

	BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
07 Feb	Lorna Malooley Malouf Family Laila Ayoub	Malouf Family 40-Day Memorial for Eva Catherine Malouf
14 Feb	David & Dolly Browning	Open
21 Feb	John Hakim 40-Day Memorial for Acadius Hakim	John Hakim 40-Day Memorial for Acadius Hakim
28 Feb	Open	Open
06 Mar	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, FEBRUARY 7, 2016
TONE 3 / EOTHINON 3
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

AFTER-FAST OF THE PRESENTATION (MEETING) OF CHRIST
PARTHENIOS, BISHOP OF LAMPSAKOS; VENERABLE LUKE OF
HELLAS; NEW-MARTYR GEORGE OF CR

APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRECTION (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 became 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.

The merciful person is he who gives to others what he has himself received from God, whether it be money, food, strength, a hopeful word, prayer, or anything else that he has through which he can express compassion for those in need. At the same time he considers himself a debtor since he has received more than he is asked to give.

St. Peter of Damacus

THE CHURCH

THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST

The first to refer to the Church as the body of Christ was St Paul: 'For by one Spirit we were all baptised into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and all were made to drink of one Spirit... Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it' (I Cot 12:13, 27). Through the sacraments, especially Holy Communion, we are united with him and we become one body in him: 'Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread' (I Cor. 10:17). The Church is the eucharistic body of Christ, and the Eucharist unites us to him and to each other. Moreover, the closer we are to God, the closer we are to each other; the more we are filled with love for Christ, the stronger our love for our neighbour. In being united to God through a life in the sacraments, we are united to each other, we overcome our usual lack of communication and alienation, we become members of an undivided organism bound together in a union of love.

The mystery of the Church was prefigured in the people of Israel, who were chosen and set apart from the other peoples. The Christian Church sees itself as the only legitimate heir to the biblical religion of revelation, preserving and continuing that revelation in her Tradition. The latter includes both the Old and the New Testaments, the memory of Jesus Christ's earthly life, his miracles and teaching, his death and resurrection. It is also comprised of the experience of the primitive Church, the teachings of Early Fathers and Ecumenical Councils, the lives of saints and martyrs, the Liturgy, the sacraments, and the entirety of spiritual and mystical experience, transmitted from generation to generation. In other words, Tradition in Orthodox understanding means the continuity of theological teaching and spiritual experience within the Church from Old Testament times up to the present. As Father Georges Florovsky writes:

Revelation is preserved in the Church. It was given by God to the Church, not to separate individuals, just as in the Old Testament *the words of God* were entrusted not to individuals but to the People of God. Revelation is given, and is accessible only in the Church ... This means that genuine knowledge is only possible in the element of *Tradition*. Tradition is a very important concept, one which is usually understood too narrowly: as oral tradition in contrast to Scripture. This understanding not only narrows, but also distorts the meaning of Tradition. Sacred Tradition *as the 'tradition of truth' — traditio veritatis, as St Irenaeus stated —* is not only historical memory, not simply an appeal to antiquity and to empirical unchangingness. Tradition is the inner, mystical memory of the Church. It is above all the 'unity of the Spirit, the unity and continuity of the spiritual experience and the life of grace ... The faithfulness to Tradition is not a loyalty to antiquity but rather the living relationship with the fullness of the Christian life.

It is absolutely essential for a Christian to be a member of the Church, connected with the revelation of God which is preserved in its living memory. The experience of God is given to individuals, but the revelation of God belongs to the whole body of the Church. The personal experience of each individual believer is to be incorporated into the collective memory of the Church. Every person is called to share his experience with others, and to examine it against the revelation which is given to the people as a community. In this way the Christian becomes united with other Christians and the house of the Church is formed from individual stones.

Bishop Hilarion Alfeyev

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.)

Feb 21 Teen SOYO Meeting with Teen parents

Mar 6 Teen SOYO Meeting following Sunday School @12:30pm

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

February 17, 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)

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.

SS. PETER AND PAUL VALENTINE DINNER

Don’t Delay! The Valentine Day Dinner & Dance on Saturday, February 13 is only 7 days away. We need your reservation by Monday, February 8 in order to give the caterer a final count. 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.

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

March is Antiochian Women’s Month

Please sign up with Donna Gavin to read the Epistle in English and Arabic, take the collection, and hand out Bulletins on Sundays during March.

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Upcoming events...

- 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 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!”

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Directors

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Susan Kozlov
Michelle Zook
Christine Morin
Layla Najjar
Lizzy Cassar
Lara Bellone
Andrew Salem
Caroline Jarboe
Amber Bennett
Anees Mokhiber
Philip Allen

Men’s Club

Sam Khalil

Antiochian Women

Kate Niewenhaus

Teen SOYO

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Manasseh

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Barbara Abraham

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Sam Sahouri
Ghanem

Finance

Gary Farha

Stewardship

Lina Eid

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 al-
 ways: 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 Shammass	Lulu & George Brown
Bertha Aed	Isabel Threded
Holly Dubois	Thelma & Bob Badwey
Edmond & Sophie Neam	

Fr. Alistair & Ann Anderson	Salwa Gabro
Josephine Lofgren	Nouha Aramouni
Sally Ruffin	Linda Dora Elkanich
Bill Dora, Jr.	John Wizeman
Claudia	The Family of Nawal Ayyash
The Family of Monir Neimat	Barbara Braid Atkinson
Ibrahim Mazen Saah	Tony Moussa
Richie Ayoub	John & Betty Slanta ad the Choir
Elias Bitar	Kristian Malooley & Family
Joseph Malooley & Family	Norma, Matthew , Amanda Malooley
Alexandra Malooley	Nader Misleh
Christine Maleska	Margaret Ayoub
Paul Misleh	Nabeeha Ayoub
Allison Ayoub	Mark Abdow
Leila Ayoub	
The Family of Acadius Hanna Hakim	

DEPARTED

Subdeacon Jerome Chiles
 Nawal Ayyash
 Monir Neimat
 Acadius Hanna Hakim
 Eva Catherine Malouf
 Bill Dora Sr.
 Lamia Choueiri Razook
 Julia Salameh
 Brenda Daughtry
 Robert Elias Simon, Sr.
 George Shahin
 Norman Joseph
 Sergei Malooley
 Katter & Mary Malooley
 John & Nymry Abdow
 Charlie A. Ayoub

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

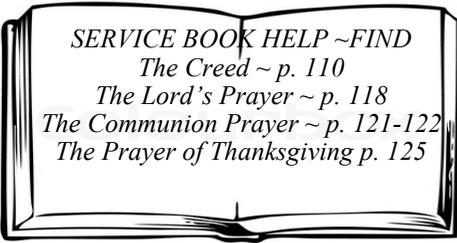
- the clergy censes the sanctuary
- the congregation is standing, or
- during the Little Entrance with the Gospel
- during the Reading of the Epistle and the Gospel

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:
 Lorna Malooley
 Dr. & Mrs. George Malouf, Jr – 40-day Memorial for Eva Catherine Malouf
 Leila Ayoub – in Memory of Charlie A. Ayoub

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Stewardship Corner
Theology of Giving Series – Week 6 – February 7, 2016

Genesis 2: 15 ... "The Lord God took man and put him in the Garden of Eden to till it and keep it."

"What does this message from God require from me, His loyal and obedient servant?" What must I change in my life to be able to follow this teaching in both word and in deed?"