

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR
AND BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION**

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
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
03 Mar	open	Spaghetti Luncheon sponsored by the Men's Fellowship

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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All Things Are Possible to Him Who Believes

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 03, 2019
TONE 3 / EOTHINON 3
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
& SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW
SYNAXIS OF HOLY AND RIGHTEOUS SIMEON
THE GOD-RECEIVER
& ANNA THE PROPHETESS

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 3)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

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.

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.

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE. The custom of presenting a child to God forty days after its birth originated in the Jewish faith and continues to this day in Orthodoxy. John the Baptist's father, Zacharias, was the chief priest of the temple. He had the Theotokos stand in the place of the maidens in the temple and not in the area of the married women. A man named Symeon was directed by the Holy Spirit to go and see Jesus in the temple that day. The Holy Spirit told him that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Symeon responded, "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word, for my eyes have seen Your salvation." It was said that he was about 250 years old. Then Anna, who was a prophetess and a widow of about eighty-four years of age, saw *Jesus* "and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem." Soon after, an angel of God directed Joseph to take Jesus and the Theotokos into Egypt to escape Herod's soldiers, who were sent to kill the baby Jesus.

Church Etiquette Or Some Things You Should Know While In Church

Fr. David Barr

In the Orthodox Church, there are a lot of customs and traditions that are important parts of our worship. Some are cultural; some are pious customs. Some are essential; some are not. From time-to-time, we need to address some of these various etiquette issues to inform our communities how we can best understand each other and work together to worship the all-holy Trinity.

Standing vs. Sitting

The traditional posture for prayer and worship in the Orthodox Church has been to stand. In the Orthodox "old countries", there are usually no pews in the churches. Chairs or benches on the side walls are usually reserved for the elderly and infirm. In North America, we have tended to build our churches with pews, and since we have them, we need to figure out when we may sit and when we should stand. First of all, it is fully acceptable (even preferable) to stand for the entire service. If you prefer this, it would be better to find a place closer to the back or side of the church so as not to stand out or block someone's view. When should you definitely stand? Always during the Gospel reading, the Little and Great Entrances, the Anaphora, the distribution of Holy Communion, whenever the priest gives a blessing, and the Dismissal. In many parishes, the Divine Liturgy books in the pew have suggested times when sitting is acceptable. Follow those instructions (it's probably safer than to follow what the people are doing in the first couple of rows). When in doubt, stand. It is never wrong to stand in church.

Lighting Candles

Lighting candles is an important part of Orthodox worship. We light them as we pray, making an offering to accompany our prayers. Orthodox typically light candles when coming into the church - and that is usually the best time to light them, but there are times when candles should not be lit. It is not proper to light candles during the Epistle or Gospel readings, during the Little or Great Entrances, the sermon, and most of the times when the faithful are standing. If you find yourself arriving to church after the Liturgy has begun, a good rule of thumb to remember is - if everyone is standing, wait until they are sitting to light a candle (unless they are sitting for the sermon, of course). Other than that it is probably all right to light a candle.

Entering the Church (Late)

The time to arrive at church is before the service starts, but for some unknown reason, it has become the custom - or rather the bad habit - for some to come to church late. If you arrive after the Divine Liturgy begins, try to enter the church quietly - and observe what is happening. If the Epistle or Gospel is being read or the Little or Great Entrance is taking place, wait until it is finished to quickly find a seat. If Father is giving the sermon, stay in the back until he has concluded. If in doubt, check with one of the ushers to see if it is a good time to seat yourself. Try not to interrupt the Liturgy with you entrance. By the way, the best way to avoid this problem is to arrive on time - then you don't have to wonder if it's okay to come in or not. People who come late to the Liturgy should not partake of the Eucharist!

In and Out

In and out? It's a hamburger place in LA, but shouldn't be the traffic pattern by the back door during services. On some Sundays, it almost seems like we have a revolving door in the back of the church - and it is used by both children and adults. Use the restroom before coming to church. You shouldn't need to get a drink of water during the service (especially if you are taking Communion!). Don't come to church to go to the fellowship hall - come to pray.

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/PeterPaulCOctober>

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:

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- Feb 15-18** *Teen SOYO Winter Camp (see flyer in Narthex for more information)
Feb 23 *Bonding activity & Community Night
Mar 03 *Teen SOYO mtg/to follow Liturgy
Mar 16 *Teen SOYO retreat w/Fr. Nicholas Belcher/10a—1p
Mar 16-17 *Teen SOYO overnight retreat @Ss. Peter & Paul
Apr 12-14 *Spring Retreat/Antiochian Village/see flyer in Narthex.
Jun 26-30 *Parish Life Conference/@Antiochian Village (more details to follow)

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 amal17m@yahoo.com for more information.

- Feb 03** *Young Adult Fellowship Super Bowl Party (more details to follow)
Mar 16 *YAF Mtg. w/Fr. Nicholas Belcher/4p

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

- Feb 24** *Men's Fellowship mtg./1:00p/Serge Malooley Conf.Rm.
Mar 03 *Men's Fellowship Spaghetti Luncheon following Liturgy/all are welcome/details to follow
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.

"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, February 7, 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 (alexcoxseils@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

CREDIT CARD GIVING TO Ss. PETER AND PAUL CHURCH

The new Credit Card Giving Kiosk for donations or payments to Ss. Peter and Paul Church is operational. The Kiosk and 'swipe' screen are located in the Narthex (entrance) of the Church. Please contact Wayne Parr or Ken Bailey for more information.

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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

- 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 15-18 *Teen SOYO Winter Camp (see flyer in Narthex for more info)
Feb 16 *Holy Bread Baking Class (see sugb-up sheet in Hall)
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 *Men's Fellowship mtg./1:00p/LL Serge Malooley conf. rm.
Mar 02 *Baptism/Leo Khalaf/1:30p
Mar 02 *Antiochian Women hosting St. George Ladies for Tea/Kogok Hall
Mar 03 *Meat Fare Sunday
 *Men's Fellowship Spaghetti Luncheon following Liturgy/all are Welcome/more info to follow
 *Teen SOYO mtg.
Mar 10 *OCMC Presentation by Michael Bosworth
Mar 12 *Parish Council Mtg/7:30p/Serge Malooley Conf Rm (new start time)
Mar 16 *Teen SOYO Retreat w/Fr. Nicholas Belcher/10a-1p
 *Young Adult Fellowship Mtg. w/Fr. Nicholas Belcher/4p
Mar 16-17 *Teen SOYO Overnight Retreat @Ss. Peter & Paul
Mar 17 *Ss. Peter & Paul will host the Pan-Orthodox Sunday of Orthodoxy/ Vespers @5:00p/reception to follow in Kogok Hall
Apr 12-14 *Spring Retreat & Pilgrimage to Resting Place of St. Raphael/see flyer in Narthex

THE EPISTLE

(For the Sixteenth 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 Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:1-10)

Brethren, working together with Him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For He says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Sixteenth Sunday of Matthew)

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (25:14-30)

The Lord spoke this parable: A man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying: "Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master." And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying: "Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master." He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying: "Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master answered him, "You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." As Jesus said these things He cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

Antiochian Village "Camp" Liturgy

Today, at 10:30am the teens and young people of our Parish will sing an Antiochian Village 'Camp' style Liturgy. Many of our young people are Village Alumni and are very familiar with this Byzantine style liturgy used at the camp. They will be led by Kh. Rezanne and our chanters. This project is part of our Parish effort to involve our young people in the Worship of the Church and to encourage them also to join the Choir.

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Jennifer Buchko

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Susan Kozlov
Danielle Bellone
Michelle Zook
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TEEN SOYO

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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

Parishioners who remain in our prayers continually

Rt. Rev. Fr. Elias Bitar	Margaret Ashley	Mary Smith
Isabel Threddeh	George Brown	Nabeeha Ayoub
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Joyce Hamaty		

DEPARTED

Fr. George Rados
Naif Hanna Khleif
Gail Gicas
Sergei Malooley
Katter and Mary Malooley
John and Nymry Abdow
Michael Santora
PJ Boyle
Osama Khoury

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Margo Sahouri-Ghanem	Tammy Alvarez	George & Joanna Khoury
Ibtisam Toubaji	Jamie Simon	Sami Korban
Wafa Atiyeh	Nijmeh Zayed	Everett Alvarez
Helen Khalil	Nyla Louh	Amber Bennett
Evelyn Zacharia	Judith Khleif & family	The Family of Naif Hanna Khleif
Kris, Danielle, & Ezra Reese	Andrew Martelli & family	Steve Simon
Christine Maleska	Ann Marie Moses	Mark Abdow
Alice Doherty		Amanda, Andrew & Matthew Malooley
John & Alexandra Malooley Partridge		Matthew, Kristian & Joseph Malooley families
Audrey Haddad & Vanessa DeMichele		Abe & Sue Fannoney & Family

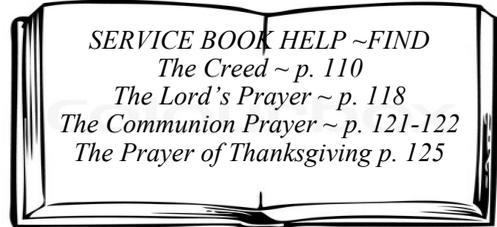
Orthodox Christians
Faithful Orthodox fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when they receive Holy Communion in fulfillment of Christ's command to eat His Body and drink His Blood. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, communicants should not be conscious of grave sin,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



HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:
Lorna Malooley

FELLOWSHIP OFFERED BY:
Abe & Susan Fannoney

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.

ATTENTION MEN AND WOMEN OF THE PARISH!
HOLY BREAD BAKING CLASS
It's Saturday **February 16** in the church kitchen from 9A to 1:30.Then.....You will make five loaves, four which will be placed in the freezer for Fr. Isaac and one for you to take home to your family. Come and learn this most beautiful of Orthodox traditions. Sign up sheet is located in the Hall or with Lorna or with the secretary. Call or email Lorna with any questions. Lo-naAM@aol.com or 703-503-3344

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.elexiochms.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!