

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
24 Feb	Bailey Family Rula Khouy Layale Abi Hanna/IMO Charbel Abi Hanna	Essa Azar & Family
03 Mar	Chris Malaska	Spaghetti Luncheon sponsored by the Men's Fellowship
10 Mar	Assaley Family	OCMC Ambassadors
17 Mar	Open	Open
24 Mar	Bellone Family/IMO George F. Khoury — HB & MW	Bellone Family/IMO George F. Khoury

**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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Divine Liturgy: Sundays 10:30am

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2019

TONE 6/EOTHINON 6

**FIRST AND SECOND DISCOVERIES
OF THE FORERUNNER'S HONORABLE HEAD
& SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON**

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 6)

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION FOR ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST (Tone 6)

*(**Be quick to anticipate**)*

The Forerunner's sacred head, having dawned forth from the earth, * doth send incorruption's rays unto the faithful, whereby they find healings of their ills. * From on high he gathereth the choirs of the Angels * and on earth he summoneth the whole race of mankind, * that they with one voice might send up glory to Christ our God.

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)

*(**On this day 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.

Do not believe your thoughts, neither when then tell you that you are terrible, nor when they tell you that you are a saint.

St. Paisios the Athonite

INFORMATION WITHOUT LEARNING OR KNOWLEDGE

Looking at their effects in the domain of culture and education we have seen how the new media, especially the Internet and the television, pour forth a flood of information. But it is hard to digest such a mass of information. It makes one's head spin and ends by destroying itself, for "too much information kills information."

Even if the information can be digested, it still does not make for knowledge, which is not simply an accumulation of information. The nature of the new media means that information is generally received in scraps discontinuously and passively. It is not examined or put in order to be thoughtfully assimilated. Even when the information may be of high quality it can be seen that the users of the Internet "generally fail to ask the right questions or to sort the results or to rank their sources." They also have difficulty in synthesizing whatever information they may have collected.

The sum of the information one receives cannot give knowledge in the true sense of the word, for knowledge rests on firm foundations. It formalizes information to give it unity and ranks it according to its importance and value within culture. Information alone is not knowledge, which implies an in-depth understanding of its subject that has become, through reflection, one's personal possession.

COMMUNICATION: A SUBSTITUTE FOR COMMUNION

Through emails, text messages, and social networks, the new media are credited with helping to forge relations between humans, and even, especially through Facebook, to give them friendship. As we have seen, to connect each individual to everyone else was one of the aims of the utopian society imagined by Wiener in a semi-religious way.

But as we saw in a preceding chapter, the relationships that are created through the new media are very superficial. The so-called friends of Facebook, gained at the click of a mouse, are friends but in name. It is risky to reduce one's neighbor to a Facebook "friend" or a Twitter "follower." As Peter Pilt has shown, this replaces the love of one's neighbor, which always implies concrete action along with effort and sacrifice, with "likes" produced by the simple click of a mouse. In this way, Christianity is replaced by what he calls "Clickstianity." Pilt emphasizes that there is a similar risk in confusing activity on the social networks with spirituality. A cartoon shows a man who has just died arriving in Heaven. When God asks him: "What did you do with your life?," he replies with surprise: "What! Didn't you read my tweets?"

We have shown that relationships created by the new media have a virtual dimension. They are abstract, bodiless, lacking depth, and complexity. The nuances and all the visual and emotional richness of concrete relationships are lacking. Even those connections where the faces are present on screen cannot provide the feeling of a real presence. This is shown by the remark that users of Skype often make without realizing: "I miss you!"

Paradoxically, such relationships can be formed between lonely individuals who have never met, and often, who would never want to meet for fear of exposure or disappointment. The social media tend to replace real communities with virtual communities. Some are happy with this change, but it is clear that the virtual, by its very nature, has not the human or spiritual density of the concrete.

In fact communication has become a substitute for communion, which, in its spiritual reality, rests on the participation in one Body and one Spirit in a concrete community.

-Jean Claude Larchet

Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News and Events

CHURCH SCHOOL 2018-2019

Registration for Church School is ongoing using this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/GQ6uQSnltimwGJW2>, include your email as most Church school announcements go out to the entire parish. Please list all/any allergies.

Check out our new online Church School Newsletter

<https://tinyurl.com/PeterPaulCSOctober>

Apr 7 *Pascha Prep Work

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.

Lay Advisors:

Zaid Sharafudin/Zaid.sharafudin@gmail.com (412) 708-6726 and Marian Azar/azaremarian@gmail.com (703) 297-9638

Mar 03 *Teen SOYO mtg to follow Liturgy

Mar 16 *Teen SOYO retreat w/Fr. Nicholas Belcher/10a—1p

Mar 16-17 *Teen SOYO overnight retreat @Ss. Peter & Paul

Apr 12-14 *Spring Retreat/Antiochian Village/see flyer in Narthex.

Jun 26-30 *Parish Life Conference/@Antiochian Village (more details to follow)

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

The Ss. Peter & Paul YAF welcomes all young people over 20 years of age to join in its social, educational, and outreach activities.

Please contact Wayne Parr at wayneparr@gmail.com or Amal Michael at amal17m@yahoo.com for more information.

Mar 16 *YAF Mtg. w/Fr. Nicholas Belcher/4p

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

*Please pay your annual dues of \$25 to help support our outreach and charitable projects. Checks can be given to Janet Metz.

*Please provide your email address to Donna Gavin @crazygavins@verizon.net for future notices.

Mar 02 *Antiochian Women hosting St. George ladies for tea for tea/ Kogok Hall/2:00pm/see flyer in Narthex contact Susan Sanford at susansanford@yahoo.com

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Feb 24 *Men's Fellowship mtg./1:00p/Serge Malooley Conf.Rm.

Mar 03 *Men's Fellowship Spaghetti Luncheon following Liturgy/all are welcome/details to follow

THE SS. PETER & PAUL PARISH LIBRARY & MEDIA CENTER

The new Parish Library and Media Center is up and running. The Center houses the Parish Library, audio visual materials, and Christian educational resources. The Center is located in the lower level inside room accessible from the Serge Malooley Conference Center room. Donations of books or materials related to the history, tradition and teaching of the Church and the Orthodox Faith are welcome. All are welcome to use the center by following its user guidelines. Contact Fr. Isaac, Fr. Luke, or Dn. Christian for access and information.

"EXPLORING OUR FAITH"

Starting on **Wednesday, March 6, 2019**, our Adult Educational Forum "Exploring our Faith" will begin a series of outreach meetings held in both the Virginia and Maryland suburbs of WDC. The first meeting will be held in the home of Dn. Christian & Zeina Manasseh, 2030 Freedom Lane, Falls Church, VA from **7:00p—8:30p**. The topic will be "What is Great Lent?" All are welcome!

"EXPLORING OUR FAITH" THE SS. PETER AND PAUL ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORUM

"Exploring Our Faith" meets every other Thursday evening **7:00p to 8:30p** in the Library & Media Center. The next meeting is **Thursday, March 7, 2019**. Fr. Isaac facilitates the Forums using brief presentations as a springboard to open discussion on a variety of topics concerning our faith. ALL ARE WELCOME. Contact Fr. Isaac at frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org, Fr. Luke at frluke@peterpaulpotomac.org or Kate Niewenhaus at handmaidens20854@gmail.com.

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 coordinators of the group: George & Alma Jean Zaki at (georgezaki@gmail.com or ajmzaki@gmail.com), Alex Cox at (alexcosells@gmail.com) or Fr. Isaac at (frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org). Our Parish is grateful for this ministry remembering that when we visit the sick and the infirm we visit Christ himself.

THE PARISH GIFT SHOP

Don't forget to stop by the Parish gift shop for your special gifts. It's open every Sunday following Liturgy. For more information contact Alma Jean Zaki at (703) 283-9338 or ajmzaki@gmail.com

CHURCH CALENDAR

- Feb 24 *Men's Fellowship mtg./1:00p/LL Serge Malooley conf. rm. *Baptism/Leo Khalaf/1:30p
- Mar 02 *Antiochian Women hosting St. George Ladies for Tea Kogok Hall/2p/see flyer in Narthex
- Mar 03 *Meat Fare Sunday *Men's Fellowship Spaghetti Luncheon following Liturgy/all are Welcome/more info to follow *Teen SOYO mtg.
- Mar 06 **Exploring our Faith"/off-site meeting/7p-8:30p (see above for more Details)
- Mar 07 **Exploring our Faith"/on-site meeting/7p-8:30p (see above for more Details)
- Mar 09 *Baptism/Alexander George Assaley, IV/12:00p
- Mar 10 *OCMC Presentation by Michael Bosworth
- Mar 11 *Great Lent Begins/Service of the Great Compline/7p (see flyer in Narthex for complete Great Lent Schedule of Services)
- Mar 12 *Parish Council Mtg/7:30p/Serge Malooley Conf Rm (new start time)
- Mar 16 *Teen SOYO Retreat w/Fr. Nicholas Belcher/10a-1p *Young Adult Fellowship Mtg. w/Fr. Nicholas Belcher/4p
- Mar 16-17 *Teen SOYO Overnight Retreat @Ss. Peter & Paul
- Mar 17 *Ss. Peter & Paul will host the Pan-Orthodox Sunday of Orthodoxy/ Vespers @5:00p/reception to follow in Kogok Hall
- Mar 23 *Baptism/William Jaxon Sullivan//12:00p
- Mar 24 *Baptism/Luke Behrooz Fekrat/1:30p
- Apr 06 *Baptism/Josephine Elizabeth Procelli/12:00p
- Apr 07 *Church School/Pascha Workshop *Lenten Meals of Mercy project to follow Fellowship
- Apr 12-14 *Spring Retreat & Pilgrimage to Resting Place of St. Raphael/see flyer in Narthex
- Jun 26-30 *Parish Life Conference/more info to follow

THE EPISTLE

(For the Discovery of the Forerunner's Honorable Head)
The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord. O God, hear my voice.
The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (4:6-15)

Brethren, it is the God Who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," Who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. While we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believe, and so we speak, knowing that He Who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

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.'"

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN MISSION CENTER (OCMC)

On Sunday, March 10, 2019 "Mission Sunday", Michael Bosworth, one of our OCMC ambassadors, will offer a presentation on the Mission Trip last November to Guatemala. The OCMC Ambassadors will be offering the Fellowship Hour and there will be a Mission Information Booth during the Fellowship. All are welcome!

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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 always: now and ever, and unto ages of ages

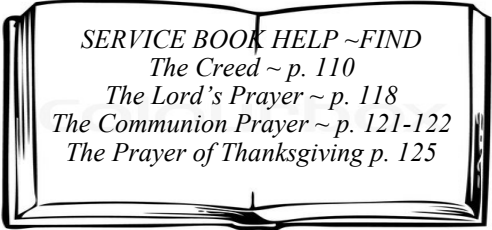
Orthodox Christians
Faithful Orthodox fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when they receive Holy Communion in fulfillment of Christ's command to eat His Body and drink His Blood. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, communicants should not be conscious of grave sin, 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.



Parishioners who remain in our prayers continually

Rt. Rev. Fr. Elias Bitar	Margaret Ashley	Mary Smith
Isabel Threddeh	George Brown	Nabeeha Ayoub
Holly Dubois	Suad Shammas	Robert & Thelma Badwey
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Amber Bennett	Kris, Danielle, & Ezra Reese	Amal Lowry
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Nawal Tannous	Salem Tannous	Khader Tannous
Essa Azar & Family	Siham Ayoub	Asma (Amy) Hamameh-Trey
Rula, Michael, Gabriel, & Amal Khoury		Ken, Gail, Noor, & Rima Bailey
Layale Abi Hanna & Family		

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Janie Cox
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Fahid Masarweh
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MEMORIAL SERVICE
Charbel Abi Hanna

LENTEN MEALS OF MERCY
For the 4th year in a row, our Parish will sponsor a Lenten Outreach project whose goal is to package 25,000 meals for people in need in our local are. Please plan on participating in this Lenten project Meals of Mercy on Sunday, April 7 following Fellowship in the Church Hall. Donations are also needed to raise \$6,250.00 to buy the food stuffs. Please contact Jumana Misleh at (909) 910-4704 or jumana.madanat@yahoo.com to offer donations.

ATTENTION MEN AND WOMEN OF THE PARISH!
HOLY BREAD BAKING CLASS #2
A second Holy Bread baking class has been scheduled for Saturday, April 20, 2019 at 9am. Sign-up sheet is located in Kogok Hall. Please remember to provide your email address and telephone number so Lorna can contact you. Call or email Lorna with any questions. LornaAM@aol.com or 703-503-3344.

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:
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