

**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 Kogok Hall.

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
27 Jan	Siham Ayoub IMO Richard (Richie) Ayoub	Albert Mokhiber & Family
03 Feb	Lorna Malooley	Abe & Susan Fannoney
10 Feb	Leila Ayoub/IMO Charlie Ayoub	Leila Ayoub/IMO Charlie Ayoub
17 Feb	Khleif Family (HB & Wheat) IMO Naif Hanna Khleif	Khleif Family
24 Feb	Gail Bailey Rula Khouy	Tagreed Azar & Family

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All Things Are Possible to Him Who Believes

Matins: Sundays 9:30am

Divine Liturgy: Sundays 10:30am

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2019

TONE 2 / EOTHINON 2

RECOVERY OF THE RELICS OF JOHN CHRYSOSTOM & FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

MARCIANA THE EMPRESS;

NEW-MARTYR DEMETRIOS OF CONSTANTINOPLE;

VENERABLE PETER OF EGYPT

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 2)

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM (Tone 8)

Grace shining forth from thy mouth like fire hath enlightened the universe, and disclosed to the world treasures of uncovetousness, and shown us the heights of humility. But as thou dost instruct us by thy words, O Father John Chrysostom, intercede with the Word, Christ our 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 continuously happy life produces extremely unhappy consequences. In nature we see that there are not always pleasant springs and fruitful summers, and sometimes autumn is rainy and winter cold and snowy, and there is flooding and wind and storms, and moreover the crops fail and there are famine, troubles, sicknesses and many other misfortunes. All of this is beneficial so that man might learn through prudence, patience and humility. For the most part, in times of plenty he forgets himself, but in times of various sorrows he becomes more attentive to his salvation.

St. Ambrose of Optina

AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US

Orthodox Christians have consistently affirmed the inherent dignity and value of every human person, because each is created "in the image and likeness of God" (Genesis 1:26). This dignity is expressed not only in our creation but also through the coming of Christ. With the Incarnation, divinity was united to our humanity in the person of Christ. Through this act of divine love, our humanity was profoundly enriched and transfigured. Through His words and actions, Christ revealed to us the Father who calls us to be His children. He gave to us the Spirit who enlivens us and bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God (cf. Romans 8:16). Christ's coming revealed that each of us belongs to God.

Our human dignity and value are rooted ultimately in God and His love for each of us. Our dignity and value are not dependent upon our stage of development, our race, our gender, our social status, our education, our mental or physical abilities, our age, our income or even our religious beliefs. We are each of supreme value simply because we belong to God. He is our Maker.

Jesus clearly affirmed the inherent value of each person when He lifted up those who were considered the marginalized of His day. He encountered, welcomed, ate with and healed people. Among these were people with disabilities, outcasts, poor and sinners. Our Lord affirmed fundamental dignity of each. In inviting them to follow Him, our Lord revealed the truth of their identity as God's sons and daughters.

Christ's actions and words of love frequently ran contrary to the religious laws and social customs of the time. His affirmation of the dignity and value of each person often clashed with the views of the leaders of the day who had little regard for those considered to be "the least" members of the community. Our Lord affirmed the worth of each person by identifying Himself with the needy, especially "the least" among us (Matthew 25:45).

The Incarnation has another important implication, especially for those who struggle to understand the relationship between the physical and the spiritual. The Orthodox Church has always presupposed the intrinsic goodness of matter. The Church understands this based on the account of creation found in Genesis. "And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good" (Genesis 1:31). The Holy Scriptures openly declare the wonder of God's creation (cf. Psalms 104). But in the Incarnation something even more profound took place. Matter -- human flesh and blood -- became the dwelling place of God Himself.

We see this theological affirmation at work in the worship of the Church. The Orthodox Church is perhaps best known for the holy images -- the icons -- it employs in its worship. For us, the icon is not merely art or decoration. It expresses our understanding of the implications of God's decision to take on our nature. When He took on our flesh and blood He not only showed that creation "is good," but also revealed that matter is holy, that the divinity could dwell in it. This is a radically different understanding of the relationship between the spiritual and the material than we normally see in post-Enlightenment thought. Where other philosophies see a tension or even a mutual exclusivity between matter and spirit, body and soul, we see the potential for harmony and transfiguration.

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

Feb 1-2 *Teen SOYO Retreat/St. Mary Antiochian Church Hunt Valley, MD (see flyer in Narthex for more details)

Feb 15-18 *Teen SOYO Winter Camp (see flyer in Narthex for more information)

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 for future notices.

Mar 02 *Antiochian Women hosting St. George ladies for tea/ Kogok Hall

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

May 11 *Dinner Dance/joint function with Antiochian Women and Men's Fellowship (More info to follow)

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.

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.

"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 (alexcoxells@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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 Feb 01 *Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple/6p Matins, 7p Liturgy
 Feb 1-2 *Teen SOYO winter retreat./Feb. 1 & 2/St. Mary Antiochian Church Hunt Valley, MD (see flyer in Narthex for more details)
 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 15-18 *Teen SOYO Winter Camp (see flyer in Narthex for more information)
 Feb 16 *Holy Bread Baking Class (more details to follow)
 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)

THE EPISTLE

(For St. John Chrysostom)

My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.

Hear this, all ye people.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (7:26-8:2)

Brethren, it was fitting that we should have such a High Priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; He did this once for all when He offered up Himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son Who has been made perfect forever. Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a High Priest, one Who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man but by the Lord.

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."

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

The Great Feast of the Lord's Presentation in the Temple always falls on February 2. Our Parish will celebrate the Feast on its eve Friday, February 1st with Matins at 6:00pm and Divine Liturgy at 7:00pm

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.

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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

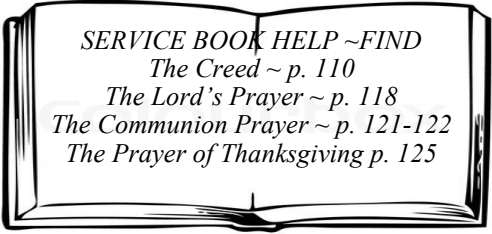
Orthodox Christians
Faithful Orthodox fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when they receive Holy Communion in fulfillment of Christ's command to eat His Body and drink His Blood. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, communicants should not be conscious of grave sin, 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
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Joyce Hamaty		

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Fr. George Rados
Naif Hanna Khleif
Anis & Barbara Mokhiber
Kiki Nafekh
Betty Shahin Dovi
Charles Cox
John & Antoinette Ayoub
Ibrahim & Azizeh Sharqawi
Richard (Richie) Ayoub
John Ayoub
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Margo Sahouri-Ghanem	Tammy Alvarez	George & Joanna Khoury
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Wafa Atiyeh	Nijmeh Zayed	Sami Korban
Helen Khalil	Nyla Louh	The Family of Naif Hanna Khleif
Judith Khleif & family	Everett Alvarez	Amber Bennett
Mokhiber Family	Khalil Family	Siham Ayoub
Adrianna Ayoub	Richard & Jamie Ayoub	Ray & Teri Ayoub
James Ayoub		

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:
Siham Ayoub/IMO Richard (Richie) Ayoub

FELLOWSHIP OFFERED BY:
Albert Mokhiber & Family
IMO Anis & Barbara Mokhiber, Kiki Nafekh, Betty Shahin Dovi

ATTENTION MEN AND WOMEN OF THE PARISH!
HOLY BREAD BAKING CLASS
If you've been wanting to learn to prepare Holy Bread for our Liturgies, now is the time to learn. The class will be held on Saturday, February 17, in the church kitchen. Come and learn our Holy Orthodox tradition. Lorna Malooley will be giving a presentation following the Liturgy today with specifics and sign-up information. Lorna's telephone number is 703-978-6542.

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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.elixiochms.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!