

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
02 Feb	Donna Gavin	Open
09 Feb	Leila Ayoub/IMO Charlie Ayoub	Leila Ayoub/IMO Charlie Ayoub
16 Feb	Open	Open
23 Feb	Open	Open
01 Mar	Mullin Family/IMO Barbara Mullin	Mullin Family/IMO Barbara Mullin

**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.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2020
TONE 8 / EOTHINON 1 I
PRESENTATION (MEETING) OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 8)

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST (Tone 1)

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace, for from thee arose the Sun of justice, Christ our God, lighting those who are in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous elder, carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, Who granteth us Resurrection.

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.

He who has realized love for God in his heart is tireless, as Jeremiah says, in his pursuit of the Lord his God, and bears every hardship, reproach and insult nobly, never thinking the least evil of anyone.
St. Maximos the Confessor

HOUSE BLESSINGS
After celebrating the Feast of Theophany and the Blessing of the Water, starts the season of **house blessings**. This is an opportunity for the priest to meet every family and to know them more. It also brings the blessing of the church community to each and every household and neighborhood, especially that our homes are the small churches which make up the entire church community. If you are interested in scheduling a house blessing, please contact Fr Luke (frluke@peterpaulpotomac.org). Please consider a time when your entire family is present, especially little and not-so-little children.

MAKING GOD REAL
In the Orthodox Christian Home

By Anthony M. Coniaris

Teaching Our Children to Be Good Stewards

One of the greatest lessons Orthodox Christian parents are called upon to teach their children is to be good stewards.

Christian stewardship means that Christianity has its own principle of economics. The capitalist, for example, believes that individuals should own the wealth of the world. Socialists believe that all people should own the wealth of the world and create a great commonwealth. The Christian believes that God owns the world and that man is merely the custodian, the steward of its wealth, and that everything belongs to God. “The earth is the Lord’s, and the fullness thereof.” When we give something to God, we’re like the little boy who says to his father, “Daddy, give me some money to buy you a present.”

The ancient Jews gave God the first and the best of what they had. The best of the oil, the best of the wine, and the first-fruits of their crops were set aside for God. The animals set aside for sacrifice had to be of the finest quality. God deserves our very best-not what is left over after we have spent everything on ourselves.

Because everything we have belongs to God we cannot really “give” God anything. We can only share with Him what is His in the first place. As Dag Hammarskjold wrote in his book *Markings*:

“In the last analysis, what does the word ‘sacrifice’ mean? Or even the word ‘gift’?
He who has nothing can give nothing. The gift is God’s-to God.”

Many of the ancient Greek coins have an owl engraved on them. The owl was there to remind people that they ought to be as wise as owls in the way they spend their money.

Wise Christian parents will ask their children to make two columns on a piece of paper. Column number 1 will be entitled WHAT ARE WE LIVING FOR? and column number 2 will be called WHAT ARE WE SPENDING FOR? We can never determine wisely what we shall spend our money for until we realize what we are living for. What we are living for will determine whether we spend more in one month for dog food than we give to God. If Jesus is really our Lord and God, it will show in what we give each week for the support of His work through the Church.

Read together Mark 12:41-44.

The widow gave all she had and Jesus praised her. She gave sacrificially. “I will not offer unto the Lord my God that which doth cost me nothing” (2 Sam. 24:24). The widow, twice-afflicted, deprived of a breadwinner, poverty-stricken, held in her hands two copper coins which make one penny. Into the temple treasury went both coins. She could have kept one for herself but she didn't. Christ's verdict was that she had given more than all the rest. “For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had.”

Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News and Events

CHURCH SCHOOL 2019-2020

We encourage all of our students to attend liturgy on Sundays. Please use the following link to register your children for the 2019-2020 Church School Year : <http://tinyurl.com/registerSunSchool>. For Newsletter <https://tinyurl.com/y48hecxe>

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.

Feb 02 *Teen SOYO meeting to follow Church School
Feb 21-22 *St. Mary's Winter Retreat. See Tala Natour for more info.

Lay Advisors: see list on page 2

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

The Ss. Peter & Paul YAF welcomes all young people over 21 years of age to join in its social, educational, and outreach activities. Please contact Amal Michael at amal17m@yahoo.com for more information.

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

*Please pay your annual dues of \$25 to help support our outreach and charitable projects. **All women are members and are welcome.** Checks can be given to Janet Metz.

*For future notices and any questions, please provide your email address to Donna Gavin at crazygavins@verizon.net

2020
Feb 23 *Antiochian Women/Club Mtg./LL Conf. Rm to Follow Church School
March *Antiochian Women's Month
Mar 07 *Tea with Ladies of St. George (more info to follow)
Mar 13 *Annual Lenten Retreat/Antiochian Village (see Flyer In Narthex and/or Donna Gavin for more info)
Spring *Bakeless Bake Sale/AOCWNA/Helen Khalil
May 9 *Fashion Show/Westwood Country Club, Vienna, VA Looking for awesome models for the fashion show. Please consider volunteering. Contact Riham Saah rdsaa@gmail.com (more details to follow)

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Men's Fellowship ministry of Ss. Peter and Paul is to serve the church through charitable outreach, educational and service projects which strengthen and deepen the faith of its members and develop a fellowship of Orthodox Christian servants. Contact Sam Khalil sk1943@aol.com or Fred Zacharia at fredzach@verizon.net for more information.

2020 ANNUAL LENTEN PILGRIMAGE & SPRING RETREAT

The Eastern Dioceses will be holding its Annual Lenten Pilgrimage & Spring Retreats on **April 3-5, 2020 at the Antiochian Village. This retreat is open to everyone.** In addition to Liturgy and services, there will be a number of speakers who will lead us in retreats for teens, young adults, parish council members and others. There will also be a visit to the grave site of Saint Raphael. Last year's retreat sessions were very successful and informative. Let's see that Ss Peter & Paul is represented this year.

2020 PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE

The annual Eastern Diocese Parish Life Conference will take place at the **Antiochian Village on June 24-28, 2020.** In addition to the visit and service at the grave site of Saint Raphael, events include liturgical services, speakers, social events, the annual Bible Bowl and oratorical contest. Everyone is welcome to part or all of the Conference. Please mark your calendar and let's see that Ss Peter and Paul is well represented this year.

"EXPLORING OUR FAITH": ON WHEELS

Will be back on the road again soon. If you are interested in hosting one of these every other-week week-night meetings, please send Fr Luke an email (frluke@peterpaulpotomac.org). He will check in with you on the dates the work best for you.

We are looking forward to moving these bi-weekly meetings around so its closer to your home at some point. Our goal is to drive no more than 15 minutes to get there.

If you are willing to host one of these meetings in the future, here is the deal: Number of attendees can be limited to fit in your space. You can host as few as 5 people if that is all you can seat (on-floor seats are premium). Only hot drinks are served. No food involved. Meeting time can be: 7:00-8:30 or 7:30-9:00 pm.

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 Church office.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Feb 02 *Antiochian Camp Liturgy
 *Teen SOYO meeting to follow Church School
Feb 07 *Matins & Divine Liturgy for St. Elian (Julian) of Homs 6:30p/7:30p
Feb 08 *Community Night/6p-9p (see below for more info)
Feb 17 *Church office closed/Federal Holiday
Feb 23 *Antiochian Women/Club Mtg./LL Conf. Rm to Follow Church School
March *Antiochian Women's Month
Mar 02 *Great Lent
Mar 07 *Tea with Ladies of St. George (more info to follow)
Mar 08 *Sunday of Orthodoxy
Mar 13-15 *Antiochian Women Annual Lenten Retreat/Antiochian Village (See flyer in Narthex and/or Donna Gavin for more info)
Apr 3-5 *Eastern Dioceses Annual Lenten Pilgrimage & Spring Retreat/ Antiochian Village & open to all (see below and/or Abe Fannoney for more info)
Apr 19 *Great & Holy Pascha
May 9 *Antiochian Women's Fashion Show/Westwood County Club, Vienna, VA (more details to follow)
Jun 24-28 *2020 Parish Life Conference/Antiochian Village (see below for more info)

COMMUNITY NIGHT

Saturday, February 8th/6p-9p

Bingo game to support charity and Magic Show to entertain the children. It's a potluck dinner so bring your favorite dish! Please rsvp to: www.tinyurl.com/CNFeb08-2020

THE EPISTLE

*Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
 For He hath regarded the humility of His servant.*
The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (7:7-17)

Brethren, it is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. Here tithes are received by mortal men; there, by one of whom it is testified that he lives. One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him. Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become a priest, not according to a legal requirement concerning bodily descent but by the power of an indestructible life. For it is witnessed of him, "Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (2:22-40)

In those days, the parents of Jesus brought Him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord"), and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And inspired by the Spirit he came into the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Lord, now lettest thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word; for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Thy people Israel." And His father and his mother marveled at what was said about Him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed." And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher; she was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her virginity, and as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to God, and spoke of Him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon Him.

CHAIRTY OF THE MONTH

The Charity for January, 2020 is continued for this Sunday for Syrian Orphanages.

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Commemorations

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.

SERVICE BOOK HELP ~FIND
 The Service starts on p. 91
 The Creed ~ p. 110
 The Lord's Prayer ~ p. 118
 The Communion Prayer ~ p. 121-122
 The Prayer of Thanksgiving p. 125

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.

Parishioners who remain in our prayers continually

Rt. Rev. Fr. Elias Bitar Kh. Rebecca Alford	Rt. Rev. Daniel Griffith Kh. Ann Anderson
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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.

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Donna Gavin & Family		Leslie Courtright & Family
Ann Gavin & Family		The Family of Naim Mousa Ayoub
Flavio & Maha Nasr & Family		Lidia, Ghassan, Adeeb, Farah & Hiba & Families
Amine, Zeina, Eli-Joe & Christy Saliba		
Edward, Ritamarie, Emilia & Viviana Saa		

HOLYBREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:
 Donna Gavin & Family

MEMORIAL WHEAT OFFERED BY:
 Flavio & Maha Nasr/IMO Leila Youssef Barakat

FELLOWSHIP OFFERED BY:
 Ss. Peter & Paul Church

CHURCHING
 Christy Saliba

MEMORIAL SERVICE
 Leila Youssef Barakat/1-year

OCCM NEWS
 Please come to a meet and talk with Jennifer Rice, a long-term missionary to Guatemala on Saturday, February 15th at 7:00 PM. (Please note change of original time.) The talk is at St. Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church in Falls Church, Virginia, Chelpon Hall (small hall on the right side of the church) for coffee and dessert, and most of all, good fellowship learning about Orthodox Christianity in Mexico and Guatemala! We hope everyone may come, including young people, as Jennifer was a high school teacher, and would love for our children and teens to hear about missions as well. (Contact Bos-worths for more information, as Jennifer will be staying with them that weekend.)