

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
18 Feb	Kr. Dolly & Fr. Isaac Crow /1-yr Memorial for Fouad Shwayri	Kr. Dolly & Fr. Isaac Crow /1-yr Memorial for Fouad Shwayri
25 Feb	Tawil Family	Nadir Tawil
04 Mar	Rainier & Jamilee Bellone/40-Day Memorial for Eilane Capdeville & 6-month Memorial for Helen Laux Caroline Helou/40-Day Memorial for Ramez Raphael El-Halou	Caroline Helou/Memorial for Ramez Raphael El-Halou
11 Mar	open	open
18 Mar	open	Nadir & Silvia Tawil

**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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Divine Liturgy: Sundays 10:30am

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2018
TONE 4 / EOTHINON 4

SUNDAY OF FORGIVENESS (CHEESE FARE)

LEO THE GREAT, POPE OF ROME; AGAPITOS THE CONFESSOR, BISHOP OF SYNNADA IN PHRYGIA; VENERABLE COLMAN, BISHOP OF LINDISFARNE

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 4)

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

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 FORGIVENESS SUNDAY (Tone 6)

O Thou Who guidest to wisdom, and givest understanding and intelligence, the Instructor of the ignorant, and Helper of the poor, strengthen my heart and grant it understanding, O Master. Give me word, O Word of the Father; for behold, I shall not refrain my lips from crying to Thee, O merciful One, have mercy upon me who am fallen.

Do we forgive our neighbors their trespasses? God also forgives us in His mercy. Do we refuse to forgive? God, too, will refuse to forgive us. As we treat our neighbors, so also does God treat us. The forgiveness, then, of your sins or un-forgiveness, and hence also your salvation or destruction, depend on you yourself, man. For without forgiveness of sins there is no salvation.

St. Tikhon of Zadonsk

The Services of Great Lent

The holy season of Great Lent is a time of intense preparation for Orthodox Christians. The forty days leading up to Pascha, the glorious celebration of the resurrection of Christ, call for a concentration on repentance, confession and renewal through increased activity in worship, prayer, fasting, confession, almsgiving, etc. We should expect suffering and sacrifice, after the example of our Lord, so that we may share in His victorious life.

In order to appreciate this holy time and appropriate the blessings of God, we should understand the special services of this season. Our minds and hearts should be directed to that purpose as we attend and participate.

The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is celebrated each Wednesday evening during Great Lent and on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings of Holy Week. This service is offered to the people as a means of spiritual strengthening in this season of struggle with our passions. Because of its joyful character, the Divine Liturgy has not been celebrated on weekdays during Lent. Therefore, the Church in the early centuries authorized the consecration of additional gifts on the Sundays of Lent to be served to the people on Wednesdays. The tone of these services is solemn and penitential. The church is darkened and the music is quiet. Vestments and cloths are usually deep purple or a dark color. It is one of the most mystical of all the services of the Church - one that all Orthodox families should attend together during Great Lent. Remember - we prepare for this service by taking no food after lunch on that day.

The Great Canon of St. Andrew is normally read during the first week of Great Lent and again on Thursday of the fifth week. This canon is a four-part series of lamentations showing us the scope and depth of sin, probing the soul with despair, repentance and hope. St. Andrew of Crete, writing in the seventh century, utilized many biblical events and personalities to show the analogy to the sinfulness in our lives. This penetrating service opens the eyes of our minds to see our condition before God and yearn for the blessing of repentance and reconciliation.

The Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos (akathist means "not sitting") is sung on the first five Friday evenings of Great Lent. This hymn is a kontakion (hymn of a season) which consists of twenty-four stanzas, or four parts, focusing on the angel's announcement to Mary concerning the Incarnation of the Son of God. This is the only kontakion still sung in its entirety in the Orthodox Church. The glorious birth of the Saviour is vividly set before us as a reminder of our need for forgiveness and restoring our fellowship with the Father. The Feast of the Annunciation is celebrated on March 25.

As we attend these wonderful services, our hearts and souls will be enriched beyond measure. You may expect job-related disturbances, school-related demands on your time and other "incidents" which work against your faithful attendance and concentration in these services. Pray for strength and godly intervention! We will sense afresh the newness of life we have as Orthodox Christians. Let us all prepare for, and fully participate in, these life-giving experiences. Amen.

OCMC Benefit Dinner and Raffle: Join us for a Pan-Orthodox celebration of Orthodox Christian missions on Sunday, April 22, 2018, at St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church, 3149 Glen Carlyn Rd., Falls Church, VA 22041. Evening Vespers at 4:30 pm; with dinner to follow. Enjoy a wine reception and dinner, with music , raffles & guest speaker Father George Liacopoulos, Ph.D., of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Egg Harbor, NJ. Your support assists the Orthodox Christian Mission Center spreading our Orthodox faith throughout the world! Tickets \$60/student rate \$30; tables of ten (10) are \$500. For more information, contact Betty & John Slanta at slanta@verizon.net or purchase raffle/dinner tickets during coffee hour.

Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News and Events

CHURCH SCHOOL 2017-2018

Registration for Church School is ongoing using this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/GQ6uQSnltimwgwJW2>. Also, please make sure to register with the church, including your email as most Church school announcements go out to the entire parish. School calendars are now available. We are also in need of snacks/drinks for the children--small and reg. juice boxes, juice pouches, small waters, individually wrapped snacks (PEANUT & TREE NUT FREE).

Mar 18 *2018 Pascha Prep Workshop and Art Projects due **Creative Arts Festival**

Flyers with information about this year's theme were handed out last Sunday. Please stop by the Church School office bulletin board to pick up a copy. All entries must be turned in by **March 18th**.

Food For Hungry

Food for Hungry boxes will be passed out on **February 18th**. Boxes will be due back to the Church School office by **April 29th**.

TEEN SOYO

- Apr 6 *Good Friday Vigil
Apr 20-22 *Spring Delegates Meeting in NJ hosted by St. Anthony's Church in Bergenfield. More details to follow
Jun 27- July 1 *Parish Life Conference (PLC) at the Antiochian Village. More details to follow.

Contact the Lay Advisors for more details:

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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 wayneparr@gmail.com or Amal Michael amal17m@yahoo.com for more information.

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

- Mar 11-24 *Celebrate Antiochian Orthodox Women's Month/volunteer for Greeters, Tray, Collection, Reading the Epistle (English & Arabic). Let's show our pride in representing our Orthodox faith. Contact Donna Gavin at crazygavins@verizon.net.
Mar 17 *Tea Party w/St. George ladies/2p-4p/@Ss. Peter & Paul
May 12 *Antiochian Women Fashion Show/

MEN'S MINISTRY GROUP

- Jun 11 *Ss. Peter & Paul Annual Golf Tournament/Reston VA. More details to follow
Jun 24 *Ss. Peter & Paul Festive Picnic/more details to follow

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 and 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 ajmza-kid@gmail.com), Alex Cox at (alexcoxells@gmail.com) or Fr. Isaac at (fisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org). Our Parish is grateful for this ministry remembering that when we visit the sick and the infirm we visit Christ

THE PARISH GIFT SHOP

The Ss. Peter and Paul Parish Gift Shop is newly stocked with books, bibles, Icons, CDs and all kinds of hand-made religious items with many items for children. The Gift Shop will open every Sunday following Liturgy. For information contact Alma Jean Zaki at (703) 283-9338 or

CHURCH CALENDAR

- Feb 18 *Cheese Fare
*Fr. Isaac & Kh. Dolly/1-yr Memorial for Fouad Shwayri
*Food for the Hungry Boxes passed out
*Luna James/Baptism/1:30p
Feb 19 *Start of Lent
*7pm Great Compline Service
*Presidents' Day/Offices Closed
Feb 22 *Adult Education Forum/"Exploring our Faith"/ 7p-8:30p/LL Conf. Rm.
Feb 24 *Baptism/Elias Peter Horany/12p
Mar 10 *Baptism/Nash Frederick Hines/12p
Mar 11 *Daylight Savings Time (spring forward)
Mar 11-24 *Celebrate Antiochian Orthodox Women's Month (see AW Box for more information)
Mar 17 *Antiochian Women/Tea Party w/St. George Ladies/(see Antiochian Women box for specific details)
Mar 18 *Church School Pascha Prep Workshop
*deadline for Creative Arts Festival entries (see Church box)
*April Outreach Program/Packing Meals for Less Fortunate/following Liturgy
Apr 01 *Palm Sunday—No Church School
Apr 06 *Teen SOYO Good Friday Vigil (more details to Follow)
Apr 08 *Pascha
Apr 20-22 *Teen SOYO/Spring Delegates Mtg./see Teen SOYO box for more details)
Apr 29 *Return Food for the Hungry Boxes to Church
May 12 *Antiochian Women Fashion Show/11:30a @Congressional County Club
Jun 02 *Fund raising Reception for Syrian Orphanages (more details to follow)
Jun 11 **Ss. Peter & Paul Annual Golf Tournament/Reston VA (more details to follow)
Jun 24 **Ss. Peter & Paul Festive Picnic (location TBD)
Jun 27- Jul 1 *Parish Life Conference at the Antiochian Village (more details to follow)

THE EPISTLE

(For Sunday of Forgiveness)

Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Sing praises to our King, sing praises. O clap your hands, all ye nations.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (13:11-14:4)

Brethren, salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Master is able to make him stand.

THE GOSPEL

(For Sunday of Forgiveness)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (6:14-21)

The Lord said to His Disciples: If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father Who is in secret; and your Father Who sees in secret will reward you. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

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STEWARDSHIP

March 18 Outreach Program Just as we did last year, the Church is sponsoring an OUTREACH Program on April 2 immediately after church. Last year, thanks to your generous donations of time and money we had well over 100 volunteers who helped us pack over 20,000 meals to reach those in our local area who are less fortunate than we are. The event created a sense of community and love that we all felt and we appreciate all of those who participated. **We are doing it again!** The more money we raise the more meals we can pack. With \$6250 we can pack 25,000 meals. Think about all of the lives we can help. But we also need you all to come again and participate. Please, make it a priority on March 18 and put it on your calendar! We are looking for no fewer than 12 volunteers from each of the following: The Choir, The Men's Ministry; the Antiochian Women; the Young Adult Fellowship; Teen SOYO, The Council, the ushers and chanters, and the parish at large! People of all ages can participate in this wonderful event. We need to show our local community that their Orthodox brethren love and care for them. For more information please see Carol Laham or Michele Forzley to make a donation.

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.

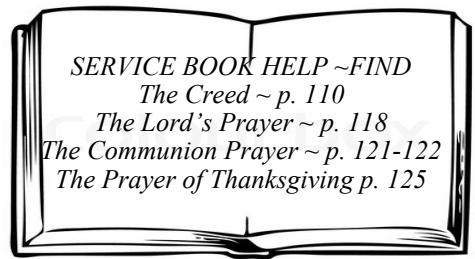
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- 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.



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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

Parishioners who remain in our prayers continually

Margaret Ashley	Brian Briggs	Mary Smith
Helen White	Isabel Thredeh	George Brown
Everett Alvarez	Holly Dubois	Robert & Thelma Badwey
Edmond & Sophie Neam	Miriam Yazge	Barbara Abraham
George & Joan Abraham	Lulu Brown	Martin Pinkstaff
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Nabeeha Ayoub		

LIVING

Leila Khoury	Bob Petrossian
Louise Magelli	Julia Fayad
Mark Buchko	Debbie Brown
Joyce Kogok	Robert & Joyce Najjar
Betty Adam	Kevin Schwab
Joe Gavin	Nabil Barbari
Rima Rizkallah & Family	George & Joanna Khoury
Asma Hamarneh Trey	Vilma Bellone
Fr. Isaac & Kh. Dolly Crow	Caroline Helou & Family
Elliott & Hanneh James & Luna Rose Ghanem-James	

Call for Needs – Antiochian Women’s Parish Outreach

Please let us know if you, or a Ss. Peter and Paul parishioner friend or relative has a need where prayers, a meal, phone calls, visit or a card could be of some help. The Antiochian Women have a designated outreach to prepare meals for members of our Ss Peter and Paul parish family in need, for example. (Please call or e-mail Caroline Jarboe, who coordinates a team to prepare meals at caroline_jarboe@yahoo.com; 301.322.4241.) We also have an outreach to offer prayers, cards and phone calls to keep in touch. (Please call or e-mail Barbara Bosworth for this parish family outreach at bbybosworth@fcps.edu; or text at 703-278-3161). We want to be proactive, but can only lend our support when we know of the needs, so please let Father Isaac, or Antiochian Women’s group coordinators know when we could be a support, as we have a team for these times. (“*For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them.*”) In addition to this support through Antiochian Women, Ss Peter and Paul parish also has an *Angel Fund* (initiated by the Antiochian Women) coordinated by Father Isaac, and an *Outreach Visitation Ministry*. Many of us have read the compelling story in this month’s *Word Magazine* (pages 22 and 23) how prayers and grace through anointing heal. Know that you are part of our parish family, God’s family, and together we seek to support one another through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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

DEPARTED

Susan Shahade
Evelyn Zacharia
Eliane Capdeville
Nimatallah ‘Norman’ Tawil
Fouad Shawayri
Ramez Raphael El-Helou