

	<b>BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION</b>	<b>FELLOWSHIP HOUR</b>
<b>28 Feb</b>	Nancy Daher	Ss. Peter & Paul Church
<b>06 Mar</b>	The Family of Robert Simon, Sr. 40-Day Memorial for Robert Simon, Sr.	The Family of Robert Simon, Sr. 40-Day Memorial for Robert Simon, Sr.
<b>13 Mar</b>	Nadir Tawil	Open
<b>20 Mar</b>	Zeina Manasseh	Open
<b>27 Mar</b>	Marie & Sam Khalil	Marie & Sam Khalil

**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 vestibule.

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## SS. PETER AND PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

*All Things Are Possible to Him Who Believes*

**Matins:** Sundays 9:30am  
**Divine Liturgy:** Sundays 10:30am

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2016** **TONE 6/ EOTHINON 6** **SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON**

VENERABLE BASIL THE CONFESSOR, COMPANION OF PROKOPIOS OF DECAPOLIS;  
HIEROMARTYR PROTERIOS, ARCHBISHOP OF ALEXANDRIA; RIGHTEOUS KYRA AND MA-  
RANA OF BEROEA IN SYRIA; APOSTLES NYMPHAS AND EUVOULOS; NEW-MARTYR  
KYRANNA OF THESSALONICA

#### **APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRECTION (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 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.

#### **SAVE THE DATE!**

The Metropolitan DC Orthodox Mission and Outreach Committee is again sponsoring a Mission dinner, at SS Peter & Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church 10620 River Road Potomac, MD, on Sunday, May 15, 2016, beginning with a Pan-Orthodox Vespers at 4:30 pm, Hors d'oeuvres and a Silent Auction at 5:15 pm, and the Mission Dinner and Missionary presentation at 6:00 pm. All proceeds benefit the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC). The speaker is Very Rev. John Chakos, speaking on "GUATEMALA MISSION FACES EAST: THE NEXT STEP IN CONVERSION". Tickets: \$55.00 for adults; under 22, \$30, and children under 6, FREE; table for 10 is \$500; reservation deadline: May 12, 2016. For information: Dr. John Demakis, email: [demakis9931@gmail.com](mailto:demakis9931@gmail.com) or Betty Slanta, email: [slanta@verizon.net](mailto:slanta@verizon.net). Enclose check and mail to SS Peter & Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church 10620 River Road Potomac, MD 20854, ATTN: Mission Banquet (B. Slanta). Make check payable to OCMC, note: "Mission Banquet". See flyer on round table in the narthex.

## THE ATRIBUTES OF THE CHURCH

*Bishop Hilarion Alfeyev*

The Greek word *katholike* (Catholic) means 'universal', uniting Christians dispersed around the world, and including the saints and the departed. St Cyril of Jerusalem says that 'the Church is called Catholic because she universally and unremittently teaches all that ought to be a part of human knowledge — the dogma of the visible and the invisible, the heavenly and the earthly'. The Russian religious philosopher A. Khomiakov emphasises that not only the living and the dead, but also those who have not yet been born are included in the universal body of the Church:

Those who are alive on earth, those who have finished their earthly course, those who, like the angels, were not created for a life on earth, those in future generations who have not yet begun their earthly course, are all united together in one Church, in one and the same grace of God; for the creation of God which has not yet been manifested is manifest to him; and God hears the prayers and knows the faith of those whom he has not yet called out of non-existence into existence.

At first, the Church was a tiny community consisting of the disciples in Jerusalem. By the end of the first century, however, the preaching of the apostles meant that communities had been formed in Rome, Corinth, Ephesus and in other towns of Europe, Asia and Africa. All these communities, each headed by its own bishop, comprised a single 'universal' Church with Christ as the head.

In the era of the Ecumenical Councils the primacy of honour in the Christian Church (but not the primacy of jurisdiction) was enjoyed by the Bishop of Rome. He was the primate of the apostolic *see*, 'occupying the place of Peter and the grade of the sacred throne', to use the expression of St Cyprian of Carthage. After the schism between West and East in 1054, the Bishop of Rome remained the sole head of all the Churches in the West, while in the East each local Church was governed by a Patriarch (or Metropolitan, or Archbishop). In the Eastern Church, Christ himself is considered to be the supreme authority, the only 'Head of the Church' in the proper sense. Decisions binding for the whole Orthodox world are taken solely by an Ecumenical Council. The catholicity of the Church is considered primarily as conciliarity which is expressed in practice by the absence of a single visible head. According to Orthodox doctrine it is the Church as the Church that possesses 'infallibility' in questions of faith: the guardians of the truth are the people.

Part 2 of 3

#### **ANGEL FUND**

DID YOU KNOW....

- That Saints Peter and Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church has an "Angel Fund" to support parishioners in need?
- That the fund was established just a little over a year ago?
- Anyone can contribute or designate money towards this fund?
- The ?Angel Fund? provides grocery store gift cards to families and single widows/widowers who sometimes are unable to make ends meet?
- That our clergy confidentially designate recipients who would benefit?

For more information on the ?Angel Fund?, contact Father Isaac or Fr. George.

# Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News and Events

## CHARITY OF THE MONTH/Charity Collection Today!

Today we are expanding our outreach internationally. Our charity this month is Water.org. "For more than twenty years, Water.org has pioneered safe water and sanitation solutions that give women hope, children health and communities a future." While we think of water issues as a third-world problem, as we all know, a water crisis has hit one of our own communities in Flint, Michigan. Please give generously.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

**SUMMER CAMP** – at the Antiochian Village. Registration is open. Please go to [www.avcamp.org](http://www.avcamp.org) for dates and early-bird discounts.

## TEEN SOYO

**Mar 6** Teen SOYO Meeting following Sunday School @12:30pm

**Mar 12** Laser Tag Outing

**Mar 13** Teen SOYO Parents' Mtg.

**Apr 1-3** Spring Delegates' Mtg.

**Apr 10** Teen SOYO Mtg.

**Apr 16** Ask Abouna Session/RAP Session (for Lent) with Fr. Isaac and Dn. Christian, w/Potluck Lunch at Church 12p.

**Apr 29** Good Friday Vigil

## YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

**March 2, 2016**

The next meeting for the Young Adult Fellowship Study Group is Wednesday, March 2, 2016 @8:00pm. The bi-weekly Wednesday evening meetings will be moderated by Amber Bennett and will start with the reading and discussion of the book "Mere Christianity" by C.S. Lewis. The meetings will be held at two locations: 716 Monroe Street, NE, Apt. 228, WDC (Amber's apartment) and 2030 Freedom Lane, Falls Church, VA 22043 (Dn. Christian's home). There will also be an on-line conference link. For more information contact Fr. Isaac Crow ([frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org](mailto:frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org)), Dn. Christian Manasseh ([dnchristian@peterpaulpotomac.org](mailto:dnchristian@peterpaulpotomac.org)) or Amber Bennett ([bennett.amberose@gmail.com](mailto:bennett.amberose@gmail.com))

## TRADITIONS COOKBOOK

### WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!!

We are in the process of planning the next publication of our recipe book which is being revised to reflect our Feast Days and the different traditions within our parish. Our church's history is firmly rooted in Antioch and the Middle East but our community here in the US is culturally diverse. This edition focuses on traditional recipes representative of all our backgrounds and culinary traditions. Please submit a recipe for consideration by emailing it to Michele Forzley at [mforzley@comcast.net](mailto:mforzley@comcast.net) please. Got a photo of your dish? Email it along with your recipe and we'll do our best to include it. Our goal is to have the book ready for the Festival. So the deadline for submissions is midnight June 30, 2016. We also plan to prepare a companion video on the techniques to make some of the foods – if you would be willing to be in a video let me know too.

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

In an effort to better understand and discover the rich spiritual, historical, doctrinal and scriptural tradition of our Holy Orthodox Faith, the Adult Religious Education Forum "Exploring Our Faith" meets every other Thursday evening from 7:15pm to 8:30pm in the lower level conference room. Fr. Isaac facilitates the meetings in an informal setting using brief presentations as a springboard to open discussion on a wide range of topics concerning our Faith. The next meeting is Thursday, March 10, 2016. ALL ARE WELCOME.

## ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

### March is Antiochian Women's Month

Please sign up with Donna Gavin to read the Epistle in English and Arabic, take the collection, and hand out Bulletins on Sundays during March.

EMAIL: [CRAZYGAVINS@VERIZON.NET](mailto:CRAZYGAVINS@VERIZON.NET)

## SS. PETER & PAUL CHURCH FOOD BANK OUTREACH PROJECT

On Sunday, April 17, Ss. Peter & Paul Church will sponsor a food bank outreach project in support of the needy in our local area. Following Fellowship hour in the Church hall, volunteers are needed to pack food boxes for distribution. Please lend a hand for this good work as our Parish seeks to reach to help those who are hungry. For more information please contact Carol Laham at [claham@wileyrein.com](mailto:claham@wileyrein.com).

## Upcoming events...

Mar 02	Young Adult Fellowship Study Group (see above)
Mar 05	*Arabic Language Class/10a-12:30p/LL Conf. Rm *Arabic Liturgy @5:00pm
Mar 06	Teen SOYO Meeting following Sunday School LL Conf. Rm.
Mar 08	Parish Council Meeting/7:00p/LL Conf. Rm.
Mar 10	Adult Education Forum/7:15p/LL Conf. Rm.
Mar 12	*Teen SOYO Laser Tag Outing *Arabic Language Class/10a-12:30p/LL Conf. Rm
Mar 13	Teen SOYO Parents' Mtg.
Mar 14	The start of Great Lent
Mar 19	*Arabic Language Class/10a-12:30p/LL Conf. Rm *Baptism/Gideon Michael Shoaseged/1:00p
Mar 24	Adult Education Forum/7:15p/LL Conf. Rm.
Mar 26	No Arabic Language Classes
Mar 29	Men's Club Mtg./7:30pm/LL Conf. Rm
Apr 1-3	Dioceses Spring Delegates' Mtg.
Apr 07	Adult Education Forum/7:15p/LL Conf. Rm
Apr 16	Ask Abouna RAP session @12p (see above for more info)
Apr 17	Pascha Prep Workshop for Sunday School/LL Conf. Rm.
Apr 21	Adult Education Forum/7:15p/LL Conf. Rm
Apr 24	Easter Sweets Bake Sale
Apr 24- May 1	Holy Week
Apr 29	Good Friday Vigil

## 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.'"

*In all of our deeds God looks at the intention, whether we do it for His sake, or for the sake of some other intention.*

*St. Maximos the Confessor*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Directors

Samia Zolnerowich  
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Lizzy Cassar  
Lara Bellone  
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Caroline Jarboe  
Amber Bennett  
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Philip Allen

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Sam Khalil

### Antiochian Women

Kate Niewenhaus

### Teen SOYO

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### Rental Coordinator

Barbara Abraham

### Charities

Sam Sahouri Ghanem

### Finance

Gary Farha

### Stewardship

Lina Eid

# 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

## LIVING

### Parishioners who remain in our prayers continually

Margaret Ashley	May Fillah
Richie Kogok	Brian Briggs
Suad Shammass	Lulu & George Brown
Bertha Aed	Isabel Threddeh
Holly Dubois	Thelma & Bob Badwey
Edmond & Sophie Neam	

Fr. Joseph Allen	Salwa Gabro
Josephine Lofgren	Nouha Aramouni
Sally Ruffin	Linda Dora Elkanich
Bill Dora, Jr.	Richie Ayoub
John Wizeman	Tony Moussa
Ibrahim Mazen Saah	Mufid Ayoub
Elias Bitar	Adib Saah
Nicholas & Helen White	Caroline Jarboe
Kera & Chris Tomlin	
Lorna Malooley	

### DEPARTED

Fr. Theodore Chelphon  
 Bill Dora Sr.  
 Julia Salameh  
 Brenda Daughtry  
 Robert Elias Simon, Sr.  
 George Shahin  
 Norman Joseph  
 Miriam Arwady  
 Samia Tannous

**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

**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**

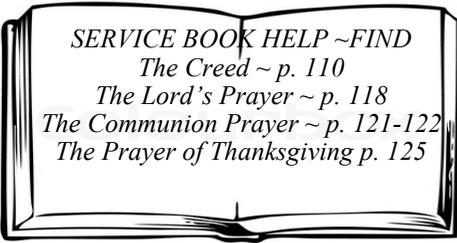
- the clergy censes the sanctuary
- the congregation is standing, or
- during the Little Entrance with the Gospel
- during the Reading of the Epistle and the Gospel

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.



HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERING  
 Nancy Daher

FELLOWSHIP HOUR OFFERING  
 Ss. Peter & Paul

**Stewardship Corner**  
*Theology of Giving Series* – Week 9 – February 28, 2016

**Luke 8: 14 ...** “And as for what fell among thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature.”

“What does this message from God require from me, His loyal and obedient servant?” What must I change in my life to be able to follow this teaching in both word and in deed?”