

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
22 Jan	7-Day Memorial for Georges Hakim offered by The Hakim Family Janet Metz The Kheirbek Family	Asma Trey
29 Jan	Gabro Family/40-Day Memorial for Selwa Gabro Nader Family/40-Day Memorial for Madelyn Nader Simon Family 1-yr Memorial for Robert Simon, Sr.	Tony Gabro/Mercy Meal for 40-Day Memorial for Selwa Gabro
05 Feb	Marian Erickson/2 yr Memorial for Gloria Thabit Swydan	Falafal Luncheon (Men's Club)
12 Feb	The Family of Tagreed Tawil	The Family of Tagreed Tawil
19 Feb	The Kheirbek Family	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.

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 22, 2017

TONE 6/EOTHINON 9

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

& FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

HOLY APOSTLE TIMOTHY & ANASTASIOS THE PERSIAN

VENERABLE JOSEPH THE SANCTIFIED OF CRETE

APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURECTION (Tone 6)

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. TIMOTHY THE APOSTLE (Tone 4)

Since thou hadst been instructed in uprightness thoroughly and wast vigilant in all things, thou wast clothed with a good conscience as befitteth one holy. Thou didst draw from the Chosen Vessel ineffable mysteries; and having kept the Faith, thou didst finish the course, O Hieromartyr and Apostle Timothy. Intercede with Christ God that our souls may be saved.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. ANASTASIOS THE PERSIAN (Tone 4)

*(**Be quick to anticipate**)*

Thy Martyr, O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee * received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. * For since he possessed Thy strength, he cast down the tyrants * and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. * O Christ God, by his prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful

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.

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WORSHIP AND EVERY-DAY LIFE:

An Eastern Orthodox View

Very Reverend George Florovsky

2. A Theological Presupposition

Christian worship is the response of men to the Divine call, to the 'mighty deeds' of God, culminating in the redemptive act of Christ, the Crucified and Risen Lord. And consequently it is, and must be, determined in form and content, by certain 'credal' assumptions. Christian worship is primarily a 'remembrance', an *anamnesis*, and is only possible in the context, and in the perspective, of 'Sacred History', the *Heitsgeschichte*. Christian faith itself is a 'response' -- an obedient and grateful recognition of the saving deeds of God, sovereign, ultimate, and unique. God has acted. Man has to acknowledge His gracious action. We pray because the initiative has been taken by God. We call on God because He called us first. The structure of Biblical worship was essentially and intrinsically 'historic', already in the Old Covenant. It was guided and determined by memory and remembrance: the Call of Abraham, the Exodus, the Sinaitic Covenant. This 'historic' character of worship is enhanced and reinforced in the Christian Church by the absolute decisiveness of the Messianic accomplishment. Christians are inwardly compelled 'to look back' - to Christ Jesus, to His Cross and His glorious Resurrection. The ever shifting present can be assessed, in the Christian manner, only in relation and reference to the unique Past. But *anamnesis in* the Church is much more than simply a 'reminiscence'. It is rather a 'representation' - this Messianic Past is ever present in all ages. Christ Jesus, a historic person, is the living Lord, ever alive, ever acting, and ever the same -- yesterday, today, and tomorrow, and indeed unto the ages of ages. The Church is more than just a 'body of believers', of those who believe and acknowledge the mighty deeds of God 'in ages past'. It is above all the Body of Christ, a body of those who dwell in Him, and in whom Christ dwells and abides. There is some kind of 'continuity' between Christ and the Church, in whatever manner we may try to describe, and 'to explain', this mystery of our own Christian existence. Indeed, there is a mystery in Christian existence. The worship of the Church, and the worship in the Church, reflect this basic mystery. There is an intimate and reciprocal relationship, and mutual interdependence, between what is described as *lex supplicandi* and *lex credendi*. Worship is, and is to be, determined by Faith, by the believing insight and comprehension. But Faith itself is grounded precisely in that great vision of accomplished Redemption, of that new intimacy of the redeemed man with the Redeemer, which is disclosed and ever re-enacted in the devotional encounter of 'members' with the 'Head'. It is significant that Creeds were first formulated and used in the liturgical context, in the context of the sacramental rite of Christian initiation. Christians worship on the basis of their Creed, and it is in the light of devotional experience and evidence that the Creed itself assumes its full existential validity and significance, as a committed witness of faith.

Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News and Events

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We have classes for children 3 years old through 12th grade and meet following Communion. Registrations are handled online at <http://tinyurl.com/registerSunSchool>. We are in need of snacks & drinks for the kids. Individually wrapped snacks, juice pouches, flavored water pouches in the 4oz-6oz & small 8oz bottles for water. We ask each family to contribute throughout the year. **We are looking for one more teacher for this school year. Please contact peterpaulsunday-school@gmail.com.**

TEEN SOYO

Jan 28
Annual Snow Tubing event. Liberty Mountain Resort, 78 Country Club Trail, Carroll Valley, PA 17320 (717) 642-8282. Teens to meet at Church at 8:15a. Price is \$33.00 per person. SOYO will pay for teens' lunches.

Feb 05

Teen SOYO Mtg/12:30p/LL Conf. Rm.

Feb 17-20

Winter Camp/Antiochian Village

Mar 04

Retreat w/Bishop Nicholas & Teen SOYO of sister churches St. George & St. Mary

Mar 12

Teen SOYO Mtg/LL Conf. Rm./12:30p

Mar 25

Visit to a Soup Kitchen

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

All young adults in the parish (20-40 years of age) are encouraged to participate in this important ministry of the church. The fellowship is planning a number of activities for the new year including resumption of its study group meetings, potluck dinners, and Orthodoxy-on-Tap get togethers. For more information contact Jad Ibrahim Jr. at jad.ibrahim.jr@gmail.com, Lizzy Cassar or Dn. Christian Manasseh at dchristian@peterpaulpotomac.org.

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

Feb 12

Ladies Auxiliary Mtg/1p/following Fellowship

May 13

Luncheon & Fashion Show @ Congressional CC. More details to follow

MEN'S CLUB

Jan 31, 2017

Men's Club Mtg./7:00p/LL Conf. Rm. All men are urged to attend

Feb 05, 2017

Falafal Lunch

Feb 11, 2017

Dinner Dance (see flyer in Narthex)

Jun 07, 2017

Golf Tournament

Jun 25, 2017

Ss. Peter & Paul Picnic/Bretton Woods Rec Ctr (more details to follow)

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

"Exploring Our Faith" will meet every other Thursday evening from **7:15pm to 8:30pm** in the lower level conference room. The next meeting is **Thursday, January 26, 2017**. Fr. Isaac facilitates the meetings using brief presentations as a springboard to open discussion on a wide range of topics concerning our Faith. Please contact Fr. Isaac at frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org or Kate Niewenhaus at handmaidens20854@gmail.com for more information. ALL ARE WELCOME..

ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE NEWS

Summer Camp: It may be cold outside but registration is now open for Summer Camp 2017! The website is avcamp.org. Feel free to contact the website or Samia Zolnerowich at sami-acz25@gmail.com if you have any questions. These sessions fill up fast every year and are already over half full. (Please note: if your family is in financial hardship, please see Father Isaac about assistance to pay for camp)

SS. PETER & PAUL OUTREACH VISITATION MINISTRY

Our Parish is starting a new outreach ministry 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 (georgezaki@gmail.com or ajmzaki@gmail.com), Alex Cox (alexcoxells@gmail.com) or Fr. Isaac (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

2017

Jan 26	*Adult Education Forum LL Conf. Rm. @7:15p
Jan 28	*Annual Snow Tubing event. See above for Details
Jan 31	*Men's Club Mtg./7:00p/LL Conf. Rm.
Feb 01	*Divine Liturgy/Feast Of The Presentation Of The Lord/7:00p
Feb 05	*Falafal Lunch (in lieu of Coffee hour) *Teen SOYO Mtg/12:30p/LL Conf. Rm.
Feb 09	*Adult Education Forum LL Conf. Rm. @7:15p
Feb 11	*Dinner Dance (Valentine Day Party)
Feb 12	*Ladies Aux Mtg/1p
Feb 23	*Adult Education Forum LL Conf. Rm. @7:15p
Feb 14	*Parish Council Mtg./7p
Feb 17-20	*Winter Camp/Antiochian Village
Mar 3-5	*Visit of H.G. Bishop NICHOLAS to Ss. Peter & Paul
Mar 04	*Retreat w/Bishop Nicholas & Teen SOYO of sister churches St. George & St. Mary
Mar 12	*Teen SOYO Mtg/LL Conf. Rm./12:30p
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THE EPISTLE

(For the Thirty-Second Sunday after Pentecost)

The Lord will give strength to His people.

Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God; ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.
The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (4:9-15)

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, Who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties; devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Fifteenth Sunday of Luke—"Zacchaeus Sunday")

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (19:1-10)

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see Who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, for He was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

If a person wants to get an idea about the pyramids of Egypt, he must either trust those who have been in immediate proximity to the pyramids, or he must get next to them himself. There is no third option. In the same way a person can get an impression of God: He must either trust those who have stood and stand in immediate proximity to God, or he must take pains to come into such proximity himself.

St. Nicholas of Serbia

Ss. Peter & Paul Church Learning & Media Center

Work has begun on setting up the new Parish Library and Learning Center in the lower level of the Church. Donations are still needed to support this important educational and informational resource center for the Parish. Please send all donations to St. Peter & Paul Church earmarked "Library Fund." In addition, donation of books on topics related to the Orthodox Faith, Doctrine, Church History, Liturgy, and Scripture will be gratefully accepted. Please contact Fr. Isaac, Dn. Christian, or Kate Niewenhaus for more information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Directors

Samia Zolnerowich
Jennifer Buchko

Teachers

Jumana Misleh
Susan Kozlov
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Christine Morin
Lizzy Cassar
Caroline Jarboe
Chrissy Mackoul
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Stephen Zolnerowich

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Sam Khalil

Antiochian Women

Carol Laham

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Juliana Natour

Young Adult Fellowship

Jad Ibrahim, Jr.
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Jamil Hermes

Facility Management

Sam Berberian
Nick Nahas
Bob Simon

Rental Coordinator

Barbara Abraham

Charities

Sam Sahouri Ghanem

Finance

Salim Habayeb

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 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

Archpriest George Rados	Brian Briggs
Margaret Ashley	Isabel Threddeh
Helen White	Thelma Badwey
Holly Dubois	Tesia Yonkers
Edmond & Sophie Neam	Lulu Brown
George & Joan Abraham	Mary Smith
Barbara Abraham	George Brown
Everett Alvarez	

DEPARTED

Hanna Saba
 William Dora, Sr.
 Madelyn Nader
 Gabriel Kerjolarian
 Salwa Gabro
 George Aed
 Georges Hakim
 Joumana Hakim
 Wadem Walter Trey
 May Falaha
 Gabriel Basharian
 Amin Youssef
 Charlie Ayoub
 Julia & Richard Zagby

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.

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

LIVING

Fr. Isaac Crow	Paul Misleh
Leena Haddad	Debbie Brown
Dr. Eyad Hamameh	Janice
Mary Shahid	Joyce Kogok
Mazen Saah	Tony Moussa
Leila Khoury	Sue Fannoney
Mary Bazargan	Bud Requa
Josephine Hakim	Igor & Marie-Therese Shipe-Labuda
Fouad Suzie, Michael & Elena Hakim & Family	
Patrick Shipe	Vivian Akopian & Chake Kerjilian
Lorna Malooley	Christine Malaska
Nabil Barbari	Kheirbek Family

The Charities Committee wants your input.
 The parish of Saints Peter & Paul has a robust charity program, assisting our local, national, and international community with charity donations. We have made a difference in the lives of literally thousands of people with your kind generosity. Last year alone, our Outreach program was a huge success bringing so many people of our parish together to support those in need in our local community. Our goal each year is to find three worthy local charities, three worthy national charities, and three worthy international charities for our support. (And we also do collections at the direction of the Archdiocese when asked.) When the charities have an orthodox connection, it is an added bonus, but not a requirement since we are not an insular church as so eloquently spoken by His Beatitude, Patriarch John.

Thus, we very much want the input from parishioners as to charities they think we should contribute to in 2017. Please note that there are so many charities to choose from that we try not to repeat from one year to the next.

Please provide the name of the organization you wish considered for the monthly collection to the any of the following committee members: Ann Marie Moses, Carol Laham, and Sam Sahouri Ghanem.

Our 2016 Charities Included:

The Children's Relief Fund	The Hospital for Sick Children
Friends of the Hogar Rafael Ayau	IOCC
Orthodox Christian Mission Center	Outreach
St. George Hospital	St. Jude's Children's Research
Water.org	Archdiocese -- WV Flood Victims

40-Day Memorial for Gabriel Basharian offered by Vivian Akopian & Chake Kerjilian
HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:
 7-Day Memorial Georges Hakim offered by The Hakim Family
 Janet Metz in Memory of Julia & Richard Zagby
 The Kheirbek Family
MEMORIAL WHEAT
 7-Day Memorial Georges Hakim offered by The Hakim Family
FELLOWSHIP OFFERED BY:
 Asma Hamameh Trey