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 at the hallway door leading into Kogok Hall.

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Kindly keep all cell phones turned off or muted while in Church. Thank you.
SS. Peter and Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America
H.E. Metropolitan JOSEPH
Archbishop Primus

All Things Are Possible to Him Who Believes

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2020
TONE 8 / EOTHINON 8
FOURTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

COMMENORATION OF JOHN CLIMACUS, AUTHOR OF "THE LADDER"
MARTYR MARK, BISHOP OF ARETHUSA,
MARTYR CYRIL THE DEACON OF HELIOPOLIS AND THOSE WITH THEM;
MARTYRS JONAH AND BARACHISIOS OF PERSA AND THOSE WITH THEM;
EUSTATHIOS THE CONFESSOR, BISHOP OF BITHYNIA

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 8)
From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. JOHN CLIMACUS (Tone 8)
The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundredfold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father John Climacus, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

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 SUNDAYS IN GREAT LENT (AND AKATHIST SATURDAY) (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 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.

“But I say to you,” the Lord says, “love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, pray for those who persecute you.” Why did he command these things? So that he might free you from hatred, sadness, anger and grudges, and might grant you the greatest possession of all, perfect love, which is impossible to possess except by the one who loves all equally in imitation of God.

St. Maximus the Confessor
Will be back on this mailing. If you are interested in hosting one of these events every other week-week night meetings, please send Fr Luke an email (fluke@stgeorgehot.com). He will check with you on the dates the work best for you.

We are looking forward to moving these bi-weekly meetings around so it’s closer to your home at some point. Our goal is to drive no more than 15 minutes to get there.

If you are willing to host one of these meetings in the future, here is the deal:

- Number of attendees can be limited to fit in your space. You can host as few as 5 people (if that is all you can seat (on-floor seats are premium)). Only hot drinks are served. No food involved. Meeting time can be: 7:00-8:30 or 7:30-9:00 pm.

Please contact Amal Michael at amal17m@yahoo.com for more info on any of the Teen activities.

Volunteers are needed who are willing to help please contact the Church Office.

**THE EPISTLE**

The Lord will give strength to His people. The Lord will bless His people with peace.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (6:13-20)

Brethren, when God made a promise to Abraham, since He had no one greater by whom to swear, He swore by Himself, saying, “Surely I will bless you and multiply you.” And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by one greater than themselves; and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincing to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of His purpose, He interposed with an oath. So that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

**THE GOSPEL**

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (9:17-31)

At that time, a man came to Jesus, kneeling down and saying unto him, “Teacher, I brought thy son to you, for he has a dumb spirit. And wherever he seizes him, he dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked Thy Disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” And Jesus answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to Me. And they brought the boy to Him; and when the spirit saw Jesus, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, “How long has he had this thing?” And he said, “From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if Thou canst do anything, have pity on us and help us.” And Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.” Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!” And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You demented and depraved spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again.” And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, “He is dead.” But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when Jesus had entered the house, His Disciples asked Him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” And they said to him, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting.” They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And Jesus did not want anyone to know it; for He was teaching His Disciples, saying to them, “The Son of man will be delivered up into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and after He is killed, He will rise on the third day.”

**CANCELLATION**

2020 PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE

The annual Eastern Diocesan Parish Life Conference will take place at the Antiochian Village on June 24-28, 2020 in addition to the visit and service at the gavrie site of Saint Raphael, events include liturgical services, speakers, social events, the annual Bible Bowl and cultural context. Everyone is welcome to part of all the Conference. Please mark your calendar and let’s see that St Peter and Paul will be represented very well.

**POSTPONED**

ANNUAL LENTEN COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

PACKING MEAL BOXES IN THE VILLAGE IN NEED

We have decided to postpone the meal packing event. We will confirm the new date as soon as we can. In the meantime, please, thank you to everyone who contributed to the service project, so far. And thank you to everyone who had signed up to volunteer.
To encourage our worship in a proper spirit of conscious of grave sin, have fasted from the night Communion and dismissal; refrain from using cell phones with God and the Church through the Sacrament command to eat His Body and drink His Blood.

In order to be properly disposed to receive Holy Communion in fulfillment of Christ’s command to eat His Body and drink His Blood, 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.

To the clergy censes the sanctuary during the Reading of the Epistle and the Gospel during the Little Entrance with the Gospel the congregation is standing, or when the clergy censes the sanctuary quietly during the Divine Liturgy.

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.

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 at 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.

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.

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Holy Bread of Oblation Offered By:
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Fellowship Offered By:
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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
Rt. Rev. Fr. Elia Bitar
Rt. Rev. Daniel Griffith
Kh. Rebecca Alford
Kh. Ann Anderson
Kevin Pinkeloff
Isabel Tedeh
Joyce Mlamby
Tony Dolas
Sophie Neam
George & Joan Abraham
Michael Bucikio, Sr.
Leila Khoury
Assaad & Patricia Khoury

LIVING
Kh. Dolly Basel and the Family of Fr. Isaac
Ramona Dora
Benjamin Mawin Saah
Sam Kassman
Audrey Yacoub
Patrick Farah
Anna Hananiah-Trey
Edward, Ritamarie, Emilia & Viviana Saa

DEPARTED
Kh. Rebecca Alford
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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
Rt. Fr. Isaac Crow
Fr. George Rados
Yevagoe Lampathakis
Ted Mckonach
John & Catherine Bolus
Julian John El-Hage
Laurence Nears
Selma Simon
Evelyn Mier
Joseph Charity
David Kharwillah
Fouad & Salwa Askoul
Odette El-Hage
Julian John El-Hage
John Bolus

Memorial Service
Laurence Nears/1 yr.

Funeral Arrangements for Rev. Fr. Isaac Crow
CHRIST IS RISEN, TRULY HE IS RISEN
It is with a deep sadness tempered only by the certainty of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ that we inform you of the falling asleep in the Lord of the Rev. Fr. Isaac Crow on Thursday evening March 26, 2020.

Monday, March 30, 2020
11:30am Funeral at Ss. Peter and Paul Church
2:30pm Burial at All Souls Cemetery
11401 Brink Rd, Germantown, MD 20876

May the Lord God receive him and remember his Priesthood in His Heavenly Kingdom.