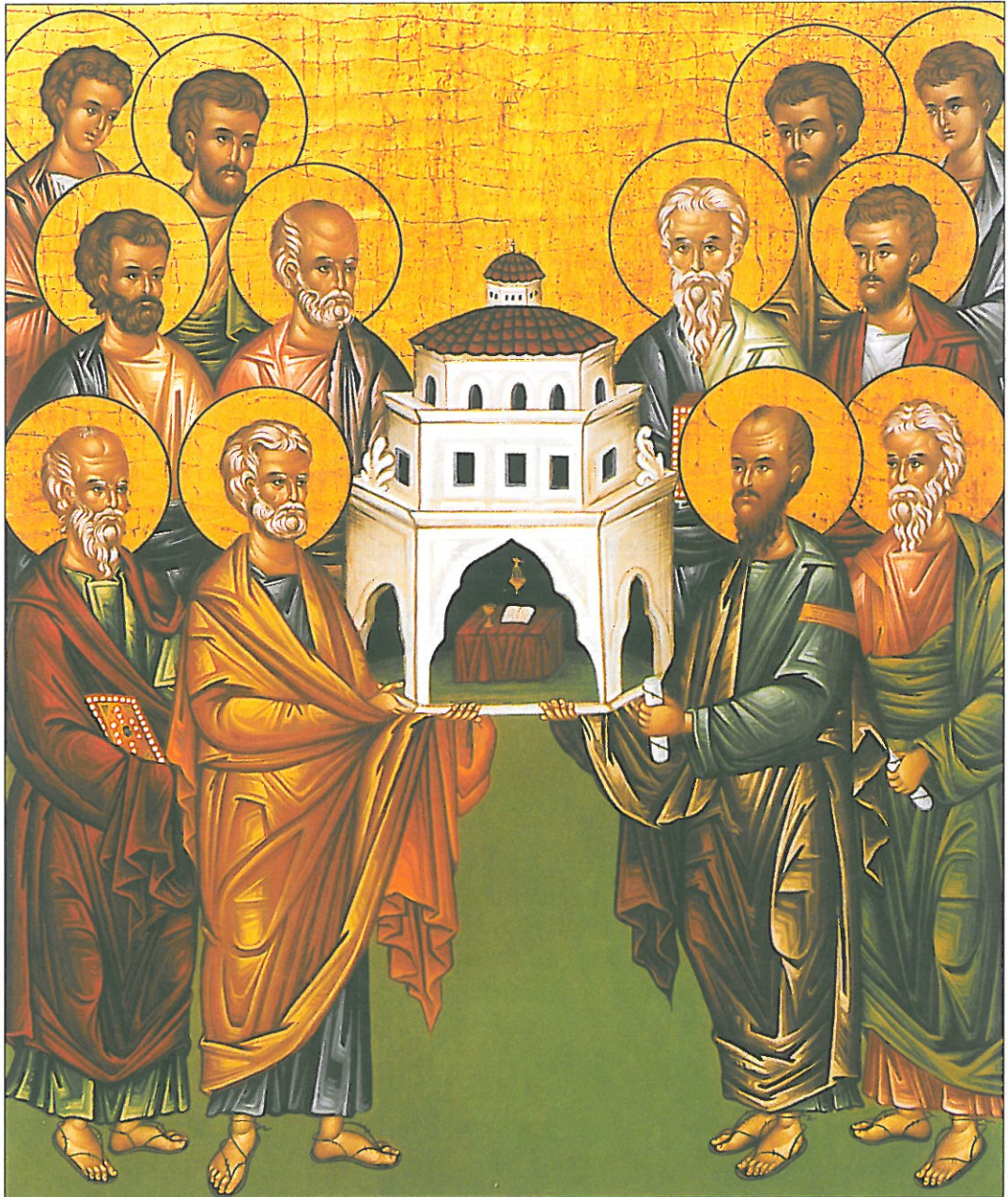


MARCH 9, 2014

The Triumph of True Doctrine over Heresy



SS. PETER AND PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

All Things Are Possible to Him Who Believes

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Sunday, March 9, 2014

First Sunday of Great Lent (Sunday of Orthodoxy)
& The Holy and Great Forty Martyrs of Sebastia

****Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great****

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 the first Sunday of Great Lent (Tone 2)

Thy pure image do we venerate, O good One, asking forgiveness of our sins, O Christ our God; for by Thine own will Thou didst ascend the Cross in Thy body, to save Thy creatures from the bondage of the enemy. Thou hast verily filled all with joy, since Thou didst come, O our Savior, to save the world.

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APOLYTIKION of the forty martyrs of Sebastia (Tone 1)

Be Thou entreated for the sake of the sufferings of Thy Saints which they endured for Thee, O Lord, and do Thou heal all our pains, we pray, O Lover of mankind.

TROPARION of Ss. Peter & 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.

ALTAR

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KONTAKION for the Annunciation (and Great Lent) (Tone 8)

To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: "Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom."

THE EPISTLE ((For the Forty Martyrs of Sebastia)

*Thou, O Lord, will preserve us and keep us from this generation.
Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (12:1-10)

Brethren, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely; and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus: the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith, Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him Who endured from sinners such hostility against Himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation which addresses you as sons? "My son: do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor lose courage when you are punished by Him; for the Lord disciplines him whom He loves, and chastises every son whom He receives." It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers to discipline us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father?

THE GOSPEL

(For the First Sunday of Great Lent) St. John. (1:43-51)

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, "We have found Him of Whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to Jesus, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered Him, "Rabbi, Thou art the Son of God! Thou art the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And Jesus said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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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 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 enter the sanctuary quietly during the Divine Liturgy.

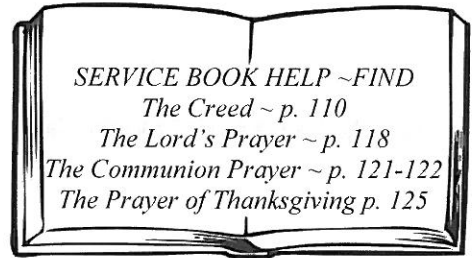
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- 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.



1-Year Memorial is offered for Joan Steele, Mother of Stephen Zolnerowich

JELLOWSHIP HOUR:

Please stop in at Kogok Hall for a time to meet & greet/Spiritual Fellowship

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

Abe, Lulu & George Brown

Issa Shammas

LIVING

Richie Kogok

Nawal Musleh

Thelma & Bob Badwey

Mark Ghanim

Edmond Neam

Helen White

Bassem & Kerstin Haddad

Nancy Shadid

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

William Shadid Jan 31

Badia Sackleh Jan 29

Norma Malahi Jan 13

Ralph Farha Feb 24

Ezzat Kazzí Mar 4

Joan Steele

Fred Ayoub

Judy Fillmore

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SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY-TONIGHT

The Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers
MARCH 9, 2014 at 5:30pm
will be held at

St. Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church,
3149 Glen Carlyn Rd, Falls Church, VA.

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S MONTH

March has been designated by
Metropolitan Philip as Women's Month. The Ladies
Auxiliary will be performing duties during Sunday
services. They will serve as greeters, take
collections, read the Epistle, and on one Sunday,
give a sermon. If you can serve please contact
Donna Gavin at crazygavins@verizon.net.

NAACH FLOWER DONATE & DECORATE

Visit the Ladies Auxiliary table in
Kogok Hall to donate flowers and sign up to
decorate the Naach on Good Friday,
April 18th at 10:00am. All women of the
parish are invited. Bring a dish to share for
lunch and bring your pruning shears. Forms and
donations will be collected by Marie Khalil,
Leila Ayoub and Ann Marie Moses. Contact
Ann Marie at amoses00@verizon.net
for more information.

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN FASHION SHOW

Mark your calendars for the 11th Annual
Ladies Fashion Show Luncheon held at the
Congressional Country Club on Saturday, May 10th
at 11:30am. More information to follow.
Contact Rida Boulos at Frita18@aol.com
for more information.

SS. PETER & PAUL YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship of Saint John the Divine will be
making a trip to the Sacred Monastery of
Saint Nina in Union Bridge Maryland on
Saturday, March 29th from 10:00am-5:00pm.
(fb.com/saintnina monastery) All young adults of
the Parish are welcome to attend for a day of
fellowship, prayer and service at the monastery.
Wear comfortable work clothes and bring a
\$10 donation. Contact Leah Makhoul at
saadleah@gmail.com, or
610-762-6070 for more information.

BYZANTINE MUSIC WORKSHOP

The next Byzantine Music workshop will be held
Saturday, April 5th from 1:00-4:00pm. Intended
to introduce attendees to the art of Byzantine
chanting, sessions are open to all. Registration
forms are available in the vestibule.
Contact Fr. Isaac Crow at
frisaac@gmail.com or 301-765-9188.

OCMC AGAPE CANISTER

Thank you for your Orthodox Christian
Mission Center (OCMC) Agape Canister
offering this week of \$20.71 to support the
mission and programs of the OCMC.
Meg Engelbach has begun her long-term
missionary service in Kenya. Other OCMC
long-term missionaries continue their service in
Guatemala, Albania, Moldova, Mongolia, and
Romania. The Mission Teams of 2014 are filling
up quickly; opportunities are available in Albania,
Ghana, Guatemala, Kenya, Mexico, Moldova,
Tanzania, Uganda and Alaska.
Visit www.ocmc.org to serve.

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ON STEWARDSHIP

"No one shall appear before the Lord empty-handed, but each of you with as much as he can give, in proportion to the blessings which the Lord God has bestowed on you." ~ Deuteronomy 16:10, 16-17

Mother Teresa tells a story about a very poor family with six children, who had nothing to eat. In fact, her sisters told Mother Teresa that this family hadn't eaten for several days. So Mother Teresa went to visit their home, and brought a big sack of rice.

As soon as she gave the sack of rice to the poor family, the mother divided half of the rice and went out the door. She was gone for 10 minutes, and then returned empty-handed. Mother Teresa was surprised to see her leave right away, and asked her, "Where did you go? What did you do?"

And the poor mother responded, "And they are hungry. Our neighbors are hungry too.

They need food just as much as we do."

Later, Mother Teresa commented on this incident, saying, "The greatness of this poor woman was not only that she shared the little food that she had, but, that she NOTICED that her neighbor was in need, and that she wanted to help!"

How many of us notice the poor that surround us?

How many of us truly see these poor people as people who have names and families, people with unique situations, stories and struggles in their lives? How many of us look at the poor as people created in the divine image of God? And when I talk about the poor, I'm talking about not only the materially poor, but those who feel the poverty of being unloved, unwanted, uncared for; those in our neighborhoods, in our workplaces, even within our own families. Do we know who they are?

Where they are? And what are we doing to reach out to them?

~ Fr. Veronis (goarch.org)

From the Stewardship Committee

CATECHISM

AN EXCERPT FROM THE SYNODIKON
(CONFESSION OF FAITH)
OF THE DAY OF ORTHODOXY

As the prophets beheld, as the Apostles have taught...as the Church has received...as the teachers have dogmatized...as the Universe has agreed...as falsehood has been dissolved...

as Wisdom has presented...as Christ Awarded...thus we declare...thus we assert...thus we preach Christ our true God, and honor His Saints in words, in writings, in thoughts, in sacrifices, in churches, in Holy Icons; on the one hand worshipping and reverencing Christ as God and Lord; and on the other hand honoring as true servants of the same Lord of all and accordingly offering them veneration.

This is the Faith of the Apostles, this is the Faith of the Fathers, this is the Faith of the Orthodox, this is the Faith which has established the Universe.

LOOKING AHEAD

Upcoming events...

Special Note: The Tuesday evening Adult Education Classes are suspended during Great Lent. All the faithful are encouraged to attend the Wednesday and Friday night Lenten services, and Friday night presentations.

Mar 11 - Parish Council Meeting @7pm

Mar 12 - Pre-Sanctified Liturgy @7pm

Mar 14 - Akathist Service @7pm followed by Orthodox Iconography Lecture/Supper

Mar 16 - Baptism of Isabella Rabie @11am

Mar 19 - Pre-Sanctified Liturgy @7pm

Mar 21 - Akathist Service @ 7pm followed by Eucharistic Preparation Lecture/Supper

Mar 29 - Baptism of Angelina Robinson @1pm

Mar 30 - Baptism of Ava Audi @1pm

Apr 5 - Byzantine Music Workshop @1-4pm followed by Arabic Liturgy @5pm

A DAY TO CONTEMPLATE OUR FAITH

We live in a time of tremendous change. Life today is vastly different from what it was a hundred years ago. But in all this world of change, we are reminded today of two things that **DO NOT** change – **OUR FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST AND OUR CHURCH**. On this First Sunday of Great Lent, we proclaim to the world of change that we hold the changeless Christian Faith.

This day has a historical basis. Centuries ago a dispute arose in the Church over the place of icons in the faith. The glory of the Eastern Church is the use of these images that not only provide a religious and mystical feeling in an edifice, but are also visual aids – commentaries on sacred history, utilized as channels of communion with the Lord.

In the eighth century, an attempt was made to remove icons from churches. When the matter was finally resolved, **THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST WAS DESIGNATED AS A DAY FOR THE PROCLAMATION OF THE TRUE FAITH**. And so today the faithful of various parishes come together for worship, for procession with icons and for public witness to the ancient Faith of Christ, triumphant over all heresies.

Since we live in a land of many religions, it is vital that testimony be given of the spiritual treasury we hold: The Faith of ancient Christianity, the Faith of the Apostles, the Faith of the Ecumenical Councils, the Faith of the Early Church Fathers, the Faith of the Mother Church of Christendom. As we appreciate our religious heritage today, let us rededicate ourselves to live the Christian Faith in the future.

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FELLOWSHIP HOUR AND BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION

	BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
16		Raja & Benitta Khoury
23	James & Roxanne Bennett	James & Roxanne Bennett
30	George & Joan Abraham & family	George & Joan Abraham & family
Apr 6		
13	Nahla George	Mary Misleh
20		~Paschal Agape Breakfast~
27		
May 4		

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.