

| | BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION | FELLOWSHIP HOUR |
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| 06 Mar | 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. |
| 13 Mar | Nadir Tawil | Suzanne Hermes |
| 20 Mar | Zeina Manasseh | Raed & Kristy Hosein |
| 27 Mar | Marie & Sam Khalil | Marie & Sam Khalil |
| 03 Apr | Open | Open |

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, MARCH 6, 2016
TONE 7/ EOTHINON 7

SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGMENT (MEAT FARE)

THE 42 MARTYRS OF AMORIA IN PHRYGIA; DISCOVERY OF THE PRECIOUS
CROSS AND NAILS BY

ST. HELENA; VENERABLE FRIDOLIN, ENLIGHTENER OF THE UPPER RHINE

APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRECTION (Tone 7)

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the 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 THE PRODIGAL SON (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.

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 or Betty Slanta, email: 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 apostolicity of the Church is derived from the fact that it was founded by the apostles, preserves the truth of their teaching, receives succession from them and continues their mission on earth. The Church is 'built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets', states St Paul (Eph. 2:20). By apostolic succession we mean the unbroken chain of ordinations (episcopal consecrations) going back to the apostles and coming down to present-day bishops: the apostles ordained the first generation of bishops, who in turn ordained the second generation, and so on down to our times. Christian communities whose succession has been broken are considered to have fallen away from the Church until their apostolic succession is restored. The bishops continue the apostles' mission on earth — a mission of ministry, preaching, the guidance of existing church communities and the creation of new ones. This idea was expressed in the second century by St Clement of Rome:

The apostles have preached the Gospel to us from the Lord Jesus Christ; Jesus Christ was sent from God ... Having therefore received their orders, and being fully assured by the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, and established in the word of God, with full assurance of the Holy Spirit, the apostles went forth proclaiming that the kingdom of God was at hand. And thus preaching through countries and cities, they appointed the first-fruits of their labours, having first proved them by the Spirit, to be bishops and deacons of those who should afterwards believe ... Our apostles appointed those (ministers) already mentioned, and afterwards gave instructions, that when these should fall asleep, other approved men should succeed them in their ministry.

Not only the bishops and priests, but every member of the Church is called to an apostolic, missionary service, to preach Christ in word and deed: 'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit' (Matt. 28:19). This mission, which was laid by Christ on the apostles and their successors, is far from complete. There are whole nations on earth which have barely been touched by the preaching of Christ. Many countries that were once Christian are now in spiritual crisis and are in need of new apostles.

The community of the apostles became fully aware of itself as the Church at Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles in the form of tongues of fire and they received the power to preach the Gospel 'to all nations'. A liturgical hymn reveals the inner meaning of this event: 'When the Most High confounded the tongues, he dispersed the nations: but when he distributed the tongues of fire, he called all men into unity. Wherefore, with one accord, we glorify the All-Holy Spirit'. Here we are reminded of the tower of Babel when God, seeing the folly of people who tried to erect a tower to the heavens, descended and confused their languages. No longer understanding one another, they stopped building the tower, which collapsed and buried them under the rubble. The unity of the human race once destroyed by people is now restored in the Church, where neither national nor linguistic distinctions are made. Rather, each person is granted a 'new tongue': the language of faith and prayer, of unity of mind and love. Every time the tower of Babel collapses (and it has fallen repeatedly throughout the course of history), there is a new 'confusion of tongues': conflicts among nations arise, misunderstandings and distrust grow. Only the Holy Spirit, who is the 'spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD' (Isa. 1:1-2), who lives and acts within the Church, can reconcile all people, calling them to unity and accord.

Part 3 of 3

MARCH IS ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S MONTH

*Please sign up with Donna Gavin to read the Epistle in English and/or Arabic, take the collection, and hand out Bulletins on Sundays during March. EMAIL: CRAZYGAVINS@VERIZON.NET

***Project 2016**— Feeding Hungry Children (see insert letter from Metropolitan Joseph)

***Baking Help needed**— 3/09 (Yansoon cookies) & 3/10 (Mamool cookies), 10:00am, Church kitchen, to raise seed money for Church Bazaar. Contact Madelyn Nadar @ (301) 330-7777

***Naach Flower Donation**—The Ladies Auxiliary will start collecting through April 17 for the Naach. All women of the Parish are invited to participate on Good Friday, April 29. (see flyer on table in the narthex)

Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News and Events

SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUMMER CAMP – at the Antiochian Village. Registration is open and applications are available at www.avcamp.org.

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 "Orthodoxy on Tap"

Ss. Peter and Paul Church Young Adult Fellowship (FSJD) invites all the young adults of the Parish to another social and educational get together "Orthodoxy on Tap" on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 6:30pm. The event will be held at Cedar Restaurant, 822 E Street, NW, Washington DC. Some thoughts on "The Science of Prayer" will be offered for reflection by Joe Ayoub. For more information please contact Samar Korkor at skorkor@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 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.

STEWARDSHIP REMINDER

Remember to fill out and submit your financial contribution forms for this year so that you can partake in the blessings of spiritual giving. You can mail, email, fax, or hand them in to an usher on Sunday. Blessed are those who have already pledged!

"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.

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.

Upcoming events...

- Mar 06 Meatfare Sunday
*Teen SOYO Meeting following Sunday School LL Conf. Rm, @12:30p.
 Mar 08 Parish Council Meeting/7:00p/LL Conf. Rm.
 Mar 09 *Baking/Yansoon Cookies/10:00a, Church Kitchen
*Young Adult Fellowship (FSJD) 'Orthodoxy on Tap', 6:30p (please see above for more info)
 Mar 10 *Baking/Mamool Cookies/10:00a, Church Kitchen
*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 *Cheesefare Sunday
*Teen SOYO Parents' Mtg.
 Mar 14 The start of Great Lent (please see Great Lent Schedule of Services Flyer on the round table in the narthex)
Service of the Great Compline @7:00pm
 Mar 16 *Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts @7:00pm
 Mar 18 Service of the First Akathist Hymn @7:00pm
 Mar 19 *Arabic Language Class/10a-12:30p/LL Conf. Rm
*Baptism/Gideon Michael/1:00p
 Mar 21 Service of the Great Compline @7:00pm
 Mar 23 Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts @7:00pm
 Mar 24 Adult Education Forum/7:15p/LL Conf. Rm.
 Mar 25 *The Feast of the Annunciation w/Divine Liturgy at 10:00am
*Service of the First Akathist Hymn @7:00pm
 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 *Holy Bread Baking Class/9:00a/Upstairs Kitchen
*Ask Abouna RAP session @12p (see above for more info)
 Apr 17 *Pascha Prep Workshop for Sunday School/LL Conf. Rm.
*Ss. Peter & Paul Food Bank Outreach Project following Fellowship/Kogok Hall (see above for more info)
 Apr 21 Adult Education Forum/7:15p/LL Conf. Rm
 Apr 24 Easter Sweets Bake Sale
 Apr 24-May 1 Holy Week

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

(For Sunday of the Last Judgment)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. 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."

Imagine if we just went up and took communion without attending any of the prayers to go along with it. It seems that we would be partaking of mere, bread and wine. But when I attend the readings and the prayers, and witness that the bread and wine are consecrated and set apart for the purpose of becoming the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, it is then that I realize the importance of the Sacrament. Not only are the gifts being made holy, but through prayer and through listening to the readings, I am being made holy again.

St. Justin Martyr

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Samia Zolnerowich
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Jumana Misleh
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Christine Morin
Layla Najjar
Lizzy Cassar
Lara Bellone
Andrew Salem
Caroline Jarboe
Amber Bennett
Anees Mokhiber
Philip Allen

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Sam Khalil

Antiochian Women

Kate Niewenhous

Teen SOYO

Advisor

Jamilee Bellone

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Julia Allen
Danielle Bellone
Kinda Callas
Nick Guegel

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Christine & Samer Korkor
Dn. Christian & Zeina
Manasseh

Adornment

Shams Akkawi
Jamil Hermes

Facility Management

Nick Nahas
Bob Simon

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

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| 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 | |

DEPARTED

Fr. Theodore Chelphon
 Brenda Daughtry
 Robert Sr. & Selma Simon
 James & Edma Simon
 Kafa & Daher Azzi
 George Shahin
 Norman Joseph
 Miriam Arwady
 Samia Tannous

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| Fr. Joseph Allen | Salwa Gabro |
| Josephine Lofgren | Nouha Aramouni |
| Sally Ruffin | Richie Ayoub |
| John Wizeman | Tony Moussa |
| Adib Saah | Mufid Ayoub |
| Elias Bitar | Kathy Habib |
| Nicholas & Helen White | Claudia Garcia |
| Caroline Jarboe | Samer & Christine Korkor |
| Kathy Habib | Jamie & Somjai Simon & Family |
| Bob & Aurora Simon & Family | Karen & Marc Bruno & Family |
| Steve & Karen Simon & Family | John & Sue Petro |
| Barbara Sarvis | Chris Malaska |
| Donna Gavin | |

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

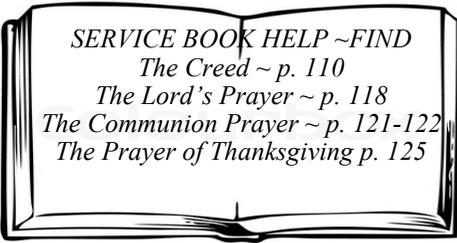
- the clergy censes the sanctuary
- the congregation is standing, or
- during the Little Entrance with the Gospel
- during the Reading of the Epistle and the Gospel

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.



HOLYBREAD OF OBLATION OFFERING
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MEMORIAL WHEAT
 The Family of Robert Simon, Sr. 40-Dau Memorial for Robert Simon, Sr.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR OFFERING
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Stewardship Corner
 Theology of Giving Series – Week 10 – March 6, 2016

Matthew 6: 19-21 ... "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."

"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?"
 Select the link to read the entire Theology of Giving series on our website blog: <https://www.peterpaulpotomac.org/stewardship-corner>