of the Saints and the daily scripture readings. May God Bless all our Parish in the New Year

## Upcoming events...

Jan 21	Adult Ed Forum/Exploring our Faith/LL Conf. Rm. 7:15p
Jan 23	*Arabic Language Class/10a-12:30p/LL Conf. Rm *Antiochian Women Meeting 11:30a (see above for more details)
Jan 24	Teens host Fellowship Hour
Jan 26	Men's Club Mtg/7:30pm/LL Conf. Rm.
Jan 27	Young Adult Fellowship Study Group (see above for more details)
Jan 30	Arabic Language Class/10a-12:30p/LL Conf. Rm
Feb 01	Feast of the Presentation of the Lord @7:00pm
Feb 04	Adult Education Forum LL Conf. Rm. @7:15p
Feb 06	*Arabic Language Class/10a-12:30p/LL Conf. Rm *Arabic Liturgy @5:00pm
Feb 09	Parish Council Mtg. @7:00pm, LL Conf. Rm.
Feb 12-15	Winter Camp (see above for more details)
Feb 13	Arabic Language Class/10a-12:30p/LL Conf. Rm
Feb 14	Ss. Peter & Paul Valentine Dinner & Dance (see above for details)

## EPISTLE

(For St. Anthony the Great)

*Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.  
What shall I render to the Lord for all that He has given me?*

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (13:17-21)**

Brethren, obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls, as men who will have to give account. Let them do this joyfully, and not sadly, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to Whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

## THE GOSPEL

(For the Twelfth Sunday of Luke)

**The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (17:12-19)**

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus said, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

## **Build a House in Mexico This Summer**

In Mexico, there are many families without homes. You can change the life of a needy family by volunteering on a home building trip to Tijuana, Mexico. The Washington, DC Mission and Outreach Committee invites you to join us this summer from July 14th -20th, 2016 to build a home for an impoverished family. If you have a heart for working with your hands, please prayerfully consider joining this team. The team leader is Mrs. Elaine Porter, email: [beporter1@verizon.net](mailto:beporter1@verizon.net) or (h) 703-913-9629 or (c) 703-470-9992. To learn more about Project Mexico, please visit their website at [www.projectmexico.org](http://www.projectmexico.org).

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

### **Directors**

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Layla Najjar  
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Caroline Jarboe  
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### **Men's Club**

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### **Antiochian Women**

Kate Niewenhaus

### **Teen SOYO**

#### **Advisor**

Jamilee Bellone

#### **Officers**

Rashid Haddad  
Julia Allen  
Danielle Bellone  
Kinda Callas  
Nick Guegel

### **Fellowship of St. John**

Christine & Samer Korkor  
Dn. Christian & Zeina  
Manasseh

### **Adornment**

Shams Akkawi  
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### **Facility Management**

Nick Nahas  
Bob Simon

### **Rental Coordinator**

Barbara Abraham

### **Charities**

Sam Sahouri Ghanem

### **Finance**

Gary Farha

### **Stewardship**

Lina Eid

# 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 al-  
 ways: now and ever, and unto ages  
 of ages

## LIVING

### Parishioners who remain in our prayers continually

Margaret Ashley	May Fillah
Richie Kogok	Brian Briggs
Suad Shammass	Robert Simon
Lulu & George Brown	Bertha Aed
Isabel Threddeh	Holly Dubois
Thelma & Bob Badwey	Edmond & Sophie Neam

Josephine Lofgren	Salwa Gabro
Sally Ruffin	Nouha Aramouni
Bill Dora, Jr.	Linda Dora Elkanich
Richie Ayoub	Rana Callas
The Family of Nawal Ayyash	John Wizeman
The Family of Monir Neimat	
The Family of Acadius Hanna Hakim	
John, Jumana, Alexander, Natalia & Eleni Misleh	
Zabaneh Family	Elias Bitar (Seria)
Madanat Family	Barbara Braid Atkinson
Fanous Family	Atkinson Family
Misleh Family	Paul & Helen Jarboe
Rafidi Family	Earl Schmidt
Brian, Caroline, Alex, & Anna	Maria Jarboe
Elizabeth Pennebaker	Kate & Erik Noreen, Miranda and Jaxson
June & Dan DeHart	Brent Allen, Alexis & Brooklyn
John Langston	Tony, Ashley, & Margot Russo
Donna & Mike Kemper	Paul & Peggy Langston, Buck & Jack
Jessica Mesman Griffith	Claire Bateman
Martha Tausche	Chad & Claire Holley & sons

### DEPARTED

Subdeacon Jerome Chiles  
 Lancelot Atiyeh  
 Nawal Ayyash  
 Monir Neimat  
 Acadius Hanna Hakim  
 Bill Dora Sr.  
 Lamia Choueiri Razook  
 Fawzi Mitri Zabaneh  
 Victoria Fanous  
 Michail Madanat  
 Jamileh Madanat  
 Suad Madanat  
 Sami Madanat  
 Hanna Misleh  
 Suleiman Rafidi  
 Paul E. Jarboe  
 Margaret Jarboe  
 Ruth Schmidt  
 John Langston  
 Gloria Langston  
 Barbara White

**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

**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**

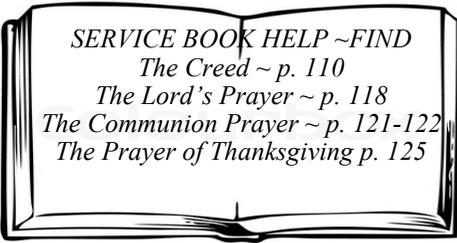
- the clergy censes the sanctuary
- the congregation is standing, or
- during the Little Entrance with the Gospel
- during the Reading of the Epistle and the Gospel

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:**  
 John and Jumana Misleh and Family in memory of Jumana's grandfather Fawzi Mitri Zabaneh

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR OFFERED BY:**  
 Caroline Jarboe