

	BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
17 Apr	Donna Gavin	Mitody Tilev & Family
24 Apr	Mary Misleh	Mary Misleh
30 Apr 01 May	Pascha	Sam & Margo Ghanem Agape Breakfast
08 May	John & Dina Saah	John & Dina Saah (special Arabic Pastries in honor of Mother's Day)
15 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 vestibule.

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All Things Are Possible to Him Who Believes

Matins: Sundays 9:30am

Divine Liturgy: Sundays 10:30am

SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2016

TONE 5/ EOTHINON 2

FIFTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

COMMEMORATION OF OUR RIGHTEOUS MOTHER MARY OF EGYPT

HIEROMARTYR SIMEON, BISHOP IN PERSIA AND THOSE WITH HIM;

MARTYR ADRIAN OF CORINTH;

AGAPITOS, POPE OF ROME; MAKARIOS, ARCHBISHOP OF CORINTH;

VENERABLE ZOSIMAS OF SOLOVKY

****DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT****

APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRECTION (Tone 5)

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT (TONE 8)

Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O mother Mary; for thou didst carry the cross and follow Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body, because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels.

APOLYTIKION OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL (Tone 4)

O foremost in the ranks of Apostles, and teachers of the world, Peter and Paul, intercede with the Master of all to grant safety to the world and to our souls the great mercy.

KONTAKION FOR ORDINARY SUNDAYS (Tone 2)

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

We must see to it that our pleasing of others always ministers to their good in some way, edifies them, adds something to their character, and makes them braver, truer, and happier. The world is full of discouraged people, and we have the power to say a hopeful word or do a kindness which will drive the discouragement from their hearts and move them again, with strength for brave, victorious and songful living. Love is the greatest thing the world...add something to the life of everyone.

St. Alexandra, Tsaritsa of Russia

Fifth Sunday of Great Lent **St. Mary of Egypt**

On the fifth Sunday of Fast, we are enjoined to celebrate the memory of our Holy Mother Mary of Egypt.

The Church service for this Sunday is devoted to the memory and glorification of the spiritual efforts of Saint Mary of Egypt, who "has cut down with the sword of abstinence the desires of your soul and the passions of your flesh. You have choked your sinful thoughts with the silence of the ascetic life, and have watered all the wilderness with the streams of your tears, and caused the fruits of repentance to spring up for us" and "with works of Lenten fasting", "as sun she shines revealed as a guide to all who have sinned".

In her life the Holy Church pays attention to two contrasts: on the depth of her sinful falling and on the height of her graceful rising; it points out that true repentance wipes away the very heaviest *sins*, and can uplift the repenting trespasser to a high degree of spiritual perfection.

The story of Saint Mary's life was written down by Saint Sophronios, Patriarch of Jerusalem.

The Life of Saint Mary of Egypt is read during Great Lent along with the Great Canon of Saint Andrew, Archbishop of Crete.

Mary lived as a prostitute in Alexandria for 17 years, more to gratify her lust than for money. Out of curiosity, she joined some pilgrims who were going to Jerusalem to celebrate the feast of the Holy Cross. The journey from Egypt did not interrupt her sinful lifestyle. In Jerusalem, she tried to enter the church with the rest of the group, but an invisible force held her back. Finally, realizing her sinfulness, she prayed for help from the Theotokos and vowed to live a life of penance. She was told to cross the Jordan River.

Mary received communion and crossed the river into the wilderness, where for about 47 years she saw no other human. She was tormented by physical needs and mental assaults, but she endured through the intercession of the Virgin Mary.

Around the year 430, the priest Zosimas found Mary in the desert. She told him her story and asked that he tell no one about her until after her death. Zosimas promised to meet her a year later to give her communion. When he saw her the next Lent, she walked across the water of the Jordan to receive the Holy Eucharist. Then she walked back into the desert and died.

When Father Zosimas came back the next year, he found Mary's body and buried it. With her burial, he was free to tell the world of her life.

Tony Moussa and his family extend their deep gratitude to all the parishioners and friends who visited, called, wrote and emailed their good wishes during Tony's recent hospitalization. May God grant you all happiness and good health.

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Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News and Events

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Apr 17 Pascha Prep Workshop-LL Hall

TEEN SOYO

Apr 17 Teens to participate in Local Food Bank Charity organized by Ss. Peter & Paul

Apr 29 Good Friday Vigil

May 08 Teen SOYO mtg. at 12:30p following Liturgy

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Ss. Peter & Paul Young Adult Fellowship Study Group (FSJD) is on hold during the Great Lenten season. Parishioners are encouraged to participate in the great services we are blessed to have this year. Lenten Services scheduled Mondays (Great Compline), Wednesdays (Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts), and Fridays (Akathist to the Mother of God). Please see the schedule of services on the round table in the Narthex. The Study Group will resume after Pascha.

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

***Naach Flower Donation & Adornment** — The Ladies Auxiliary will start collecting through **April 17** for the Naach. All women of the Parish are invited to participate and decorating will start on Good Friday, **April 29**. (see flyer on table in the narthex). Don't forget your pruning shears! A dish to share at lunch would be most welcome. Please give your donation to Leila Ayoub, Marie Khalil, or Ann Marie Moses. The donation forms are on the table in the Narthex.

"EXPLORING OUR FAITH"

THE SS. PETER AND PAUL ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORUM

The Ss. Peter & Paul Adult Religious Education Forum is on hold during the Great Lenten season. We encourage all to attend Lenten Services scheduled Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Please see the schedule on the round table in the Narthex. The Forum will resume on Thursday, **May 12 at 7:15pm**. All are welcome.

THE METROPOLITAN DC ORTHODOX MISSION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE

is again sponsoring a Mission dinner, at SS Peter & Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church 10620 River Road Potomac, MD, on Sunday, May 15, 2016, beginning with Pan-Orthodox Vespers at 4:30 pm, hors d'oeuvres and a Silent Auction at 5:15 pm, dinner and presentation at 6:00 pm. All proceeds benefit the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC). The speaker is Very Rev. John Chakos, speaking on "GUATEMALA MISSION FACES EAST: THE NEXT STEP IN CONVERSION". Tickets: \$55.00 for adults; under 22, \$30, and children under 6, FREE; table for 10 is \$500; reservation deadline: May 12, 2016. For information: Dr. John Demakis, email: demakis9931@gmail.com or Betty Slanta, email: slanta@verizon.net. Enclose check and mail to SS Peter & Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church 10620 River Road Potomac, MD 20854, ATTN: Mission Banquet (B. Slanta). Make the check payable to OCMC, note: "Mission Banquet". (flyers located in Kogok Hall)

2016 BAZAAR UPDATE

*PRE-PASCHA ARABIC PASTRY SWEETS BAKE SALE

On Palm Sunday, there will be a pre-Pascha Arabic pastry sweets bake sale following the Liturgy during the Fellowship Hour to raise seed money for the Festival. Order forms available on the round table in the Narthex. **LET US DO THE BAKING FOR YOU!**

*Ss. PETER & PAUL BAZAAR — SAVE THE DATE

Ss. Peter & Paul 33rd Annual Bazaar September 23-25, 2016. Please contact us with your thoughts and interest in volunteering! Contact wayne.parr@gmail.com 571-294-0197 or Barbara Abraham bmwbraham@gmail.com 301-949-1056

TRADITIONS COOKBOOK

WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!!

We are planning the next publication of our recipe book revised to reflect our Feast Days and the different traditions within our parish. This edition focuses on traditional recipes representative of all our backgrounds and culinary traditions. Please submit a recipe (and photo if you have one) for consideration by emailing it to Michele Forzley at mforzley@comcast.net please. Our goal is to have the book ready for the Festival. The deadline for submissions is **mid-night June 30, 2016**. We also plan to prepare a companion video on the techniques to make some of the foods – if you would be willing to be in a video let me know too.

Upcoming events...

Apr 17 *Pascha Prep Workshop for Sunday School/LL Conf. Rm.
 *Ss. Peter & Paul Food Bank Outreach Project following Fellowship/Kogok Hall
 Apr 18 Service of the Great Compline @7:00pm
 Apr 20 Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts @7:00pm
 Apr 22 Hanric Leong Baptism/12p/Sanctuary
 Apr 23 Arabic Language Class/10a-12:30p./LL Hall
 Apr 23-May 1 Holy Week (see schedule on table in Narthex)
 Apr 23 Lazarus Saturday/9:00am Divine Liturgy
 Apr 24 *Palm Sunday-Divine Liturgy & Procession of the Palms at 10:30a
 *Bakery Sale following Liturgy
 *Bridegroom Service/7:00p
 Apr 25 Holy Monday/Bridegroom Service/7:00p
 Apr 26 Holy Tuesday/Bridegroom Service/7:00p
 Apr 27 Holy Wednesday/Unction Service/7:00p
 Apr 28 Holy Thursday
 *Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil/9:00a
 *Service of the Twelve Passion Gospels/7:00p
 Apr 29 Holy Friday
 *Vespers of the Unveiling/3:00p
 *Service of the Lamentations/7:00p
 *Teen SOYO/Good Friday Vigil
 Apr 30 Holy Saturday
 *Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil/10:00a
 *Midnight Office & Rush Service/11:00p
 *Arabic Language Class/10a-12:30p/LL Hall
 May 01 *Paschal Divine Liturgy & Agape Breakfast
 *Agape Vespers/1:00p
 May 07 *Arabic Language Class/10a-12:30p./LL Hall
 *Zachary Constantine-Baptism & Stephenie Constantine-Christmation/Sanctuary/1:00p-4:00p
 *Arabic Liturgy/Sanctuary/5:00p
 May 08 Mother's Day
 May 12 Adult Ed Forum/LL Conf. Rm./7:15p
 *Arabic Language Class/10a-12:30p./LL Hall
 May 29 *Men's Club Mtg./following Liturgy/12:30p

EPISTLE

*Make your vows to the Lord our God, and perform them.
 God is known in Judah; His Name is great in Israel.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (9:11-14)

Brethren, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), He entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, Who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (10:32-45)

At that time, Jesus took His twelve Disciples, and began to tell them what was to happen to Him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn Him to death, and deliver Him to the Gentiles. And they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit upon Him, and kill Him; and after three days He will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Him, and said to Him, "Teacher, we would that thou shouldst do for us whatsoever we shall desire" And Jesus said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" And they said to Him, "Grant us to sit, one at Thy right hand and one at Thy left, in Thy glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to Him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized. But to sit at My right hand or at My left is not Mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to Him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be servant of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

SS. PETER & PAUL CHURCH FOOD BANK OUTREACH PROJECT

On Sunday, April 17, Ss. Peter & Paul Church will sponsor a food bank outreach project in support of the needy in our local area. Following Fellowship hour in the Church hall, volunteers are needed to pack food boxes for distribution. Please lend a hand for this good work as our Parish seeks to reach to help those who are hungry. For more information please contact Carol Laham at claham@wileyrein.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Sam Khalil

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Teen SOYO

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Rashid Haddad
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 Kinda Callas
 Nick Guegel

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Christine & Samer Korkor
 Dn. Christian & Zeina
 Manasseh

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 Jamil Hermes

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Nick Nahas
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Barbara Abraham

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Sam Sahouri Ghanem

Finance

Gary Farha

Stewardship

Lina Eid

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 re-
member them in his kingdom always:
now and ever, and unto ages of ages

LIVING

Parishioners who remain in our prayers continually

Margaret Ashley	May Fillah
Richie Kogok	Brian Briggs
Isabel Threddeh	Holly Dubois
Edmond & Sophie Neam	

Josephine Lofgren	John Wizeman
Richie Ayoub	Adib Hanna Saah
Tony Moussa	Elias Bitar
Mufid Ayoub	Nicholas & Helen White
Kathy Habib	Caroline Jarboe
Jeanette Haller	James Bennett
Fred Zacharia	Hanric Kaili Leong
The Tilev Family	The Leong Family
John Mellos	Everett Alvarez
Donna, Joe, Tim, Alexandra, Andrew, Matthew Gavin	
Leslie, James, Yasmin, Sophia, David Courtright Family	
Matt, Mary, Madelyn, Mackenzie Smith	
Ann Marie, Doreen, Yasmin, Moses Family	

DEPARTED

Louise Kiatta
Fuad Akel
David Newkirk
William Gavin
Marie and Albert Moses
Joe, Helen & Jack Bottash
Vickie, Bob & Robert Curtin
Evelyn Baxley
Adele Nagel
Sophie, Mable, Mary, Sam, &
Mike Moses
Ivanka & Atanas Tilev

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

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.

SERVICE BOOK HELP ~FIND
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:
Donna Gavin in memory of her son David

FELLOWSHIP HOUR OFFERED BY:
The Tilev Family

Stewardship Corner
Theology of Giving Series – Week 16 – April 17, 2016

In the Creed we recite during every Divine Liturgy, we say, "...And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures..." God's ultimate sacrifice of His Only Begotten Son is our constant reminder of his unwavering love for us. We must acknowledge this love by our prayers, our conduct, and our deeds. Tithing, sacrificial giving, or proportional giving is but one of the many expressions of worship through which we can demonstrate our commitment to Our Lord's word.

"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>