

FEBRUARY 23, 2014



**W**hen Thou, O God, wilt come to earth with glory, and all things tremble, and the river of fire floweth before the Judgment Seat, and the books are opened and the hidden things made public, then deliver me from the unquenchable fire, and deem me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O most righteous Judge.

## SS. PETER AND PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

*All Things Are Possible to Him Who Believes*

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**Divine Liturgy:** Sundays 10:30am

**Confessions:** call to schedule

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**Sunday, February 23, 2014**

Sunday of the Last Judgment (Meat Fare)

**On this day we commemorate:** Hieromartyr Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna; Venerable Gorgonia, sister of Gregory the Theologian; Venerable Zebinas, Polychronios, Moses and Damian near Cyrrhus in Syria; Venerable Damian of Esphigmenou monastery on Mount Athos

### **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.

### **TROPARION of Ss. Peter & 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 Sunday of Last Judgment (Tone 1)**

When Thou comest, O God, to earth with glory, and all creatures tremble before Thee, and the river of fire floweth before the Altar, and the books are opened and sins revealed, deliver me then from that unquenchable fire, and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O righteous Judge.

## THE EPISTLE (For Sunday of the Last Judgment)

*The Lord is my strength and my praise. The Lord chastising hath chastised me, but He hath not delivered me over to death.*

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (8:8-9:2)

Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care, lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you—a man of knowledge—at table in an idol’s temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother’s falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

## THE GOSPEL Matthew. (25:31-46)

The Lord said, “When the Son of man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and He will place the sheep at His right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at His right hand, ‘Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.’ Then the righteous will answer Him, ‘Lord, when did we see Thee hungry and feed Thee, or thirsty and give Thee drink? And when did we see Thee a stranger and welcome Thee, or naked and clothe Thee? And when did we see Thee sick or in prison and visit Thee?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.’ Then He will say to those at his left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see Thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to Thee?’ Then He will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to Me.’ And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### Directors

Samia Zolnerowich  
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### **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 enter the sanctuary quietly during the Divine Liturgy.

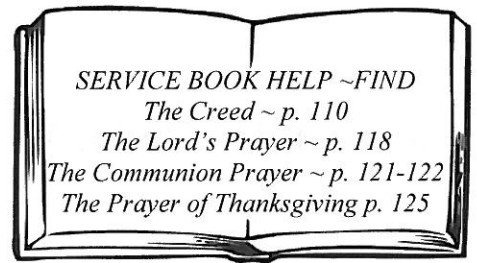
#### **PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS**

- 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 IS OFFERED BY:** The Manasseh family and  
by Lorna Malooley

**JELLOWSHIP HOUR IS OFFERED BY:** The Manasseh family in honor of the  
Ordination of Christian Manasseh to the Holy Deaconate

# 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

Parishioners who remain  
in our prayers continually

Margaret Ashley

Abe, Lulu & George Brown

Issa Shammass

Ralph Farha

## LIVING

Richie Kogok

Nawal Musleh

Thelma & Bob Badwey

Mark Ghanim

Maria Paci & Susan Ferriss

Dn. Christian, Zeina & George Manasseh

Archbishop Joseph

Bishop Nicholas

Archpriest Samer & family

Archpriest Paul & family

Archpriest Elie & family

Priest Joseph & family

George, Rita, Grace, Mazen, Edward, Samia

V. Rev. Fr. Elias Bitar & family

The Monastery of St. Nina

Lorna, Alex, Matthew, Kristian, & Joseph

Malooley & families

John Slanta & Choir Members

Sam, Steve & Debra Brown & families

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## DEPARTED

Salim

Najiyah

Sergei Malooley

Kater & Mary Malooley

John & Nymry Abdow

Badia Sackleh Jan 20

Norma Malahi Jan 15

William Dora

Archpriest John Elias

Archpriest George Aswad

Jack Ayoub

Mike Ayoub

Spiro Bursheh

Laurice Bursheh

Munir Bursheh

Raymond Hawa

Alex and Sadie Hier

Helen Sheahin

Janie Cox

## Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News

### THE RIGHT REVEREND BISHOP NICHOLAS



Today we welcome The Right Reverend Bishop NICHOLAS [Ozone].

Bishop NICHOLAS born in Syria, immigrated to the US in 1981, to study and earn degrees in Electrical and Computer Engineering. He has also attended courses and conferences on psychology and human behavior. Bishop NICHOLAS worked for nearly 20 years as a Computer Engineer

representing companies in Sweden, France, England, Germany, Italy, and USA. He has lectured on Electronics Circuitry, Circuit Theory, and Digital Computers at the Wentworth Institute of Technology, Boston, MA. Bishop NICHOLAS holds a Master of Divinity degree and speaks Arabic and English fluently. His second language in Syria was French, and he is versed in Hebrew, Ancient Greek, New Testament Greek, and Modern Greek. Bishop NICHOLAS was ordained to the Holy Diaconate in 2004, and to the Holy Priesthood by His Grace Bishop ANTOUN in 2005. He served at St. Philip Antiochian Orthodox Church, Fort Lauderdale, FL, from 2005 to 2011. He was elevated to the dignity of Archimandrite by His Eminence Metropolitan PHILIP in 2010, and consecrated to the bishopric as the Bishop of Brooklyn in 2011. Bishop NICHOLAS resides at the Archdiocese Headquarters, Englewood, NJ, serves the Diocese of New York and Washington DC, and is the Assistant of Metropolitan PHILIP. His name day is December 6 (St. Nicholas the Wonderworker).

### NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY

There is No Sunday School today. Our Children are invited to observe the Liturgy and Ordination of our new Deacon.

### ORDINATION OF CHRISTIAN MANASSEH TO THE HOLY DEACONATE

Born in Saudi Arabia (1976) Christian grew up in Lebanon and received a Bachelor of Engineering degree from the American University of Beirut.

Christian came to the United States to pursue a Masters in Engineering (1999) from MIT. He began his career working for a software consulting firm, then started a new company with the CEO of that firm. Christian and Zeina Maalouf married (2006), having met when pursuing their doctorates.

Christian received a Ph.D. from UCAL (Berkeley) (2010) in Civil Systems—a new discipline involving the use of information technology for the enhancement of civil systems and society. In 2009, son George was born and in 2012, the Manasseh's moved to DC to pursue work; Zeina with an international development non-profit organization and Christian to further the operations of his company, Mobius Logic.

Christian's involvement in the church has grown over the years. Born into an Orthodox home and baptized in Syria, Christian attended services in Beirut and churches and monasteries in the villages of Mount Lebanon when his family had to flee their home due to the wars in Lebanon. Christian attended churches throughout his years of study in Boston and California where he was mentored and participated in; a deacon program, the St. Stephen's Course, development of presentations of the sacraments, Bible studies, seminars and conventions; served as Treasurer and was active in several Antiochian Church organizations. Zeina previously served as president of OCF at UC Davis, chants and participates in Women's events.

Having received from God a vocation to serve the Church, Christian asks for the prayers of the congregation of Ss. Peter & Paul. He asks that God will strengthen him, to assist Fr. George and Fr. Isaac in celebrating the Liturgy and in the ministry of the Church.



# Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News

## **BYZANTINE MUSIC WORKSHOP**

Next Saturday, March 1st, begins a series of Byzantine Music workshops held from 1:00-4:00pm in the sanctuary. Intended to introduce attendees to the art of Byzantine chanting, sessions are open to all. Registration forms are available in the vestibule. Contact Fr. Isaac Crow at frisaac@gmail.com or 301-765-9188.

## **ART FESTIVAL**

The creative arts workshop is next Sunday, March 2nd from 12:15-2:00. A pizza lunch will be provided—please RSVP to peterpaulsundayschool@gmail.com. All Sunday school students are invited to work on their entries for the festival during the workshop.

## **CATECHISM**

**HAVING THIS AS AN ANCHOR OF HOPE**  
Reflections on the Attitude of a Christian  
(Part III of III)  
Fr. Isaac Crow

The hope of a Christian lies then in a series of attitudes, which constitute a human response to a Divine summons. Man is summoned by God to an exacting and irrevocable discipleship in the Divine-human task.

The summons is, at the same time, a revelation to man of: his original relationship to God, his Source (in whose image he is created), and, the hope of 'putting on' the Divine likeness.

Hope then, is the wellspring of a Christian's journey of transformation. In the attitude of Christian hope, human response and Divine grace are joined. Hope is, first of all, an essential grace of God, given or rather placed in the human soul by the Holy Spirit, to strengthen and guide the development of faith. Saint Paul himself refers to this basic notion in a clear and concise manner: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." ~ Romans 15:13

Hope serves to bring the role of human choice into conformity with the will of God. In this two-fold path of synergetic cooperation, the human will is opened to the mercies of Divine grace. The whole of

the Christian life is grounded here in this common work of God and man.

Following from this cooperative union, hope begins to function as an evangelical grace of the soul. The attitude of Christian hope reaches out to bind the individual to the whole of humanity and to all of creation. Understanding that the kingdom of God is within him, the Christian looks always in everything for a physical and spiritual balance in order to preserve in life the "bond of peace and unity."

The Church is thus revealed as an anchor of hope wherein, as Saint John Chrysostom says, "the joyful preserve their joy." The Church gathers its children, in this joyful presence to teach them to project attitudes full of this hope and to offer forth praise, gratitude and healing. In this arena of hope the Christian enters into a community and a life unlike any other, a community in which life is transfigured unto the joy and glory of the Kingdom.

## **LOOKING AHEAD** *Upcoming events...*

*Special Note: The Tuesday evening Adult Education Classes are suspended during Great Lent. All the faithful are encouraged to attend the Wednesday and Friday night Lenten services.*

Feb 25 - Men's Club Meeting @7:30pm  
Mar 1 - Baptism of Grace Sanchez @12pm  
Mar 1 - Byzantine Music Workshop @1-4pm  
Mar 1 - Arabic Liturgy @5pm  
Mar 2 - Sunday School Workshop @12:30pm  
Mar 3 - Lent begins  
Mar 5 - Pre-Sanctified Liturgy @7pm  
Mar 7 - Akathist Service @ 7pm  
Mar 7 - Byzantine Hymnology Lecture/Supper-8pm  
Mar 11 - Parish Council Meeting @7pm  
Mar 12 - Pre-Sanctified Liturgy @7pm  
Mar 14 - Akathist Service @7pm  
Mar 14 - Orthodox Iconography Lecture/Supper-8p  
Mar 19 - Pre-Sanctified Liturgy @7pm  
Mar 21 - Akathist Service @ 7pm  
Mar 21 - Eucharistic Preparation Lecture/Supper-8

## CHRIST'S WORDS PAINT A MAJESTIC SCENE

**W**hat profound lessons are contained in the words of Christ on this Meat Fare Sunday before the Great Fast! What a majestic scene is painted as Jesus depicts Judgement Day when He comes in glory and before Him are gathered all nations! There the words of the Lord are proclaimed: "Come, you blessed of My Father," spoken to one group; and then, "Depart from Me," spoken to another group.

It is important to note that Jesus identifies Himself with the hungry, the naked, the sick, the imprisoned, the outcasts of society. Whatever is done for them, the Lord insists, is done to Him. And conversely, whatever people fail to do for these unfortunate and needy ones, they fail to do to Christ. What an indictment this is on society today, with the many hungry, homeless, the sick of body and spirit, the refugee in strange places, who seek help and care.

There is an old story told about St. John Chrysostom, the great Patriarch of Constantinople. Some people once came to him asking to see the rich gold altar of the magnificent Church of Holy Wisdom. He is said to have taken them to the street, pointed out the hungry, the homeless, the needy of the city and said: "Behold, the altar on which you may bring sacrifice and offering to God!"

Another important aspect of the Gospel narrative is the identity of those in need. Nationality plays no part. Creed and color are not mentioned. What matters is need. What matters is the response of people to that need.

As we draw near to the Great Fast, we have our Lord's instruction for us. This is a time of renewal, of repentance, of commitment to Christ and Church and of rededication to the teachings of our Lord.

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### FELLOWSHIP HOUR AND BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION

|       | BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION | FELLOWSHIP HOUR           |
|-------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Mar 2 | Mary Misleh            |                           |
| 9     |                        |                           |
| 16    |                        | Raja & Benitta Khoury     |
| 23    |                        |                           |
| 30    |                        |                           |
| Apr 6 |                        |                           |
| 13    | Nahla George           | Mary Misleh               |
| 20    |                        | ~Paschal Agape Breakfast~ |

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.