

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
08 Apr	Sam & Margo, Joe & Olivet Ghanem Families Pascha	Sam & Margo, Joe & Olivet Ghanem Families Pascha
15 Apr	Dolly & David Browning	Parish Council
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
06 May	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 Kogok Hall.

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Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

H.E. Metropolitan JOSEPH

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All Things Are Possible to Him Who Believes

Matins: Sundays 9:30am

Divine Liturgy: Sundays 10:30am

SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2018

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES FOR SUNDAY OF GREAT AND ALL-HOLY PASCHA

PASCHAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 5)

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! (ONCE)

HYPAKOE OF PASCHA (Tone 4)

They who were with Mary came before the dawn, found the stone rolled away from the sepulcher, and heard the angels say unto them: Why seek ye Him as man with the dead, Who dwells in light eternal? Behold the grave wrappings; make haste and declare to the world that the Lord is risen, and hath caused death to die; for He is the Son of God, the Savior of mankind.

KONTAKION OF PASCHA (Tone 8)

O Immortal One, when Thou didst descend into the tomb, Thou didst destroy the power of Hades; and Thou didst rise victorious, O Christ God. Thou hast said to the ointment bearing women: Rejoice! And Thou gavest peace to Thy Disciples, O Bestower of Resurrection to those Who had fallen.

Of all miracles, this is the greatest miracle. All other miracles have it as their source and lead to it. From it grow faith, love, hope, prayer, and love for God. Behold: the fugitive disciples, having run away from Jesus when He died, return to Him because He is risen. Behold: the Centurion confessed Christ as the Son of God when he saw the Resurrection from the grave. Behold: all the first Christians became Christian because the Lord Jesus is risen, because death was vanquished. This is what no other faith has; this is what lifts the Lord Christ above all other gods and men; this is what, in the most undoubted manner, shows and demonstrates that Jesus Christ is the One True God and Lord in all the worlds.

St. Justin Popovich of Chelije

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THE PASCHAL HOMILY OF OUR FATHER AMONG THE SAINTS JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

If anyone is devout and the lover God, let him enjoy this beautiful and radiant festival. If anyone is a wise servant, let him rejoicing enter into the joy of his Lord. If anyone has wearied himself in fasting, let him now receive his recompense. If anyone has labored from the first hour, let him today receive his just reward. If anyone has come at the third hour with thanksgiving, let him keep the feast. If anyone has come at the sixth hour, let him have no misgivings; for he shall suffer no loss. If anyone hath delayed until the ninth hour, let him draw near without hesitation. If anyone has arrived at the eleventh hour, let him not fear on account of his delay. For the Master is gracious and receives the last even as the first. He gives rest to him who comes at the eleventh hour just as to him who has labored from the first.

He has mercy upon the last and He cares from the first; To one He gives and to the other He is gracious; He both honors the work and praises the intention. Enter, therefore, all of you into the joy of our Lord, and whether first or last receive your award. O rich and poor, one with another, dance today with joy. O you ascetics and you negligent, celebrate together today. You that have fasted and you that have disregarded the fast, rejoice together today. For the table is rich-laden, feast royally upon it all of you. The calf is fatted, let not one of you go away hungry.

Let us all partake of the feast of faith, let all receive the goodness of His Kingdom. Let no one lament his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed. Let no one this day mourn his transgressions, for forgiveness has shown forth from the grave. Let no one fear death, for the savior's death has set us free. He that was taken by death has now annihilated it; He descended into Hades and took Hades captive; He embittered it when it tasted His flesh. Anticipating this Isaiah exclaimed, "Hades was embittered when it encountered Thee in the lower regions." It was embittered for it was abolished, it was embittered for it was mocked. It was embittered for it was purged, it was embittered for it was despoiled. It was embittered for it was bound in chains. It took a body, and face to face it met God. It took earth and encountered heaven. It took what it saw and crumbled before what it had not seen.

O Death where is thy sting? O Hades, where is thy victory? Christ is risen and you are overthrown; Christ is risen and the demons have fallen; Christ is risen and the angels rejoice; Christ is risen and life reigns; Christ is risen and not one dead remains in the tomb. For Christ, being raised from the dead has become the first fruits of them that slept. To Him be glory and might, unto ages and ages.

Amen

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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/GQ6uQSnltimwGJW2>. 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 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 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 amal17m@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 Saindaya and Maaloula Syria. Please save the date of Saturday, June 2, 2018 at 6:30pm for this event. Contact Phillip Allen at rpalen1@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 (alexcoxsells@gmail.com) or Fr. Isaac at (frisaac@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

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)

Jun 16 *Baptism Isabelle Nora Briggs/12:00p

Jun 27- *Parish Life Conference at the Antiochian Village

Jul 1 (more details to follow)

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

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THE EPISTLE

This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad therein!

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; His mercy endureth forever.

The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (1:1-8)

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when He was taken up, after He had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the Apostles whom He had chosen. To them He presented Himself alive after His passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them He charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, He said, "You heard from Me; for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." So when they had come together, they asked Him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (1:1-17)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world knew Him not. He came to His own home, and His own people received Him not. But to all who received Him, who believed in His Name, He gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to Him, and cried, "This was He of Whom I said, 'He Who comes after me ranks before me, for He was before me.' ") And from His fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Ss. Peter and Paul Church welcomes today His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH our Archbishop, Primate and Chief Shepherd. We pray that God will grant him every blessing in this glorious Paschal season and we offer gratitude for his Arch Episcopal Ministry. Welcome Sayidna, may God grant you many years.

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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 to enter the sanctuary quietly during the Divine Liturgy.

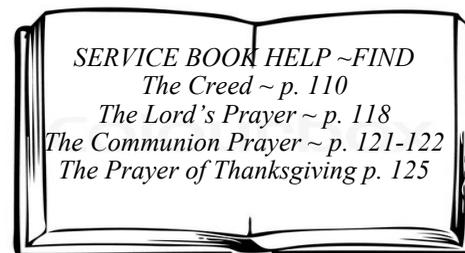
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- 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.



HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:

Sam, Margo, Joe & Olivet Ghanem

AGAPE BREAKFAST OFFERED BY:

Sam, Margo, Joe & Olivet Ghanem

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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
Isabel Threddeh
Everett Alvarez
Edmond & Sophie Neam
George & Joan Abraham
Suad Shammas
Edward Rizkallah
Charles Cox

Brian Briggs
George Brown
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Lula Brown
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Joe, Olivet, Michael, Andrea, & Kathy Ghanem

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Richie Ayoub
Rene Saa
George & Joanna Khoury
Assad & Patricia Khoury
Sam & Margo Ghanem

Ss. Peter and Paul Church would like to thank the Ghanem Families for providing the Agape Breakfast following the Paschal Divine Liturgy.

On behalf of the Antiochian Women, we would like to thank all the parishioners that donated to the adornment of the Naach.

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: ViceChair@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.