

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
16 Apr	Lorna Malooley & Holy Bread Baking Class	Sam & Joe Sahouri Ghanem Families
23 Apr	Farha Family	Farha Family
30 Apr	Bosworth/Slanta — IMO Nicholas Yanowsky	
07 May		
14 May		

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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SS. PETER AND PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

All Things Are Possible to Him Who Believes

Matins: Sundays 9:30am

Divine Liturgy: Sundays 10:30am

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2017

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

Stewardship Corner/Theology of Giving Series – Week 11

Luke 21: 1-4 ... “And Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury, and he saw a certain poor widow put in more than all of them; for they all put their surplus into the offering; but she out of her poverty put in all that she had to live on.”

“What does this message from God require from me, His loyal and obedient servant?” What must I change in my life to be able to follow this teaching in both word and in deed?”
Select the link to read the entire Theology of Giving series on our website blog: <https://www.peterpaulpotomac.org/stewardship-corner>

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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 give 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

Ss. Peter & Paul Church Learning & Media Center

Donations are welcomed in support of the establishment of the new Church Learning and Media Center. . Please send all donations to Ss. Peter and Paul Church earmarked “Library Fund”. In addition, donation of books on topics related to the Orthodox Faith, Doctrine, Church History, Liturgy, and Scripture will be gratefully accepted. Please contact Fr. Isaac, Dn. Christian, or Kate Niewenhous for more information.

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Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News and Events

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We have classes for children 3 years old through 12th grade and meet following Communion. Registrations are handled online at <http://tinyurl.com/registerSunSchool>. We are also in need of snacks and juice for the children. Snacks must be **peanut and tree nut free** due to allergies. Individually wrapped snacks such as 100-calorie snacks work best. Juice may be 100% juices or flavored water pouches. We can use both 6-oz as well as 4-oz juice boxes. We are looking for one more teacher for this school year. Please contact peterpaulsundayschool@gmail.com.

Apr 16

No class on the 16th (Pascha).

TEEN SOYO

May 7

Teen SOYO Mtg./Conference Center/12:30p

May 13

Teen SOYO Hike & Picnic @Great Falls, MD

May 19-21

Spring Delegates' Mtg. at the Antiochian Village (more info to follow)

High School Seniors:

We will be recognizing our High School graduates on Sunday, May 14th during Liturgy. Please fill out this Google form by April 28th to let us know who we need to recognize.

<https://tinyurl.com/peterpaulsenior2017>

Thanks so much!
Jennifer and Samia

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

The Ss. Peter & Paul Young Adult Fellowship seeks to gather young adults (20-40 years of age) together in the ministry worship, witness, service, and fellowship. These include study groups, outreach projects, potluck dinners, and other social and charitable gatherings. For more information contact Jad Ibrahim Jr. at jad.ibrahim.jr@gmail.com or Dn. Christian Manasseh at dnchristian@peterpaulpotomac.org.

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

Antiochian Women/Luncheon & Fashion Show

On May 13 the Antiochian Women are hosting a Luncheon & Fashion Show 11:30am at Congressional CC. Tickets are \$55.00. See Rida Boulos at Frita18@aol.com. For raffle donations contact Hala Paskaleva. Flyers are located in Narthex.

MEN'S CLUB

Jun 07 *Golf Tournament

Jun 25 *Ss. Peter & Paul Picnic/Bretton Woods Rec Cntr (more details to follow)

"EXPLORING OUR FAITH" THE SS. PETER AND PAUL ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORUM

"Exploring Our Faith" will meet every other Thursday evening from **7:15pm to 8:30pm** in the lower level conference room. Fr. Isaac facilitates the meetings using brief presentations as a springboard to open discussion on a wide range of topics concerning our Faith. Meetings will resume after Pascha. Please contact Fr. Isaac at frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org or Kate Niewenhaus at handmaidens20854@gmail.com for more information. ALL ARE WELCOME..

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 (georgezaki@gmail.com or ajmzaki@gmail.com), Alex Cox (alexcoxells@gmail.com) or Fr. Isaac (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 16 Great & Holy Pascha
*Paschal Divine Liturgy & Agape Breakfast/12:00a
*Agape Vespers/1:00p
*2:00p Easter Egg Hunt
*No Church School (Pascha)
May 07 *Teen SOYO Mtg./LL Conf. Rm/12:30p
May 13 *Antiochian Women/Luncheon & Fashion Show @Congressional CC (see Antiochian Women)
*Teen SOYO/Hike & Picnic @Great Falls, MD
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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.

IOCC FUNDRAISER/SAVE THE DATE

On Saturday, June 3, 2017, Ss. Peter & Paul Church will sponsor a Fund Raising Reception in the Church Hall from 6:00p-9:00p in support of "Syrian Relief Programs" of the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC).

This important event will be open to all the Parish, to the local Churches and to the public at large. With the Civil War in Syria entering its seventh year the scale of suffering, and the humanitarian needs are immense. Please plan on attending and supporting this event. For information go to www.iocc.org/potomac or <https://www.facebook.com/events/1242796825817758/> or anita.elaraj@gmail.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Jennifer Buchko

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Anees Mokhiber
Philip Allen
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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.

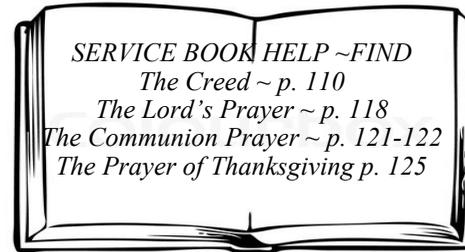
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- 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 col-



HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:

Holy Bread Baking Class

Lorna Malooley, Sue Fannoney, Rana Callas, Carol Laham, Paul Bridenhagen, Zeina Kallas

FELLOWSHIP OFFERED BY:

Sam & Joe Sahouri Ghanem Families

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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

Archpriest George Rados
 Margaret Ashley
 Helen White
 Holly Dubois
 Edmond & Sophie Neam
 George & Joan Abraham

Brian Briggs
 Isabel Threddeh
 Thelma Badwey
 Tesia Yonkers
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Mary Smith
 George Brown
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 Victoria Audi
 James Ayoub
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 Paul & Robert Bridenhagen
 Carol Laham
 Ruth & John Bridenhagen

Sue Fannoney & Family
 Rana Callas & Family
 Zeina Kallas & Family

The Antiochian Women would like to thank all the parishioners that donated to the adornment of the Naach.

THE ANNUAL BENEFIT BANQUET FOR OCMC

TAKING RESERVATIONS for what promises to be a great evening: THE ANNUAL BENEFIT BANQUET FOR OCMC, Sunday, April 30. The night begins with Vespers followed by a wine reception, SILENT AUCTION and TWO RAFFLES. Raffle prizes include: a weekend stay at the FOUR-DIAMOND HILTON MCLEAN HOTEL or a weekend/weekday stay at a CONDO at SEVEN SPRINGS MOUNTAIN RESORT in PA. Your \$60 ticket includes a wine reception, dinner & wine, desserts and a beautiful classical guitar performance. The keynote speaker, the Very Rev. Martin Ritsi, Executive Director of OCMC, will be speaking from the heart on MISSIONS IN TODAY'S WORLD.

PLEASE JOIN US in this wonderful benefit for OCMC MISSIONS around the world! Visit our reservation & ticket table during coffee hour OR contact Dr. Demakis demakis9931@gmail.com or Betty Slanta slanta@verizon.net THANK YOU!