

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
28 Jan	Jweied Family	Jweied Family
04 Feb	El Kari Family/40 Day Memorial Service for Rabieh Al Kari	El Kari Family/40 Day Memorial Service for Rabieh Al Kari
11 Feb	Leila Ayoub	Leila Ayoub
18 Feb	Fr. Isaac and Kh. Dolly/1-yr Memorial for Fouad Shwayri	Fr. Isaac and Kh. Dolly/1-yr Memorial for Fouad Shwayri
25 Feb	Tawil Family	Nadir Tawil

**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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Matins: Sundays 9:30am

Divine Liturgy: Sundays 10:30am

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2018

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SUNDAY OF THE PHARISEE AND PUBLICAN

GOD-BEARING FATHERS EPHRAIM AND ISAAC THE SYRIANS;
VENERABLE PALLADIOS OF ANTIOCH; MARTYR CHARITA;
VENERABLE THEODOSIOS OF TOTMA IN VOLOGDA

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 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.

Every living thing seeks love: man, animals, and plants. All people seek God and long for Him, regardless of whether they are believers or unbelievers. Some people call themselves atheists, but they do not know that in their hearts they long after God. For when someone yearns for justice, love and truth, he is really yearning after God.

+Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica

LIVING AS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Fr. Lawrence Farley

At the end, we may ask, what is it all for? What is the ultimate purpose of all these prayers, and of the Eucharist itself? In answer, we may relate the story of a few monks who were discussing which part of the Liturgy was the most important. "The reading of the Gospel," said one monk, "for in it the words of our Savior Christ come to us." "The reception of Holy Communion," said another, "for that is where we receive the very life of God." Finally the third spoke. "Forgive me, brothers," he said, "but I think that the dismissal at the end is the most important. For that is when we leave the church to go into the world and strive to live out the words of Christ with the life and strength He gives us.

And so it is. For God has not made the Liturgy an end in itself, any more than He made the salvation of our souls an end in itself. Rather, we are *saved to serve*. In the Divine Liturgy, God glorifies us so that we may bring others to that experience of glory as well. Christ claimed to be the Light of the world (John 8:12). And, even more extraordinary, He claimed that we, His disciples, were the Light of the world (Matt. 5:14), for He calls us to partake of His divine nature (2 Pet. 1:4), to experience by grace what He is in Himself. Christ, the eternal Light of the Father, shines in this darkened age, and without Him, all live in the moonless night of ignorance, sin, and death (John 12:46). In the Liturgy, Christ fills us with Himself, with His light, His life, His holiness. Then He sends us back out into the world that our light may so shine before men, that they too might glorify our Father in heaven. The final goal of the Liturgy is nothing less than the transfiguration and illumination of the world.

This will not finally be accomplished until Christ's second and glorious Coming, for which reason St. Paul said that in the Eucharist we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes (1 Cor. 11:26). In this age, we live not by sight, but by faith, including faith in the sacramental Mysteries. Here we see the Lord only under the veils of bread and wine; only after He returns in glory shall we see Him face to face. One day — may God hasten it! — the Kingdom for which we pray daily will come, and the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea (Is. 11:9). Then the earth will no longer have any need of sun or moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God will illumine it, and the nations will walk by its light (Rev. 21:23-24).

In that day, all sacramental signs will be no more, for the reality they signify will fill the world. Then we will no longer be dismissed from the Lord's presence, but will remain before Him. We will see His face, and He will illumine us, and we will reign forever (Rev. 22:4-5). As Christ promised, in that day, we will shine like the sun in the Kingdom of our Father (Matt. 13:43). In the Divine Liturgy, we even now take our weekly journey to that Kingdom.

2017 Stewardship Pledges

With the coming of the new year, the Ss. Peter and Paul Parish Council kindly reminds all the faithful of the Parish that stewardship pledges for 2017 are still due. Please make sure to mail in all donations and payments as soon as possible.

Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News and Events

CHURCH SCHOOL 2017-2018

Registration for Church School is ongoing using this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/GQ6uQSnltimwgvJW2>. Also, please make sure to register with the church, including your email as most Church school announcements go out to the entire parish. School calendars are now available. We are also in need of snacks/drinks for the children--small and reg. juice boxes, juice pouches, small waters, individually wrapped snacks (PEANUT & TREE NUT FREE).

Mar 18 *2018 Pascha Prep Workshop

Creative Arts Festival

Flyers with information about this year's theme were handed out last Sunday. Please stop by the Church School office bulletin board to pick up a copy. All entries must be turned in by **March 18th**.

Food For Hungry

Food for Hungry boxes will be passed out around **February 18th**. Boxes will be due back to the Church School office by **April 29th**.

TEEN SOYO

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ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

Mar 17 *Tea Party w/St. George ladies/2p-4p/@Ss. Peter & Paul

May 12 *Antiochian Women Fashion Show/
Congressional Country Club/11:30a

MEN'S CLUB

Jan 28 *Men's Club Mtg./12:30p/LL Hall

OCMC MISSION TEAMS

What are you doing for your vacation this year? Consider an Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) Mission Team in 2018! Empower the Church by working, witnessing, worshipping and making disciples. Minister to needs of Orthodox communities by sharing your love, unity and support; share your God-given talents to strengthen communities; see the world while sharing your faith; teach the Orthodox Faith and provide labor to communities worldwide. Current OCMC Mission Team opportunities are available to Albania (outreach, teaching and youth work), Ghana (Youth Work), Guatemala (Youth work and Healthcare Education), Indonesia (Teaching), Kenya (Teaching and Youth Work), Mexico (Construction and Teaching) and Alaska (annual wilderness Youth Camp). To apply for a mission teams, go to https://www.ocmc.org/about/open_teams.aspx or call 1-877-463-6784.

"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 lower level conference room. The next meeting is **Thursday, February 8, 2018**. Fr. Isaac facilitates the meetings using brief presentations as a springboard to open discussion on a variety of topics concerning our faith. ALL ARE WELCOME. Please contact Fr. Isaac at frisaac@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 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 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

The Ss. Peter and Paul Parish Gift Shop is newly stocked with books, bibles, Icons, CDs and all kinds of hand-made religious items with many items for children. The Gift Shop will open every Sunday following Liturgy. For information contact Alma Jean Zaki at (703) 283-9338 or ajmzaki@gmail.com

CHURCH CALENDAR

Jan 28 *Men's Club Mtg./12:30p/LL Hall
*Annual Choir Pot Luck/1:30p/Lorna's home
Feb 01 *Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
Matins/6:00p and Liturgy/7:00p
Feb 04 *Rabieh Al-Kari/40-day Memorial
Feb 08 *Adult Education Forum/"Exploring our Faith"/
7p-8:30p/LL Conf. Rm.
Feb 10 *Parish Council Annual Retreat/
11:30a-4p/LL Hall
Feb 11 *Meat Fare
Feb 18 *Cheese Fare
*Fr. Isaac & Kh. Dolly/1-yr Memorial for
Fouad Shwayri
*Luna James/Baptism/1:30p
Feb 19 *Start of Lent
*Presidents' Day/Offices Closed
Feb 24 *Baptism/Elias Peter Horany
Mar 10 *Baptism/Baby Hines
Mar 11 *Daylight Savings Time (spring forward)
Mar 18 *Church School Pascha Prep Workshop
Apr 01 *Palm Sunday
Apr 08 *Pascha

THE EPISTLE

(For Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican)

*Make vows to the Lord thy God, and perform them.
In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel.*

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (3:10-15)

Timothy my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, and my sufferings; and what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. What persecutions I endured; yet from them all, the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

THE GOSPEL

(For Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:10-14)

The Lord spoke this parable: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank Thee that I am not like other men, extortionists, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to Heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE

The Feast of the Presentation (or meeting) of The Lord in the Temple falls on February 2 each year. Ss. Peter and Paul Church will celebrate this Great Feast of our Lord Jesus Christ on Thursday evening February 1 starting at 6:00p with the Festive Matins and Divine Liturgy at 7:00p. All are welcome.

HOUSE BLESSINGS FOR EPIPHANY 2018

With the celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany and the Great Sanctification of the Water, a new season of the blessing of homes has begun. If you would like to have your home blessed, please contact Fr. Isaac directly or through the Church office to arrange a time for a visit.

May the blessing of the River Jordan sanctify and grant protection to all the faithful of our parish in this new year.

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STEWARDSHIP

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

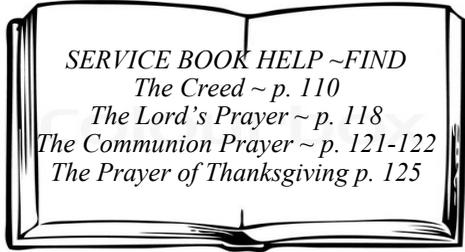
Orthodox Christians
Faithful Orthodox fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when they receive Holy Communion in fulfillment of Christ's command to eat His Body and drink His Blood. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, communicants should not be conscious of grave sin,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

Margaret Ashley	Brian Briggs	Mary Smith
Helen White	Isabel Threddeh	George Brown
Everett Alvarez	Holly Dubois	Robert & Thelma Badwey
Edmond & Sophie Neam	Miriam Yazge	Barbara Abraham
George & Joan Abraham	Lulu Brown	Martin Pinkstaff
Suad Shammass	Mary Bazargan	Michael Buchko, Sr.
Edward Rizkallah	Dorothy Marge	

DEPARTED
Rabih AlKari
Susan Shahade
Virginia Cheslick
Sgt. 1st Class Mihail Golin
Karen Nichols
Katherine & William Slanta
Robert & Selma Simon
Ted David
Elias & Martha Jweied
Fr. Youssef, Hafeda, & Rajwa Nasser
Bill Mooney

LIVING

Leila Khoury	Bob Petrossian
Louise Magelli	Julia Fayad
Mark Buchko	Debbie Brown
Joyce Kogok	Robert & Joyce Najjar
Betty Adams	Andrew Gavin
Ziad Deeb	Rima Rizkallah & Family
Frank Ellis	Carol AlKari & Family
Ann Marie Moses	The Simon Family
Ted & Linda Mike	Danny Elias
Asma Hamameh Trey	Tammy Alvarez
John McCain	Alex Azar
Martha Nasser & Family	Ghassan, Zakich, Elias, Serene, & Maha Jweied
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Ziad Bader	Stefanie Mooney & Alessandra
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HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:
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Call for Needs – Antiochian Women’s Parish Outreach
Please let us know if you, or a Ss. Peter and Paul parishioner friend or relative has a need where prayers, a meal, phone calls, visit or a card could be of some help. The Antiochian Women have a designated outreach to prepare meals for members of our Ss Peter and Paul parish family in need, for example. (Please call or e-mail Caroline Jarboe, who coordinates a team to prepare meals at caroline_jarboe@yahoo.com; 301.322.4241.) We also have an outreach to offer prayers, cards and phone calls to keep in touch. (Please call or e-mail Barbara Bosworth for this parish family outreach at bybosworth@fcps.edu; or text at 703-278-3161). We want to be proactive, but can only lend our support when we know of the needs, so please let Father Isaac, or Antiochian Women’s group coordinators know when we could be a support, as we have a team for these times. (“For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them.”)
In addition to this support through Antiochian Women, Ss Peter and Paul parish also has an *Angel Fund* (initiated by the Antiochian Women) coordinated by Father Isaac, and an *Outreach Visitation Ministry*. Many of us have read the compelling story in this month’s *Word Magazine* (pages 22 and 23) how prayers and grace through anointing heal. Know that you are part of our parish family, God’s family, and together we seek to support one another through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.