

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
09 Feb	Leila Ayoub/IMO Charlie Ayoub Layale Abi Hanna/IMO Charbel Abi Hanna	Leila Ayoub/IMO Charlie Ayoub
16 Feb	Rainier & Jamilee Bellone/IMO George Khoury-1yr	Rainier & Jamilee Bellone/IMO George Khoury-IMO 1yr
23 Feb	Open	Giavis Family/IMO Vassilios Giavis-1yr
01 Mar	Mullin Family/IMO Barbara Mullin- 40day	Mullin Family/IMO Barbara Mullin-40day
08 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 Kogok Hall.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2020

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**SUNDAY OF THE PHARISEE AND THE PUBLICAN &
LEAVE-TAKING OF THE PRESENTATION (MEETING) OF CHRIST**

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 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.

In short, let every action be a cause of your remembering and praising God, and lo! You will be praying without ceasing and therein your soul will always rejoice.

St. Peter of Damascus

MAKING GOD REAL *In the Orthodox Christian Home*

By Anthony M. Coniaris

Teaching Our Children to Be Good Stewards

Secondly, we notice that our Lord was watching the people as they were placing their money into the temple treasury. "And he sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the multitude putting money into the treasury" (Mark 12:41). Perhaps we need to be reminded today that Jesus watches, that He knows what we give, that the collection plate in which we place our gift is in reality not a brass plate but the nail-scarred hands of our Lord. Jesus always sits over against the treasury-watching! So:

*Give as you would if an angel
Awaited your gift at the door.*

*Give as you would if tomorrow
Found you where giving is o'er.*

*Give as you would to the Master
If you met His loving look.*

*Give as you would of your substance
If His hand your offering took.*

Read together I Corinthians 8:5.

St. Paul speaks here of the generosity of the Christians in Macedonia. Though they were poor, they gave beyond their means to help their suffering brethren in Jerusalem. Paul said that this happened because "first they gave themselves to the Lord." Here is the essence of all true giving to God: the giving of one's self. The gift without the giver is always bare and empty and perhaps even hypocritical. There are people who send a check to the church once a year but they do not participate in the life of the church. They give money but they do not give themselves. This is not *real* giving. This is not *true* giving. This is not *Christian* giving. Christian giving involves much more than writing a check. The check is really worthless unless it expresses the gift of oneself. Someone said once, "I had been giving my money to God all my life, but I had never given myself." Without the giving of oneself no gift has value.

When the offering plate was passed in church one day a little boy asked the usher to place the plate on the floor. The lad then stepped in the plate and said, "I want to give myself to God. It is all I have to give." "First they gave themselves to the Lord."

Church giving should be *proportionate* to what we earn. The important thing in Christian giving is not *how much we give* but *how much in comparison to our ability*. One dollar a week may represent 10% of income for a widow or person on pension. On the other hand, twenty dollars a week may represent not even 1% of income for someone else. The only *minimum* the Bible recognizes is the tithe, 10% of one's income.

It is important that Orthodox Christian parents teach and encourage their children to set aside for God's work a certain percentage of what they earn each week. This can be placed in their own special offering envelope and brought to church each Sunday. Parents should show interest in what their children contribute each Sunday. A parent who gives his child \$1.00 for the church offering and \$7.00 for a movie is imparting a sense of values.

An example of Christian giving is Alvin Dark, former Manager of the San Francisco Giants. He wrote:

"Tithing . . . giving the first tenth of my income back to God was just as unquestioned in our home as putting on my socks before my shoes. And a nickel out of every 50 cents was quite a lot when I got up every day before dawn to pedal around my paper route. But as the years went by and my income increased, I found out I could never win in this game of giving to God. He always outgave me. He gave to me physically, financially and in a dozen other ways. He gave to me a satisfying career in baseball. Actually, if I belong to Him, He owns my income, too, all of it. I have learned that tithing is just a symbol of my trust in Him."

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>
Apr 05 *Church School Pascha Prep Workshop/LL Conf. Rm.

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 21-22** *St. Mary's Winter Retreat. See Tala Natour for more info.
Feb 29 *Teen SOYO event/participate in discussions for future plans for the Church
Mar 7 *Teen SOYO/Golf Excursion to Top Golf (more details to follow)
Mar 8 *Zaatar Sale during Fellowship/we need help & Supplies. Sign-up sheet coming soon.
Apr 3-5 *Delegates meeting at the Antiochian Village

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.

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/Meeting in LL Conf. Rm to follow Church School
March *Antiochian Women's Month
Mar 2 *Easter Naach Collections/see Linda Shaheen
Mar 07 *Tea with Ladies of St. George (more info to follow)
Mar 13-15 *Annual Lenten Retreat/Antiochian Village (see Flyer In Narthex and/or Donna Gavin for more info)
Apr 28 *Primary Election Day Bake Sale (more info to follow)
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 rsaah@gmail.com (more details to follow)

"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 17** *Church office closed/Federal Holiday
Feb 22 *Saturday of Souls/Matins 9:30a & Liturgy 10:30a
Feb 23 *Antiochian Women/Club Mtg./LL Conf. Rm to Follow Church School
March *Antiochian Women's Month
Mar 02 *Great Lent
 *Easter Naach Collections (see Linda Shaheen)
Mar 07 *Tea with Ladies of St. George (see Flyer in Narthex or Sherri Zacharia)
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 03-05 *Eastern Dioceses Annual Lenten Pilgrimage & Spring Retreat/ Antiochian Village & open to all (see below and/or Abe Fannoney for more info)
Apr 05 *Church School Pascha Prep Workshop/LL Conf. Rm.
Apr 19 *Great & Holy Pascha
Apr 28 *Primary Election Day Bake Sale/more info to follow)
May 9 *Antiochian Women's Fashion Show/Westwood County Club, Vienna, VA (more details to follow)
May 22-25 *Family Camp at the Antiochian Village/register now
Jun 24-28 *2020 Parish Life Conference/Antiochian Village/more info 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.

THE EPISTLE

(For Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican)

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

*For He hath regarded the humility of His servant.**

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."

Saturday, Feb 22nd, Saturday of Souls

Before the start of Lent, we remember our beloved departed ones knowing that they are in the presence of our Lord. They continue to be part of our community and life, even if they are not physically with us.

If you want to commemorate any of your departed family or friends, please send their names to office@peterpaulpotomac.org Attn: Saturday of Souls.

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.

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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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Lily Farhoud	Donna & Joseph Gavin	Ann Gavin
Joanna Khoury	Susan Fisher Anderson	Allison Ayoub
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Leila Ayoub		
George Rados & Family		
The Family of Naim Mousa Ayoub		
Lidia, Ghassan, Adecb, Farah & Hiba & Families		
Edward, Ritamarie, Emilia & Viviana Saa		

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

Fr. George Rados
 Barbara Mullin
 George Farhat Muhawi
 Douglas Kalesh
 May Woodward
 Naim Mousa Ayoub
 George Lubbos
 Eliane Capdeville
 Charlie Ayoub
 Abdallah Ayoub
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MEMORIAL SERVICE
 Charlie Ayoub
 Charbel Abi Hanna

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 Leila Ayoub/IMO Charlie Ayoub
 Layale Abi Hanna/IMO Charbel Abi Hanna

MEMORIAL WHEAT OFFERED BY:
 Layale Abi Hanna/IMO Charbel Abi Hanna

FELLOWSHIP OFFERED BY:
 Leila Ayoub/IMO Charlie Ayoub

OCMC 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 Bosworths for more information, as Jennifer will be staying with them that weekend.)
- Father Paul Abernathy (with Trauma Informed Community Development) is offering two domestic mission trips for the summer of 2020. He has two sessions scheduled for July. Each session will provide an opportunity for training and service. Volunteers will return home with some ideas of how they might be catalysts for change in their own communities. Each "trip" is six days, with two days for travel, and four workdays, beginning with arrival on Wednesday and departure the following Tuesday. The cost for food, lodging (at Duquesne University) and Catalyst training is \$400 per person. For other details, including dates, fund-raising ideas, and registration, go to www.james218.com