

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
01 Apr	Lorna Malooley & Chris Malaska, Mona Ayoub/IMO Mufid Ayoub Asma Hamannet Trey Palm Sunday	Mary Misleh Palm Sunday
08 Apr	Sam & Margo Joe & Olivet Ghanem Families Pascha	Sam & Margo Joe & Olivet Ghanem- Families Pascha
15 Apr		
22 Apr	Donna Gavin/IMO David Newkirk Mitody Tilev & Family/IMO Ivanka Tileva & Atanas Tilev	Mitody Tilev & Family/IMO Ivanka Tileva & Atanas Tilev
29 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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**DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES
FOR FEAST OF PALM SUNDAY:
ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
INTO JERUSALEM**

****DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM****

APOLYTIKION OF LAZARUS SATURDAY (Tone 1)

O Christ God, when Thou didst raise Lazarus from the dead, before Thy Passion, Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection. Wherefore, we, like children, carry the insignia of triumph and victory, and cry to Thee, O Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord.

APOLYTIKION OF PALM SUNDAY (Tone 4)

O Christ God, when we were buried with Thee in Baptism, we became deserving of Thy Resurrection to immortal life. Wherefore, we praise Thee, crying: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

KONTAKION OF PALM SUNDAY (Tone 6)

Upborne upon the heavenly throne, and seated upon the earthly foal, O Christ our God, receive the praises of angels and the hymns of men, exclaiming before Thee: Blessed is He that cometh to restore Adam.

It isn't merely enough to love one another; we must love the other more than ourselves. A mother loves her children more than she loves herself. She will stay hungry to feed her children, yet she feels greater pleasure than they do. The children are fed materially, but she is fed spiritually. They experience the taste of food, while she experiences spiritual rejoicing.

St. Paisios the Athonite

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PALM SUNDAY

Feast Of The Glorious Entrance Of Our Lord Jesus Christ Into Jerusalem.

With great joy, the Church celebrates the glorious entry of Christ into Jerusalem, The Feast of Palms. How strange is this in that he enters the city, to be betrayed, to be scourged and tortured, and then to die nailed on a wooden Cross. But today, is a day of Joy and we gather to greet God and to cry out proclaiming: "Hosanna in the highest, blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord."

Today we gather to receive the coming of the King. He is a new King and a King for all people and for all nations. He is the King who comes after the priestly order of Melchizedek; that is the King of Righteousness. He is Christ God, the first and the last, the true King of Peace.

If this same Christ is the King of Peace, then we, his subjects and followers, are we not those who look for His righteous Kingdom, the very Kingdom of Peace?

By nature man seeks peace for in it he abides in stability, happiness, joy, and prosperity. But where is this elusive peace, and where is it to be found? How often do we seek for it in strange places and in the kingdom of idols and in the byways of the domains of life? For the sake of peace, we often stumble into cycles of confusion and strife. Some rush to amass wealth and possessions, prestige and power, believing that by doing so they will also find peace.

The Jews themselves, whom we hear in the Gospel of St John (12: 1-18), shouted: "Hosanna! (save us). Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord" lived a long history in suffering and seeking after peace. They desired it and sought to achieve it through political power, nationhood, and ethnic liberation even if this involved tyranny over others. To this day there are those among them who still seek it under the notion of 'security'. They sought peace through the dream of domination and autocracy forgetting the prophecy of Zachariah (9:9):

"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion, shout O daughter of Jerusalem, behold the King cometh unto thee. He is just having salvation, lowly and riding upon a colt who is the foal of a donkey"

After years of wandering and teaching, Jesus enters the royal city of Jerusalem. He enters as a King having power even over the chains of death. Strangely however he comes riding on the foal of a donkey, the throne of the King of humility. By this entrance Jesus announces to all that His Kingdom is not of "this world," for the Kingdom of Truth, Peace, and Righteousness is entered through the gateway of humility. His entrance proclaims to us once and for all time that "the God of peace shall be with you" (php 4:8-9). That this is to be our first purpose that we are to become the peace makers of the world, carrying in our hands the weapons of peace. And so today we take up the branches of palms and walk in the procession of God's peace. This procession is the very journey of our life in Christ, wherein we walk in the pathway of the virtue of God.

Strangely this is how our Lord Jesus Christ conquered Jerusalem. This is how he opened up for us the Kingdom of Peace. And in doing so, he leaves for us, his followers, the mission of enacting peace upon all the earth.

By living, practicing, and producing righteousness, the Christian becomes the creator of peace among peoples and nations. Such a peace is infused with an invincible power, able if we but possess it, to overcome every adversary, even the demons of gravity and death itself.

Come Brethren, let us today lift up our branches of Psalms and enter into the Holy city. Let us walk in the procession of righteousness and following the King of Peace, let us proclaim; "Hosanna O King of the highest glory, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord."

Fr. Isaac Crow

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/GQ6uQSnlItimwgwJW2>. 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).

Check out our new online Church School Newsletter

<https://www.smore.com/t1rhu> There's information about the Pascha Prep Workshop.

Apr 01 *Palm Sunday/No Church School

Apr 08 *Pascha/No Church School

Apr 29 *Food For Hungry boxes due back to the Church School office

May 20 *Senior Recognition

Jun 10 *Last day of Church School

TEEN SOYO

Apr 06 *Good Friday Vigil

Apr 20-22 *Spring Delegates Meeting in NJ hosted by St. Anthony's Church in Bergenfield. More details to follow

May 18-20 *Tentative Service Weekend (serving others in the DC area)

Jun 27 *Parish Life Conference (PLC) at the July 01 Antiochian Village. More details to follow.

Aug 10-19 *Special Olympics at the Antiochian Village. Please consider volunteering (must be 16 yrs). Sign up at <https://teensoyo.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/2018-SO-Application.pdf>

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 at wayneparr@gmail.com or Amal Michael at amal17@yahoo.com for more information.

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

May 12 *Antiochian Women Fashion Show (see flyer in Narthex for more information)
Congressional Country Club/11:00a

MEN'S MINISTRY GROUP

Jun 10 *Ss. Peter & Paul Festive Picnic (please note new date) @Bretton Woods
Jun 11 *Ss. Peter & Paul Annual Golf Tournament Reston, VA (please note new location). More details to follow

THE PARISH GIFT SHOP

We have new Easter gifts and decorations in the Gift Shop!

The Gift Shop is open every Sunday following Liturgy. For information contact Alma Jean Zaki at (703) 283-9338 or ajmzaki@gmail.com

FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT SYRIAN ORPHANAGES

The Ss. Peter and Paul Parish Council is sponsoring a special fundraising event as part of its charity outreach in support of the Orphanages of the Convents of Saidnaya and Maaloula Syria. Please save the date of Saturday, June 2, 2018 at 6:30pm for this event. Contact Phillip Allen at rpallen@yahoo.com for information to help organize the project.

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 ajmzaki@gmail.com), Alex Cox at (alecoxells@gmail.com) or Fr. Isaac at (friisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org). Our Parish is grateful for this ministry remembering that when we visit the sick and the infirm we visit Christ himself.

CHURCH CALENDAR

For Holy Week schedule please see insert

Apr 01 *Palm Sunday—No Church School
Apr 06 *Teen SOYO Good Friday Vigil (more details to follow)
*10:30a.m.—Naach Preparation

Apr 08 *Paschal Hierarchical Divine Liturgy presided by His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH
*Pascha (no Church School)
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 School Office
May 12 *Antiochian Women Fashion Show/11:00a @Congressional County Club

May 20 *Senior Recognition Day
Jun 02 *Fund raising Reception for Syrian Orphanages (more details to follow)

Jun 10 *Ss. Peter & Paul Festive Picnic to follow the Liturgy @Bretton Woods
*Last day of Church School

Jun 11 *Ss. Peter & Paul Annual Golf Tournament-Reston, VA (more details to follow)
*Baptism Isabelle Nora Briggs/12:00p

Jun 16 *Parish Life Conference at the Antiochian Village (more details to follow)

Jul 1 Aug 10-19 *Special Olympics at the Antiochian Village (see Teen SOYO box for more details)

THE EPISTLE

Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord.
O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.
The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians. (4:4-9)

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, these do; and the God of peace will be with you.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (12:1-18)

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus who had died was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with Him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, one of His Disciples (he who was to betray Jesus), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not because he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the moneybox he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of My burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have Me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that He was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His Disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of Him and had been done to Him. The crowd that had been with Jesus when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Jesus was that they heard He had done this sign.

To The Beloved Faithful of Ss. Peter and Paul Church

I greet you and offer you my love and sincere gratitude for your prayers, support, and good wishes.

My recovery continues well and I am slowly regaining my strength. God willing, I will be back to serve as soon as possible and in the meantime I leave you in the very good hands of Fr. John Anderson.

We have been informed that His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH will celebrate the Easter night Paschal Service with us at Ss. Peter & Paul Church.

I pray for continued good health and for the blessings of the Paschal season to be upon you and your families. I thank you again for your devotion and prayers and remain yours in Christ,

Fr. Isaac

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.

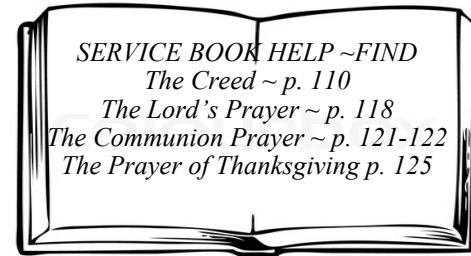
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- 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.



HOLYBREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:

Lorna Malooley & Chris Malaska
Mona Ayoub/IMO Mufid Ayoub
Asma Hamarneh Trey

FELLOWSHIP OFFERED BY:

Mary Misleh

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

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George & Joan Abraham
Suad Shamma
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Leena Haddad & Family
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Mary Misleh & Family

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Nora Hamarneh
Walter Trey
Mufid Ayoub
Isa Ayoub
Abdallah Ayoub

KITCHEN RENOVATION NEEDS YOUR INPUT

Our hall kitchen is over 20 years old and in need of an update. Because this project involves the entire parish, our Parish Council is seeking input from everyone. We welcome any and all suggested changes for the purpose of setting up our kitchen for parishioner and outside rental use for the next 20 years and beyond. Please email your ideas to John Abraham at: Vice-Chair@peterpaulpotomac.org.

We especially want to hear recommendations from our parish cooks—those of you who prepare meals during the year and those who work in the kitchen during the intense weeks of preparation before and during Bazaar weekend. You know what works and what doesn't work, and we respectfully ask you to share your thoughts and ideas with us. Our goal is to make the kitchen work better for all of us in the days ahead.