JANUARY 31, 2016

	BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
31 Jan	Mokhiber Family Amin & Amal Barakat & Family	Mokhiber Family
07 Feb	Lorna Malooley	Malouf Family 40-Day Memorial for Eva Catherine Malouf
14 Feb	Open	Open
21 Feb	Open	John Hakim
28 Feb	Open	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.

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All Things Are Possible to Him Who Believes

Matins: Sundays 9:30am
Divine Liturgy: Sundays 10:30am

Sunday, January 31, 2016
Tone 2/Eothinon 2
Thirty-Second Sunday of Pentecost
& Fifteenth Sunday of Luke ("Zacchaeus")
Holy and Wonderworking Unmercenaries Cyrus and John

Martyrs Athanasia and her daughters Theodota, Theoktiste and Eudoxia of Egypt;New-martyr Elias in the Peloponnesus; Nikita of the Kiev Caves, bishop of Novgorod.

APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRECTION (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 FOR SS. CYRUS AND JOHN (Tone 5)
Since Thou hast given us the miracles of Thy holy Martyrs, Cyrus and John, as an invincible battlement, by their entreaties scatter the counsels of the heathen, O Christ our God, and strengthen the faith of Orthodox Christians, since Thou alone art good and 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.

Kindness softens and opens up the heart, as oil opens a rusty lock.

St. Paisios the New of Mount Athos

THE CHURCH

THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST

`There is no Christianity without the Church`. These words were written in the early twentieth century by a Russian Orthodox bishop who became a martyr. The Church is Christ's Kingdom, purchased by the price of his blood. Christ leads into it those he has chosen as his children and who have chosen him as their Saviour.

The first reference to the Church was made by Christ in conversation with his disciples at Caesarea Philippi. When Peter recognised him as the Son of God, Jesus replied: 'Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it' (Matt. 16:17-18).

Peter's confession, then, became the foundation stone of the Church of Christ. The true foundation of the Church, however, is Christ himself. Indeed, St Peter refers to Christ as the cornerstone: 'Come to him, to that living stone, rejected by men but in God's sight chosen and precious; and like living stones be yourselves built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ' (I Pet. 2:4-5). St Paul also refers to Christ as the cornerstone: 'You are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit' (Eph. 2:19-22). St Paul calls the community of Corinth 'God's building', himself the 'master builder' and Christ the `foundation': 'For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ **(**I Cor. 2:9, 10, II).

The Greek word *ekklesia,* meaning 'church', or literally, 'an assembly of people', comes from the verb *ekkaleo,* 'to call'. The Christian Church is an assembly of those called by Christ, who believe in him and live by him. Yet the Church is more than a fellowship of people united by a common faith. Gathered together, the members of the Church comprise a single body, an indivisible organism:

> The Church is humanity united with its divine principle in Christ - the living body of the Incarnate Divine Logos. It is the body of Christ, at first appearing as a tiny seed in the form of the small community of the first Christians, it gradually grows and develops in order to embrace the whole of the human race and all nature in a single divine-human organism.

Bishop Hilarion Alfeyev

Part 1 of 2

Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News and Events

SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUMMER CAMP – at the Antiochian Village. Registration opens up December 10, 2015. Please go to www.avcamp.org for dates and early-bird discounts.

TEEN SOYO

Feb 07 Teen SOYO Meeting following Sunday School at 12:30 pm.
Feb 12-15 Many of our teens attending Winter Camp
Feb 20 Visit to a soup kitchen (S.O.M.E.)
Mar 6 Teen SOYO Meeting following Sunday School @12:30pm

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

February 3, 2016

The next meeting for the Young Adult Fellowship Study Group is Wednesday, February 3, 2016 @8:00pm. The bi-weekly Wednesday evening meetings will be moderated by Amber Bennett and will start with the reading and discussion of the book "Mere Christianity" by C.S. Lewis. The meetings will be held at two locations: 716 Monroe Street, NE, Apt. 228, WDC (Amber's apartment) and 2030 Freedom Lane, Falls Church, VA 22043 (Dn. Christian's home). There will also be an on-line conference link. For more information contact Fr. Isaac Crow (frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org), Dn. Christian Manasseh (dnchristian@peterpaulpotomac.org) or Amber Bennett (bennett.amberrose@gmail.com)

SS. PETER AND PAUL VALENTINE DINNER

Save the date and mark your calendar

SSP&P Valentine Dinner and Dance Night, Kogok Hall, February 13, 2016. Organized jointly by the Church Antiochian Women (AW) and the Men's Club (MC). Come and enjoy a night of international music, dancing, dinner and wine. For more details see the flyer on the round table in the Narthex, contact members of the AW or MC, or tickets will be on sale following the Liturgy in Kogok Hall during Fellowship Hour.

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

In an effort to better understand and discover the rich spiritual, historical, doctrinal and scriptural tradition of our Holy Orthodox Faith, the Adult Religious Education Forum "Exploring Our Faith" meets every other Thursday evening from 7:15pm to 8:30pm in the lower level conference room. Fr. Isaac facilitates the meetings in an informal setting using brief presentations as a springboard to open discussion on a wide range of topics concerning our Faith. The next meeting is Thursday, February 11, 2016. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Upcoming events...

Feb 03	Young Adult Fellowship Study Group (see above for more details)
Feb 04	Adult Education Forum LL Conf. Rm. @7:15p
Feb 06	*Arabic Language Class/10a-12:30p/LL Conf. Rm *Arabic Liturgy @5:00pm
Feb. 07	Teen SOYO Meeting following Sunday School @12:30p LL conf. Rm.
Feb 09	Parish Council Mtg. @7:00pm, LL Conf. Rm.
Feb 11	Adult Education Forum LL Conf. Rm. @7:15p (see above for more details)
Feb 12-15	Antiochian Village Winter Camp
Feb 13	*Arabic Language Class/10a-12:30p/LL Conf. Rm *Ss. Peter & Paul Valentine Dinner & Dance (see above for details)
Feb 20	*Teen SOYO to visit a soup kitchen (S.O.M.E.) *Parish Council Retreat/12:30p
Feb. 25	Adult Education Forum LL Conf. Rm. @7:15p
Feb 27	Arabic Language Class/10a-12:30p/LL Conf. Rm

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")
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."

Build a House in Mexico This Summer

In Mexico, there are many families without homes. You can change the life of a needy family by volunteering on a home building trip to Tijuana, Mexico. The Washington, DC Mission and Outreach Committee invites you to join us this summer from July 14th -20th, 2016 to build a home for an impoverished family. If you have a heart for working with your hands, please prayerfully consider joining this team. The team leader is Mrs. Elaine Porter, email: beporter1@verizon.net or (h) 703-913-9629 or (c) 703-470-9992. To learn more about Project Mexico, please visit their website at www.projectmexico.org .

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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

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

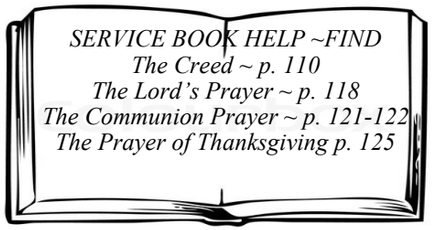
To encourage our worship in a proper spirit of prayer and devotion, we respectfully ask you to enter the sanctuary quietly during the Divine Liturgy.

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.



HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:

Mokhiber Family –10-day Memorial for Norman Joseph and George Shahin

Amin & Armal Barakat & Family

1-year Memorial for Katherine Slanta

FELLOWSHIP HOUR OFFERED BY:

Mokhiber Family

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

LIVING

Parishioners who remain in our prayers continually

Margaret Ashley	May Fillah
Richie Kogok	Brian Briggs
Suad Shammas	Robert Simon
Lulu & George Brown	Bertha Aed
Isabel Thredeh	Holly Dubois
Thelma & Bob Badwey	Edmond & Sophie Neam

Fr. Alistair & Ann Anderson
Josephine Lofgren
Sally Ruffin
Bill Dora, Jr.
Claudia
The Family of Monir Neimat
James Daughtry
Barakat Family
The Slanta Family
The Family of Mudallah Eways
Amin & Amal Barakat & Family
Shahin Family
Sahouri Family
Paul Mokhiber
Fayyad Family
Bassam Eways
Mary Salem
Richie Ayoub
Georgette Taweel & Lamia Muffareh & Families
Fareed, Fredy, Charlie, and Ferris Eways
Albert, Hindy, Laila, Lina, Anees, Saleem Mokhiber
The Family of Acadius Hanna Hakim
Suzanne Hermes
Salwa Gabro
Nouha Aramouni
Linda Dora Elkanich
John Wizeman
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Barbara Braid Atkinson
Nyla Louh
The Jacob Family
Catherine Swidonovich Rose
The Family of Nawal Ayyash
Zayed Family
Tawil Family
Roger Moukheiber
Zanayed Family
George Eways
Nawal Ayoub

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

Subdeacon Jerome Chiles
Nawal Ayyash
Monir Neimat
Acadius Hanna Hakim
Eva Catherine Malouf
Bill Dora Sr.
Lamia Choueiri Razook
Mudallah Eways
Katherine & William Slanta
Alexis Swidonovich
Julia Salameh
Evelyn Zacharia
Yousef & Mabel Barakat
Shakir & Samira Nassar
Martha Ayoub
Selwa Khalil
Brenda Daughtry
Robert Elias Simon, Sr.
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