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FEBRUARY 23, 2020

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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CHARITY OF THE MONTH

Annual Lenten Community Service Project – Packing Meals for Area Families in Need

Please join us for Ss. Peter and Paul’s Annual Lenten Community Service Project. This is an easy and fun way to connect in a church community and give back to our greater D.C.-area community.

We look forward to seeing you there!

*When/Where?* Sunday, March 29 following Liturgy in the Church hall

*How many meals will we pack?* This depends on how much money we can raise, and how many volunteers we can muster. In the past we've packed up to 25,000 meals and we’d love to do the same if not better this year!

*How can I contribute and sign up?* Please see Serene Jweied (sjweied@gmail.com) or Rana Callas (rncallas@hotmail.com). If you’d like to contribute online, go to the “make a donation” from the stewardship page on the Church’s website and select “Meat Packing 2021” in the drop-down.

*What should I wear?* Just bring your two hands and a sensible pair of shoes! Hair nets, aprons, and gloves will be provided.
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, 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.’ Then He will say to those at His left, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you did not give Me food, I was thirsty and you did not give Me drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, I was naked and you did not clothe Me, I was sick and you did not visit Me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to Thee?’ He 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 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?’ Then 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, ‘Depart from Me, cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you did not give Me food, I was thirsty and you did not give Me drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, I was naked and you did not clothe Me, I was sick and you did not visit Me, and you did not receive 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?’ He 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 they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

**TEPISITE**

(Forsunday of the Last Judgment)

**THE LORD IS my strong Rock and my Salvation.**

The Lord chastising has chastised me, but He hath not delivered me over to death.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans (8:9-23)

Brethren, food will not comman 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, singing against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of your 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**

(Forsunday of the Last Judgment)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, (25:31-46)

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 (fluke@petepaulpotomac.org). Please consider a time when your entire family is present, especially little and not-so-little children.

**PEOPLE NEEDED**

Short and stout, tall and slender, if you have a laundry you can lend it be used at the Ladies Tea on Saturday, March 7th, we would love to have them. Label the bottom with your name, pack it (them) up, and bring them to church this Sunday or the next (March 1st). Donna Gavin, Sherrie Zacharia, Thomaseena Cox, and/or Lorna Malooley will be available to accept them. Teapots will be cleaned and available for pickup immediately after the tea on Sunday, March 15th.

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**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**Feb 23**

- *Meat Fare Sunday*
- *Antiochian Women’s Mtg: LL Conf. Room to follow Church School*

**March**

- *Antiochian Women’s Month*
- *Easter Nauch Collections (see Linda Shawkat)*
- *Annual Lenten Retreat/Antiochian Village (see Flyer in Narthex)*
- *Community Night: more info to follow*
- *Annual Lenten Retreat/Antiochian Village (see Flyer in Narthex)*
- *Primary Election Day Bake Sale (more info to follow)*
- *Room for You (see Flyer in Narthex)*

**April 8**

- *Easter Sunday Teas (see page 1 for more info)*

**April 16**

- *Tea with Ladies of St. George (see Flyer in Narthex and/or Donna Gavin)*
- *Church School Spring Clean up: 9:00-10:30 am*
- *Easter Pascha/Church School (see page 2 for more info)*

**May 31**

- *Tea with Ladies of St. George (see Flyer in Narthex)*
- *Antiochian Women’s Month*
- *Tea with Ladies of St. Sophia (see Flyer in Narthex and/or Donna Gavin)*
- *Teen SOYO event/participate in discussions for future plans of the Church*
- *Sunday of Orthodoxy/St. Sophia*
- *Antiochian Women Annual Lenten Retreat/Antiochian Village (see Flyer in Narthex and/or Donna Gavin for more info)*
- *Teen SOYO/March 12: 9-6pm* (see page 1 for more info)
- *Teen SOYO/Antiochian Village*
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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 the Lord’s Supper is encouraged by Christians not fully united with us.

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. Orthodoxy believes 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 dismissed prayers.

Welcome to Ss. Peter and Paul

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MEMORIAL SERVICE

Vassilios Giavis/1 year

OCMC NEWS

Mark your calendars for May 3rd for the OCMC Annual Dinner! The speaker will be the missionary from Project Mexico! This project builds homes in Tijuana, Mexico, very near the San Diego border. There is also an orphanage for young boys on the grounds. Consider joining us at OCMC Annual Dinner to support this significant mission at the camp! More information will be available soon. Our own Paula Massoeh is on the OCMC Dinner committee!

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DEPARTED

Fr. George Kados
Barbara Mullin
George Parhat Mukai
Douglas Kalash
May Woodward
Nain Mousa Ayoub
Yeorges Lampatsakis
Alex & Sadie Har
Helen Sheehan
Vanessa Giavis

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:
Maha Giavis & Family /IMO Vassilios Giavis

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LIVING

Archpriest Isaac & Kh. Dolly
Ramona Dora
Anastacia Lampathakis
Sam Kuphan
Audre Yacoub
Paul Malkeh
Daud Kharrallah
Paul Bridenhagen
Artemia Lampathakis & Family
Marc Giavis
Lilia Grueas, Adesh, Farah & Hiles & Families

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If you child was at Winter Camp last weekend, they had opportunity to hear Jennifer Rice, long term missionary from Guatemala speak about her service in Guatemala, serving the Lord, and how it fit into what they learned about mission at the camp!

Secondly, there is new opportunity through the Orthodox Christian Mission Center for young students taking a gap year to serve in Alaska. More information will be available soon. Inquire at ocmc.org for further information about this opportunity and possibility!