

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR
AND BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION**

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
20 Jan	Caroline Jarboe	Caroline Jarboe & Maria
27 Jan	Siham Ayoub IMO Richard (Richie) Ayoub	Open
03 Feb	Lorna Malooley	Open
10 Feb	Open	Open
17 Feb	Khleif Family (HB & Wheat) IMO Naif Hanna Khleif	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 20, 2019
TONE 1 / EOTHINON 1
VENERABLE EUTHYMOS THE GREAT
& TWELFTH SUNDAY OF LUKE
NEW-MARTYR ZACHARIAH OF MOREA

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 1)

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. EUTHYMOS (Tone 4)

Be glad, O barren one that hast not given birth; be of good cheer, thou that hast not travailed; for a man of desires hath multiplied thy children of the Spirit, having planted in them piety and reared them in continence to the perfection of the virtues. By his prayers, O Christ God, make our lives peaceful.

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.

Nothing, whether it is good or bad, happens to a person by blind chance. There is a provident God who steers the affairs of the world, and with each of us there is a Guardian who does not miss anything, and who watchfulness never relaxes or grows weak.
St. Isaac the Syrian

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SALVATION

Archbishop PAUL of Finland

What is salvation, which is so much talked about but can be interpreted in so many different ways?

Let us start with the words of the Apostle: "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Rom 3:23) Sin, as violation of God's will, separates man from God, from His glory, and thus brings its own punishment.

God accepts fallen man, however, for he was ransomed not "with silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ." (1 Pet 1:18-19)

Nevertheless, acceptance and redemption do not imply a general absolution granted to all mankind, but rather an opportunity given to each person individually to ask for mercy and receive forgiveness for his sins. This is in conformity with the gift of free will given to man.

The part played by man's free will in salvation was shown at Calvary in the different fates of the two evildoers who were crucified with Christ. One of them, the Gospel tells us, "railed at him." The other one repented of his sins and prayed: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." In answer he was promised: "Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." (Lk 23:39-43) Christ's death brought forgiveness and acceptance to the malefactor who repented.

The different fates of the crucified evildoers and the decisive role of repentance in man's salvation are indicated in the form of a cross known in Karelia: one end of the slanting bar points upwards, to Paradise, and the other downwards, to perdition.

The evildoer hanging on the cross repented at the last moment, and what remained unfinished after his conversion was completed by Christ's redemptive death. But in the case of those who remain in this life, repentance must be followed by amendment of their ways. Following his very first sermon, St. Peter's listeners asked, "What shall we do?" "Repent," St. Peter replied, "and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:37-38)

This happens all the time. In Holy Baptism a man is born anew "of water and the Spirit." This is followed by walking "in newness of life" (Rom 6:4) towards the given goal to "be holy yourselves in all your conduct." (1 Pet 1:15)

Although sin has corrupted human nature, man still bears within him the image of God, albeit tarnished by sin. In becoming man, Christ "emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men." (Phil 2:5-8) He became like us men in order to make us, in turn, "partakers of the divine nature." (2 Pet 1:4) Thus Christ became our Saviour not only because "upon Him was the chastisement that made us whole" (Isaiah 53:5) but also because "His divine power granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness." (2 Pet 1:3) In other words, Christ does not only offer us the forgiveness of our sins, but He also gives His Divine power for our use and for our development so that we might not be "ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." (2 Pet 1:8)

In the services before Christmas the following line occurs repeatedly in the hymns: "Christ shall be born, raising the likeness that fell of old," restoring the tarnished image of God in man to its original brightness.

Thus our salvation begins when we receive forgiveness for our sins in Holy Baptism, and indeed many times again later in Confession, the sacrament of repentance or washing with tears. This is followed by new efforts, renewed through the Holy Spirit, to live in Christ as a member of His Body, the Church. The goal of this life is to try to be pure in heart and so to "see God" (Mt 5:8) in the Holy Spirit.

According to a formulation by Bishop Theophan the Recluse, we are saved "by the good will of the Father through the merits of the Son by the grace of the Holy Spirit." It is peculiar to Orthodox services that nearly all of the prayers end with praise to the Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

Jan 27 *Teen SOYO mtg./following liturgy to discuss upcoming events and retreats

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 amall7m@yahoo.com for more information.

Feb 3 *Young Adult Fellowship Super Bowl Party (more details to follow)

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](mailto:crazygavins@verizon.net) for future notices.

Jan 20 *Antiochian Women Mtg./after church/lower level.

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

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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
Jan 27 *Teen SOYO Mtg. following Liturgy to discuss upcoming events
& retreats
Feb 01 *Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple/6p Matins,
7p Liturgy
Feb 03 *Young Adult Fellowship Super Bowl Party (more details to follow)
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/7:30p/Serge Malooley Conf Rm (new start time)
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 10 *OCMC Presentation by Michael Bosworth
Mar 12 *Parish Council Mtg/7:30p/Serge Malooley Conf Rm (new start time)

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN MISSION CENTER (OCMC)

On Sunday, March 10, 2019 "Mission Sunday", Michael Bosworth, one of our OCMC ambassadors, will offer a presentation on the Mission Trip last November to Guatemala. More information to follow.

THE EPISTLE

(For St. Euthymios)

The saints shall be joyful in glory. Sing unto the Lord a new song.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (4:6-15)

Brethren, it is the God Who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," Who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. While we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believe, and so we speak, knowing that He Who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

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."

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!

(see insert for more information)

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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AJ Wood

Philip Allen

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ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

Donna Gavin

TEEN SOYO

Lay Advisors

Zaid Sharafudin

Marian Azar

Officers

Joud Al-Kallas

Tia Saah

Jacob Azar

Julia Azar

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Gail Bailey

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.

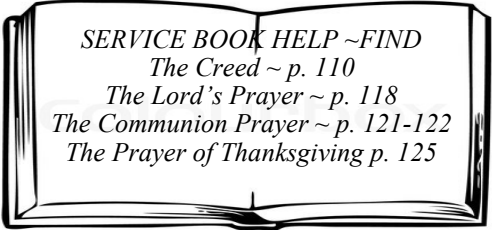
Welcome to Ss. Peter and Paul
To encourage our worship in a proper spirit of prayer and devotion, we respectfully ask you to enter the sanctuary quietly during the Divine Liturgy.

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 Threddeh	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
Leila Khoury	Shoke George	Assad & Patricia Khoury
Bob & Shirley Neri	Barbara Mullin	Rene Saah

LIVING

Margo Sahouri-Ghanem	Tammy Alvarez	George & Joanna Khoury
Ibtisam Toubaji	Forest Hamlin	Jamie Simon
Wafa Atiyeh	Nijmeh Zayed	Sami Korban
Helen Khalil	Nyla Louh	The Family of Naif Hanna Khleif
Judith Khleif & family	Susan Fannoney	Kathryn Fannoney
Brent & Camaran Allen	Alexis & Brooklyn Allen	Elizabeth Pennebaker
Steve & Janice Allen	June & Daniel DeHart	Paul & Peggy Langston
Paul & Jack Langston	John Langston	Robert Fagan
Samuel Olden	A. G. Harmon	Gregory & Suzanne Wolfe
James Cutsinger	Paul & Helen Jarboe	Marcie, Carrie, Amara, & Genet Goeke-Morey
Chris, Jill, & Emily Jarboe	Margaret Jarboe	Jim & Kathy Jatras
Michael Alan Brooks	Morris Joseph Villarreal	Dn. Patrick & Diakonissa Cindy Mitchell
Alyssa Sophia & Joseph McCrea		Jenni Ovenstone Smith & Andrew Smith
Kate, Erik, Miranda, & Jaxson Noren		Maria Bonzi
Everett Alvarez	Siham Ayoub	Yeorgos Lampathakis
Amber Bennett		

DEPARTED
Fr. George Rados
Pappa Spiro Papapostolou
Naif Hanna Khleif
John and Gloria Langston
William and Irene Cockerham
DeWitt and Ina Langston
Paul Langston
Earl and Ruth Schmidt
Paul and Margaret Jarboe
Sydney Pepper Smith
Sherry Lutz Zivley
Zachary Mischel
James Goeke-Morey

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:
Caroline Jarboe

FELLOWSHIP OFFERED BY:
Caroline Jarboe & Anna Maria

Welcome Fr. Fuad Saba & St. George, Miami, FL Teen SOYO
Today, Ss. Peter and Paul Church welcomes our visitors V. Rev. Fuad Saba and the Teen SOYO from St. George Antiochian Cathedral in Miami, FL. They are visiting Washington DC and several of the Antiochian churches in the area. We welcome them and God Bless them.

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.elxiochms.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!