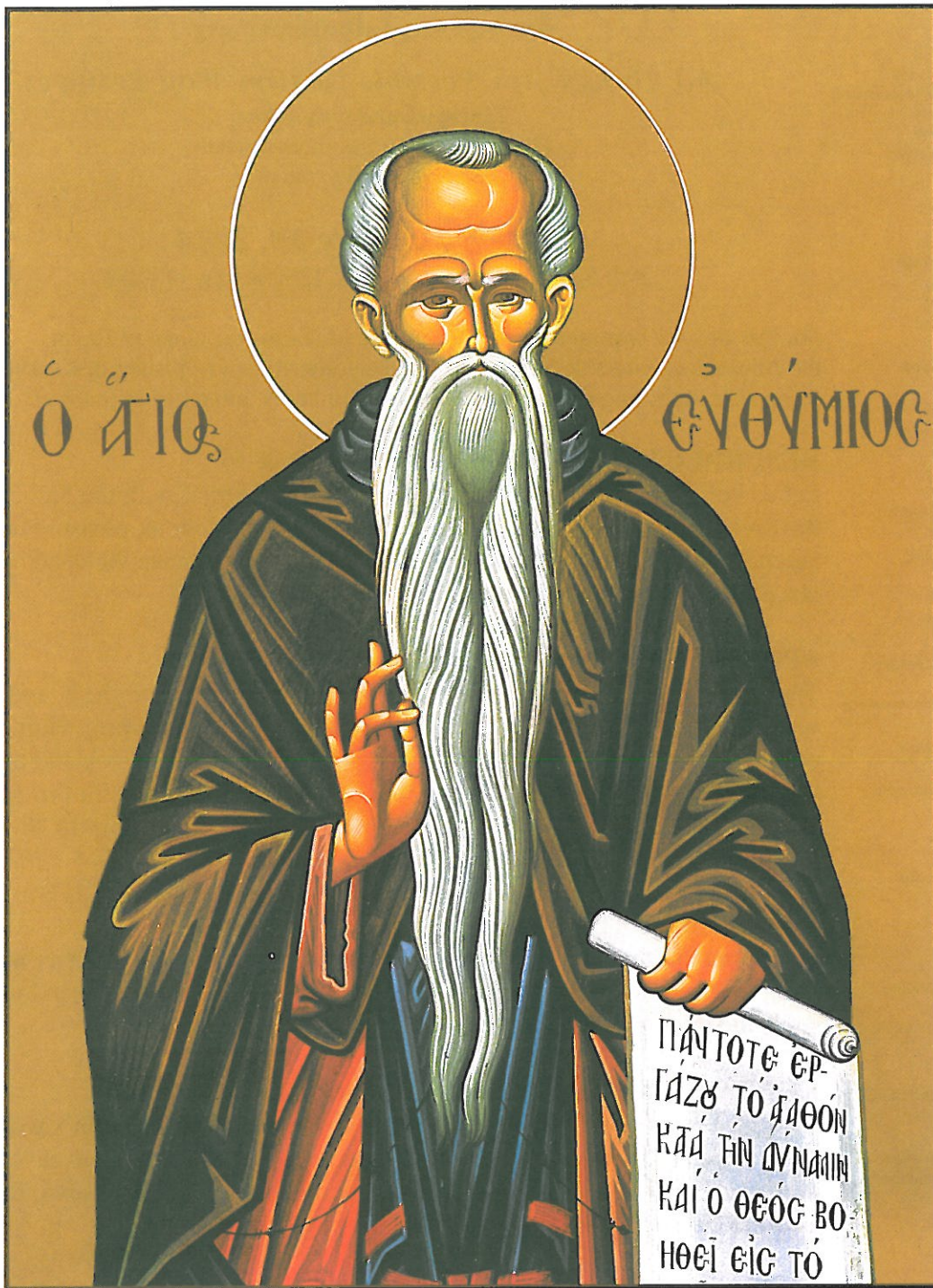


JANUARY 19, 2014



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

Sunday, January 19, 2014

29th Sunday after Pentecost & 12th Sunday of Luke

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On this day we commemorate: Venerable Makarios the Great of Egypt, the Anchorite Venerable Makarios of Alexandria; Arsenios, bishop of Kerkyra; Venerable Mark Eugenikos, metropolitan of Ephesus, pillar of Orthodoxy

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 5)

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION of the St. Makarios of Egypt (Tone 1)

Thou didst prove to be a citizen of the desert, an angel in the flesh, and a wonderworker, O Makarios, our God-bearing Father. By fasting, vigil, and prayer thou didst obtain heavenly gifts, and thou healest the sick and the souls of them that have recourse to thee with faith. Glory to Him that hath given thee strength. Glory to Him that hath crowned thee. Glory to Him that worketh healings for all through 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 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.

THE EPISTLE

(For the Twenty-Ninth Sunday after Pentecost)

How magnified are Thy works, O Lord; in wisdom hast Thou made them all. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians. (3:4-11)

Brethren, when Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Twelfth Sunday of Luke—"Ten Lepers")

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."

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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.

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.

SERVICE BOOK HELP ~FIND

- The Creed ~ p. 110
- The Lord's Prayer ~ p. 118
- The Communion Prayer ~ p. 121-122
- The Prayer of Thanksgiving p. 125

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION IS OFFERED BY:

Metody Tilev; prepared by Siham Ayoub

JELLOWSHIP HOUR IS OFFERED BY:

Metody Tilev

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

Parishioners who remain
in our prayers continually

Margaret Ashley

Asma Ayoub

Abe, Lulu & George

Brown

Issa Shammass

LIVING

Tileva family

Ivanka Tileva

Siham Ayoub & family

Richie Kogok

Samantha Guthrie

Madelyn Nader

Dee Garvin

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

DEPARTED

Norma Malahi Jan 15

William Dora Dec 26

Evelyn T. Coury Dec 13

Dolores Marge Dec 11

Atanas Tilev

Adel Nagle

Helen Thomas

Isabel Thomas

Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News

COMING SOON: "BYZANTINE MUSIC WORKSHOPS"

Ss. Peter & Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church is pleased to announce a new upcoming program starting on Saturday, March 1st, 2014. On the first Saturday of each month from 1:00-4:00pm, a series of Byzantine Music workshops will be held. The sessions are an introduction to the art of Byzantine chanting and are open to all. The workshops will be taught by the V. Rev. Fr. Elias Bitar, retired pastor of St. George Church, Little Falls, NJ, and former instructor of Byzantine Music at St. Vladimir's Orthodox Seminary, Scarsdale, NY. Fr. Bitar is one of the most esteemed Chanters of the Antiochian Church. Registration forms will be available soon. For more information contact Fr. Isaac Crow at frisaac@gmail.com or 301-765-9188.

WANTED: PARISH NEWS AND CHURCH RELATED ARTICLES

Spring is just around the corner and the Newsletter Committee wants to know what's happening in your world. Parish organizations and committees: **WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! DEADLINE:** Monday, March 17th for the Spring 2014 issue. Please send your content to Janet Tate at office@peterpaulpotomac.org or Sherrie Zacharia at sherriezac@verizon.net. Photographs are welcome in .pdf format. Many thanks in advance for contributing to The Apostle.

EXPLORING OUR FAITH

Adult Education Forum meets this 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.

LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING

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

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 Antidoron. Come learn, it is a wonderful and gratifying experience. To sign up contact Lorna Malooley at LornaAM@aol.com or 703-978-6542.

STEWARDSHIP MONTH

Our Parish Council has designated 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.

INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATION

For weather related closures, please go to www.peterpaulpotomac.org

Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News

CATECHISM

from Fr. Isaac

What Is Orthodox Christianity?

Here is the second in a four-part series.

Orthodox Christianity teaches that human beings were created in the image and likeness of God. It also teaches that everything was created out of nothing by God himself, as explained in the book of Genesis. It also teaches that God has always been omnipresent, omnipotent, and omniscient.

Everything in existence was created by God, as described in the opening of the Gospel of John. The creation narratives and myths contained in Genesis teach that God's creation is fundamentally good, and was created over a period of seven 'mythological' days. God's goodness and presence is also in all in the world that he created and continues to thrive today, and personal prayer to God is an affirmation of his imminence in our world (SCOBA n.p.).

Orthodoxy takes the ethical stance of mercy, love, and forgiveness, but of responsibility for creation and one's own soul. Orthodox Christians are supposed to honor the Ten Commandments set forth in the book of Genesis as well as the Great Commandment to love God unconditionally and to love one's neighbor as oneself. Orthodox Christians believe in caring for their environment and their own bodies, which are temples of the Lord who created them. Forgiveness plays a key role in the lifestyle of Orthodox Christians, as they are taught to be merciful as their heavenly Father is merciful, and that the greatest theological virtue is love (John 3:16, Mark 12:31-35, RSV).

Science plays a part in Orthodox Christianity, which has adapted itself to the contemporary lifestyle of modern Americans. Orthodox Christianity welcomes and encourages scientific and technological advancements in medicine, communication, etc., as characterized by its open acceptance of organ donation to save lives. However, Orthodoxy condemns the notion of the Big Bang Theory, instead contending that the universe was a planned creation by the divine enhypostatic Creator, God himself. Each individual must have faith that God is the one who created all in the world. Likewise, Orthodoxy condemns abortion as

the unwarranted and blatant murder of innocent human life. Additionally, Orthodoxy rejects the popular Darwinian notion of evolution of mankind from the animal species, instead defining mankind as made in God's image and likeness and distinct from the animal kingdom (Matusiak n.p.).

To be continued...

Following are daily personal scriptural devotional readings taken from the *Word* magazine for the 3rd week of January; 19-26

Sunday

Colossians 3:12-16

Luke 18:35-43

Monday

Hebrews 13:17-21

Luke 6:17-23

Tuesday

Hebrews 12:25-26, 13:22-25

Mark 10:2-12

Wednesday

James 1:1-18

Mark 10:11-16

Thursday

James 1:19-27

Mark 10:17-27

Friday

James 2:1-13

Mark 10:23-32

Saturday

1 Corinthians 12:7-11

John 10:9-16

Sunday

1 Timothy 1:15-17

Matthew 15:21-28

LOOKING AHEAD Upcoming events...

- Jan 19 - Baptism of Angelina Alnmir @1pm
- Jan 21 - Adult Education Forum @7:15pm
- Jan 25 - Baptism of Joseph & Julia Fayyad
- Jan 26 - Marriage Blessing of Christopher 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
- Feb 15 - Hafele @7pm
- Feb 18 - Metro DC Orthodox Clergy Lunch @12pm

SAVE THE DATE...

- Feb 21-23 - Weekend with Bishop Nicholas and Ordination of Christian Manasseh to the Holy Diaconate

ST. EUTHYMIOS - "A DESERT FATHER"



Many of the Church's most glorious "flowers" bloomed in the desert areas of the Middle East during the early centuries of Christianity. These were the "desert fathers" who left the world with all its enticements and sought God in the silence and austerity of the desolate sections of Armenia, Egypt, Syria and the Holy Land.

Among them is numbered St. Euthymios the Great, who died about the year 473. He was the son of Christian parents, Paul and Dionysia, who had long prayed for a child. Their plea was answered, and the child was named Euthymios - which means "good cheer" or "joy." But the father died shortly after, and the widow then took her child to her brother, a priest attached to the Bishop of Melitene. There he was nurtured in the service of the Lord, and Dionysia herself became a deaconess.

Euthymios yearned for the monastic life, and after about five years living in religious solitary, he went into a barren area near the Dead Sea. There, in a cave, he and another monastic (Theoktistos) lived their austere lives devoted to labor, prayer and fasting.

Directed by his spiritual advice and pious example, two people who would later become saints, were greatly influenced by Euthymios. He shifted Empress Eudokia away from heresy and towards the True Light. With his guidance, she built and funded many places of worship. Euthymios' power to affect others was also evident in a young boy given over to his care. That boy would outshine his other disciples to later become St. Sabbas the Sanctified.

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FELLOWSHIP HOUR AND BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION

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| 26 | The Emads | The Emads |
| Feb 2 | Susan & Gary Farha | Susan & Gary Farha |
| 9 | | |
| 16 | | |
| 23 | | |
| Mar 2 | Mary Misleh | |
| 9 | | |
| 16 | | |

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.