

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR  
AND BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION**

	<b>Bread of Holy Oblation</b>	<b>Fellowship Hour</b>
<b>12 Apr</b>	Cancelled until further notice	Cancelled until further notice
<b>19Apr</b>	Cancelled until further notice	Cancelled until further notice
<b>26 Apr</b>	Cancelled until further notice	Cancelled until further notice
<b>03 May</b>	Cancelled until further notice	Cancelled until further notice
<b>10 May</b>	Cancelled until further notice	Cancelled until further notice

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.**

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

**SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2020**  
**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)**

In confirming the common Resurrection, O Christ God, Thou didst raise up Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion. Wherefore, we also, like the children, bearing the symbols of victory, cry to Thee, the Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that 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)**

Being borne upon a throne in Heaven, and upon a colt on the earth, O Christ God, Thou didst accept the praise of the angels and the laudation of the children as they cried to Thee: Blessed art Thou Who comest to recall Adam.

*Love every man in spite of his falling into sin. Never mind the sins, but remember that the foundation of the man is the same - the image of God.*

*St. John of Kronstadt*

***MAKING GOD REAL***  
***In the Orthodox Christian Home***

***By Anthony M. Coniaris***

**How to Read the Bible at Home**

In the Orthodox Church we cherish the highest respect for the Bible. We keep the Gospel book enthroned on the altar constantly. Just as the Bible is enthroned on the altar of our church so it should be enthroned in the heart of every Orthodox Christian. By this we don't mean that it should be kept on some shelf at home as a magic charm. It should be opened and read daily.

**How to Read the Bible**

We offer the following suggestions for family Bible reading:

Set aside a regular time for daily reading preferably in the evening at the supper table when the whole family is together. When the children are young, mom or dad can do the reading. When the children grow older, they may share in the reading. Reading to children is one of life's greatest joys. Children treasure it.

Don't read too much or too fast. One chapter a day is sufficient. Let what you read sink in slowly. If the children are young, read from a Bible story book-one that has pictures which you can show the children.

Start with the biographies of Jesus (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John).

Read with the faith and the expectation that God will really and truly speak to you through what you read.

Don't worry about the passages you do not understand. Concentrate on what you do understand. The more you read, the more you will understand. One passage explains another.

Each day memorize at least one verse that grips you. Say it out loud as a family three or four times. Encourage your children to fall asleep with this verse on their lips.

Get a modern translation. The New Revised Standard\* translation or The New Oxford Annotated Bible With the Apocrypha\*, The Orthodox Study Bible\* are highly recommended.

As you read, try to have an icon of Jesus before you if you are reading the Gospels; one of St. Paul if you are reading his epistles, etc. This will help you realize who it is who is speaking to you.

*The Golden Children's Bible* is an excellent Bible story book for children. It is beautifully illustrated in full color and simply written.\*

*\* Available through Light and Life Publishing Company.*

# Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News and Events

## CHURCH SCHOOL 2019-2020

We encourage all of our students to attend liturgy on Sundays. Please use the following link to register your children for the 2019-2020 Church School Year : <http://tinyurl.com/registerSunSchool>. For Newsletter <https://tinyurl.com/y48hece>

### CHURCH SCHOOL CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

**Apr 12** \*Palm Sunday/**live stream only**  
**Apr 19** \*Pascha/**live stream only**  
**May 17** \*High School Senior Recognition Day  
**May 24** \*Memorial Day Weekend/no Church school  
**May 31** \*Sunday School Celebration

## "EXPLORING OUR FAITH": ON WHEELS

Will be back on the road again soon. If you are interested in hosting one of these every-other-week week-night meetings, please send Fr Luke an email ([frluke@peterpaulpotomac.org](mailto:frluke@peterpaulpotomac.org)). He will check in with you on the dates the work best for you.

We are looking forward to moving these bi-weekly meetings around so its 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.

## 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 to visit, and to reach out to our elderly brethren. All those willing to help please contact the Church office.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**Apr 12** \*Palm Sunday/**live stream only**  
**Apr 19** \*Great & Holy Pascha/**live stream only**  
**May 02** \***POSTPONED**: The St. George Ladies Myrrh Bearing one-day retreat at St. George.  
**May 03** \***CANCELLED**: OCMC Annual Dinner/contact Paula Massouh at [pmassouh@aol.com](mailto:pmassouh@aol.com)  
**May 9** \***POSTPONED**: Antiochian Women's Fashion Show/ Westwood County Club,  
**May 17** \*High School Senior Recognition  
**May 22-25** \***CANCELLED**: Family Camp at the Antiochian Village/  
**Jun 24-28** \***CANCELLED**: 2020 Parish Life Conference/Antiochian Village  
**CANCELLED**: Teen SOYO Bible Bowl on 6/27

## ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S EDUCATIONAL GRANT

Each year the Antiochian Orthodox Women of North America awards grants, in the amount of \$500.00 each. The grant is meant to help women with the cost of education or training which they have undertaken to improve their circumstances or those of their families. The scholarships are awarded during the NAB Summer Meeting in July. The qualifications and requirements along with the application can be found at <https://www.antiochian.org/regulararticle/480> Please contact Donna Gavin at [crazygavins@verizon.net](mailto:crazygavins@verizon.net) with further questions.

## 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 ass and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass'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.

## CANCELLED: 2020 PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE

The annual Eastern Diocese Parish Life Conference will take place at the **Antiochian Village on June 24-28, 2020**. In addition to the visit and service at the grave site of Saint Raphael, events include liturgical services, speakers, social events, the annual Bible Bowl and oratorical contest. Everyone is welcome to part or all of the Conference. Please mark your calendar and let's see that Ss Peter and Paul is well represented this year.

## POSTPONED

### ANNUAL LENTEN COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT PACKING MEALS FOR AREA FAMILIES 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, thank you to all who have contributed to the service project, so far. And thank you to everyone who had signed up to volunteer.

## **CHURCH SCHOOL**

### **Directors**

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Jennifer Buchko

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Beth Davis  
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Dara Potter  
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Caroline Jarboe  
Elizabeth El-Hage  
Jaren Sams  
Philip Allen  
Nathaniel Guinn

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Sam Khalil

## **ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN**

Donna Gavin

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### **FELLOWSHIP**

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### **MANAGEMENT**

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## **GIFT SHOP**

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## YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

The Ss. Peter & Paul YAF welcomes all young people over 21 years of age to join in its social, educational, and outreach activities. Please contact Amal Michael at [amal17m@yahoo.com](mailto:amal17m@yahoo.com) for more information.

## ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

\*Please pay your annual dues of \$25 to help support our outreach and charitable projects. **All women are members and are welcome.** Checks can be given to Janet Metz.  
 \*For future notices and any questions, please provide your email address to Donna Gavin at [crazygavins@verizon.net](mailto:crazygavins@verizon.net)  
**May 02** \***CANCELED**: Easter Naach Collections  
 \***CANCELLED**: Good Friday decorating  
**May 02** \***POSTPONED**: The St. George Ladies Myrrh Bearing one-day retreat at St. George.  
**May 9** \***POSTPONED**: Fashion Show/Westwood Country Club, Vienna, VA

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Men's Fellowship ministry of Ss. Peter and Paul is to serve the church through charitable outreach, educational and service projects which strengthen and deepen the faith of its members and develop a fellowship of Orthodox Christian servants. Contact Sam Khalil [sk1943@aol.com](mailto:sk1943@aol.com) or Fred Zacharia at [fredzach@verizon.net](mailto:fredzach@verizon.net) for more information.

# Commemorations

## 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 censures 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.

## SERVICE BOOK HELP ~FIND

The Service starts on p. 91  
 The Creed ~ p. 110  
 The Lord's Prayer ~ p. 118  
 The Communion Prayer ~ p. 121-122  
 The Prayer of Thanksgiving p. 125

## HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:

Postponed until Further Notice

## 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.

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.

## Parishioners who remain in our prayers continually

Rt. Rev. Fr. Elias Bitar	Rt. Rev. Daniel Griffith
Kh. Rebecca Alford	Kh. Ann Anderson
Kevin Pinkstaff	Nijmeh Zayed
Isabel Thredch	Nabeeha Ayoub
Joyce Hamaty	Shoke George
Holly Dubois	Suad Shammas
Sophie Neam	Miriam Yazge
George & Joan Abraham	Lulu Brown
Michael Buchko, Sr.	Edward Rizkallah
Leila Khoury	Bob & Shirley Neri
Assad & Patricia Khoury	
	Brian Briggs
	Allison Ayoub Egge
	George & Chris Brown
	Robert & Thelma Badwey
	Barbara Abraham
	Ibtisam Toubaji
	Dorothy Marge

## DEPARTED

Fr. Isaac Crow  
 Fr. George Rados  
 Ted Milkovich  
 Daoud Khairallah  
 Hayat Barakat  
 Richard Husson

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Kh. Dolly, Basil and the Family of Fr. Isaac

Fr. Costas & Presbyterian Pauline

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Fred & Sherrie Zacharia

Michael Piechocinski

Ibrahim Mazen Saah

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Geffen Franus

Sam Hamameh

Audree Yacoub

Vilma Bellone

Adam Farah

Patrick Farah

Lily Farhoud

Nawal Musleh

Edward, Ritamarie, Emilia & Viviana Saa

Georgette

Halim Barakat & the Barakat Family

Michael, Katelin, & Josephine Procelli

## OCMC News

Ss Peter and Paul's OCMC ambassadors met in a teleconference last Friday evening with other ambassadors throughout the United States to share ideas. Many spoke of parish awareness as well as fundraising ideas. For example, a church in St. Louis held an event for youth, where information (long-term missionary awareness as well as culture, focus needs, foods, etc.) was shared on each of the countries where OCMC currently has representation. A church in Tennessee had a fundraising walk, and in each of the preceding four Sundays leading up to the final event, had information for the parish on outreach and Christ's message for missions. Another share and teleconference will be held in early June.

Every time we meet a long-term missionary, they first and foremost sincerely and with great humility ask our prayers. This is a good time for families to check out [ocmc.org](http://ocmc.org) to read about a long-term missionary, and pray for him/her together. The missionaries tell us that monthly, they receive a report from OCMC which lists stewards contributing to their mission, so they pray constantly for us as well.