

	<b>Bread of Holy Oblation</b>	<b>Fellowship Hour</b>
<b>15 Apr</b>	Dolly & David Browning	Parish Council
<b>22 Apr</b>	Donna Gavin/IMO David Newkirk Mitody Tilev & Family/IMO Ivanka Tileva & Atanas Tilev	Mitody Tilev & Family/IMO Ivanka Tileva & Atanas Tilev
<b>29 Apr</b>	open	open
<b>06 May</b>	Lorna Malooley & Linda Sha- heen/40 Day Memorial for James Yonkers	open
<b>13 May</b>	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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**Matins:** Sundays 9:30am

**SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2018**

**DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES FOR  
NEW SUNDAY OR ANTI-PASCHA**

**SUNDAY OF THOMAS THE APOSTLE, CALLED "THE TWIN"**

MARTYR CRESCENS OF MYRA IN LYCIA; HIEROMARTYR LEONIDAS, BISHOP  
OF ATHENS

## APOLYTIKION FOR THOMAS SUNDAY(Tone 7)

While the tomb was sealed, Thou didst shine forth from it, O Life. While the doors were closed, Thou didst come in to Thy Disciples, O Christ God, Resurrection of all, renewing in us through them an upright spirit, according to the greatness of Thy mercy.

## 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.

God the Lord surrendered His own Son to death on the Cross for the fervent love of creation. *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son* to death for our sake (cf. John 3:16). This was not, however, because He could not have redeemed us in another way, but so that His surpassing love, manifested hereby, might be a teacher unto us. And by the death of His only begotten Son He made us near to Himself. Yea, if He had anything more precious, He would have given it to us, so that by it our race be His own.

*St. Isaac the Syrian*

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## PASCHA

Pascha means passage. The Pascha of the Jews is their passage from Egypt, the land of slavery, to the Promised Land. Christian Pascha is people's passage from sin to righteousness through the death and resurrection of Christ. That is, through your faith in this death and its efficacy. In our liturgical life, we do not make a distinction between Good Friday and Easter Sunday. It is three mutually-completing parts. You transcend the duality between Christ's death and resurrection in the services because you do not recall the death and linger there. You constantly leap from the Savior's crucifixion to his resurrection. It is worth pointing out that if Eastern Christians mention the death of the Teacher in prayer, they immediately speak of the resurrection. Hear the tones and words of the resurrection in the prayer of Good Friday.

Some say that the Western Church focuses on the Lord's passion and the Eastern Church on the resurrection. This is not true. In both churches there is a complete balance between the two events for the simple reason that the resurrection is also present in the passion. Therefore believers who examine the texts of the passion and the resurrection agree that there is no difference between the Eastern Church and the Western Church in this, even if Christians in the West pay more attention to the Lord's passion in popular practice.

In our liturgical practices, Pascha is from Good Friday to Sunday and if "Pascha" means passage, then all of it is the passage of the Lord from death to life. It is striking to me that, in the Orthodox Church, if you are a practicing believer you greet your friend with "Christ is risen" and he responds "indeed He is risen" for the fifty days after Pascha. Every practicing Orthodox child knows to greet his friends from Pascha until the Thursday of the Ascension by saying "Christ is risen." If an Orthodox person dies between Pascha and Ascension, a paschal funeral is held, with chants and praises of the resurrection. The priests do not wear black robes in the prayer and in the text and music you can't distinguish the funeral prayers from wedding prayers. All of us, in life and death, are brides of Christ.

Do you truly believe on account of this that you are risen from the dead? Have you believed that partaking of the Lord's body every Sunday is your resurrection or do you still feel that sin keeps you in death? Is the resurrection only a commemoration of the Savior or has it become your true life? Is Pascha a feast or the reality of your soul? Are you a person of Pascha? The unbeliever Nietzsche wrote, "Show me Christians risen from the dead and I will believe in their Savior." Do you not wish to challenge Nietzsche and demonstrate to the fullest that even as you are alive, you have been enlightened by the light of Christ?

*Metropolitan GEORGE (Khodr)*

## LOOKING TO GET MORE INVOLVED IN THE CHURCH AND DON'T KNOW HOW? WELL WE CAN HELP!

This Sunday, April 15th, the Parish Council will host our first Organization & Activity Fair. The event will take place after liturgy in the Church hall. We will have representatives from a variety of organizations and activities. You can learn more about:

Teen SOYO  
Young Adults Group  
Men's Club

Sunday School  
Choir/ Cantors  
Antiochian Women

How to host Fellowship Hour  
How to prepare Holy Bread  
How to participate in the annual Bazaar

Please join us for a very informative afternoon. If you have any questions please email the event coordinator, Anees Mokhiber at: [anees\\_mokhiber@hotmail.com](mailto:anees_mokhiber@hotmail.com)

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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/GO6uQSnltimwgvJW2>. 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>

**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 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

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

### 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](mailto:georgezaki@gmail.com) or [ajmzaki@gmail.com](mailto:ajmzaki@gmail.com)), Alex Cox at ([alexcoxells@gmail.com](mailto:alexcoxells@gmail.com)) or Fr. Isaac at ([frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org](mailto: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 15 \*Church Activities Fair during Fellowship Hour  
Apr 17 \*Parish Council Mtg/7p/Serge Malooley Conf Rm  
Apr 21 \*Baptism/Audrey Audi/2p  
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 13 \*Mother's Day  
May 20 \*Senior Recognition Day  
May 28 \*Memorial Day/Church office closed  
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 17 \*Father's Day  
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

*Great is the Lord, and great is His power. Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.*  
**The Reading from the Acts of the Sainly and Pure Apostles. (5:12-20)**

In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the Apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested the Apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

## THE GOSPEL

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (20:19-31)**

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the Disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the Disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other Disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not believe." Eight days later, His Disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the Disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His Name.

**OCMC Benefit Dinner and Raffle:** Join us for a Pan-Orthodox celebration of Orthodox Christian Missions on Sunday, April 22, 2018, at St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church, 3149 Glen Carlyn Rd., Falls Church, VA 22041. Evening Vespers at 4:30 pm; with dinner to follow. Enjoy a wine reception and dinner, with music, raffles & guest speaker Father George Liacopoulos, Ph.D., of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Egg Harbor, NJ. Your support assists the Orthodox Christian Mission Center spreading our Orthodox faith throughout the world! Tickets \$60/student rate \$30; tables of ten (10) are \$500. For more information, contact Betty & John Slanta at [slanta@verizon.net](mailto:slanta@verizon.net) or purchase raffle/dinner tickets during coffee hour.

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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.

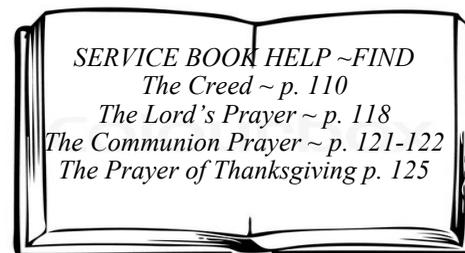
### PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- 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:

Dolly & David Browning

## FELLOWSHIP OFFERED BY:

The Parish Council  
for the Parish Activity Fair

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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

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

Margaret Ashley	Brian Briggs	Mary Smith
Isabel Threddeh	George Brown	Nabecha Ayoub
Everett Alvarez	Holly Dubois	Robert & Thelma Badwey
Edmond & Sophie Neam	Miriam Yazge	Barbara Abraham
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Doris Kogok  
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Wayne & Ophelia Browning  
James Yonkers

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Rima Rizkallah & Family	Asma Hamameh Trey	Younes Family
Browning & Azkoul Families	Siham Ayoub & Family	Mazen & Ruba Saah & Family

### FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY BOXES

Please with the coming of Pascha all coin boxes and donations for Food For Hungry are due back to the Church School office no later than April 29. Through your generous donations this program has helped countless numbers of people.

### 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 rpallen1@yahoo.com for information to help organize the project.

### 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](mailto: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.