

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
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	Teen SOYO/Zaatar Sale
15 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 16, 2020
STONE 2 / EOTHINON 2
SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

MARTYR PAMPHILOS, PRIEST OF CAESAREA IN PALESTINE AND HIS COMPANIONS;
VENERABLE FLAVIAN THE HERMIT;
VENERABLE-MARTYR ROMANOS FROM SOLOVAK OF CARPENISON

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (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 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 FOR THE PRODIGAL SON (Tone 3)

*(**Special Melody: Today the Virgin**)*

Foolishly I sprang away * from Thy great fatherly glory, * and dispersed in wicked deeds * the riches that Thou didst give me. * With the Prodigal I therefore * cry unto Thee now: * I have sinned against Thee, O compassionate Father. * But receive me in repentance; * make me as one of * Thy hired servants, O Lord.

Thousands of times we sin and Christ forgives us, as long as we repent sincerely...

*Elder Paisios of Mount Athos
Spiritual Counsels Vol. II
Spiritual Awakening 393*

MAKING GOD REAL
In the Orthodox Christian Home

By Anthony M. Coniaris

Teaching Our Children to Be Good Stewards

After hearing a sermon on stewardship once, a young man said to the pastor, “That’s the trouble with Christianity and the church: it’s always give, give, give!”

The pastor looked at the man and said, “Sir, I want to thank you for giving me the best definition I have yet heard of Christianity.” Indeed, this is the entire record of Christianity: Give! God gave His only Son. “This is my blood. . . this is my body given for you . . . The Son came . . . to give His life as a ransom for many.”

“And shall I keep giving and giving again?” And the angel replied, “No, only keep giving until He stops giving to you.”

The home is the place to teach our children the Christian concept of stewardship.

A woman from a distinguished American family tells how her father taught her Christian stewardship from a very young age:

My father had three little wooden boxes, like piggy banks, and I would put a dime in one for savings and a dime in another for contributions. Then I got another dime. I think I usually spent it on candy. Once a year my father and I would sit down and decide what to do with the money in the contribution box. I would read about the 100 neediest cases in the “Times” (an annual charity for the needy families supported by the New York Times). Some of the stories were so tragic I couldn’t decide which family to send my money to. Father and I would talk about it and about the fact that some families might not get as much money. So I would end up sending a letter telling the “Times” to give my money to the family who needed it the most. They got half the money in the box. The other half went to the church.

What a beautiful way for parents to teach children the responsible use of God’s blessings!

Part 3 of 3

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.

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.

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

Lav 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/Mtg in Malooley 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 02 *The St. George Ladies Myrrh Bearing have invited the Antiochian Women of Ss. Peter and Paul Church to attend a one-day retreat at St. George. All are welcome to attend. More info to follow.
May 9 *Fashion Show/Westwood Country Club, Vienna, VA Looking for awesome models for the fashion show. Please consider volunteering. (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.

"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
Mar 07 *Easter Naach Collections (see Linda Shaheen)
Mar 08 *Tea with Ladies of St. George (see Flyer in Narthex or Sherri Zacharia)
Mar 13-15 *Sunday of Orthodoxy
Mar 13-15 *Antiochian Women Annual Lenten Retreat/Antiochian Village (See flyer in Narthex and/or Donna Gavin for more info)
Mar 12 *Professionals Gathering/March 12/4:30p - 6:00 p/see below 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 Country Club, Vienna, VA (see flyer in Narthex)
May 22-25 *Family Camp at the Antiochian Village/register now
Jun 24-28 *2020 Parish Life Conference/Antiochian Village/more info to follow

PROFESSIONALS GATHERING

The next Professionals Gathering will be held on March 12 from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. at Weily LLP (1776 K St. NW). With thanks to our gracious host, Carol Laham, food and drink will be served. We look forward to seeing you -- we welcome all, at any level of seniority. Kindly RSVP to me at skorkor@gmail.com by March 9.

Sincerely,
 Samer Korkor

COME ONE, COME ALL

The Men's Fellowship is having an outing to Audi Field to see the new and exciting XFL. March 8, 3PM Kickoff (leave from church after Liturgy). It's the DC Defenders vs. St. Louis Battlehawks (Both teams won their first game). Cost per ticket approximately \$25.00 (We think). If you are interested, contact Bob Simon or Abe Fannoney. We need to know attendance by February 29. Come out for friendship and fun. Hope to hear from you.

THE EPISTLE

(For Sunday of the Prodigal Son)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:12-20)

Brethren, all things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be enslaved by anything. Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food; but God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

THE GOSPEL

(For Sunday of the Prodigal Son)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (15:11-32)

The Lord spoke this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

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.

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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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Daoud Khairallah	Nawal Musleh	Artemis Lampathakis & Family
Joanna Khoury	Nicholas & Jessica Sidawy	Patrick, Stephanie & Brynn Olivia Howe
Nyla Louh	Martha Pike	Rainier & Jamilee Bellone
Chris Malaska & Family		
Lara, Danielle & George Bellone		
Nicholas, Alison, Julian & Marcus Shwayri		
Lidia, Ghassan, Adeeb, Farah & Hiba & Families		
Edward, Ritamarie, Emilia & Viviana Saa		

MEMORIAL SERVICE
 George F. Khoury/1 year

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OCMC NEWS

Many thanks for the great kindnesses of our parish, \$25.25 was donated to OCMC this week. Thank you for your generosity. Some of the money donated goes toward work in helping the Orthodox Church in Guatemala, which has 40,000 members spread across 150 remote and mountainous parishes and has only five priests! So with the support, these priests can train several hundred catechists in villages and towns across Guatemala. While the catechists cannot perform sacraments and are still learning the church, they are the "backbone of the Orthodox Church" and key to its growth there.

Jennifer Rice, a long-term missionary in Guatemala is visiting St. Mary's Orthodox Church in Falls Church this morning. She spoke last evening at a DC Missions Committee Event St. Katherine's and Saturday morning was even with the teens at the **Winter Camp at Antiochian Village** where the focus this week is missions! Jennifer works closely with the catechists in Guatemala. (While she could not fit in a time to be with us at Ss Peter and Paul, if you have any questions for her, please contact Bosworths, as she is staying with them until tomorrow, and would be glad to meet more people!).