

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
21 Apr	Palm Sunday Bashar & Rana Callas & Family	Palm Sunday Mary Mistleh
28 Apr	Pascha Sam & Margo Sahouri-Ghanem	Pascha Sam & Margo Sahouri-Ghanem
05 May	Bellone & Fannoney Families IMO Fr. Alister Tim & Sharon Constantine/IMO Antoinette Constantine	Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Council IMO Fr. Alister
12 May	Mother's Day Debi Abdow-Addis/Mel Abdow	Mother's Day Abdow Family
19-May	Eways Family/IMO George F. Eways Suhaila Haddad/IMO Khalil B. Haddad	Eways Family

**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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Divine Liturgy: Sundays 10:30am

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2019

**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)

Upborne upon the heavenly throne, and seated upon the earthly foal, O Christ our God, receive the praises of angels and the hymns of men, exclaiming before Thee: Blessed is He that cometh to restore Adam.

We all have to die, beloved brethren, and it will be hard for us if, while we are in this world, we do not love each other, if we are not reconciled to our enemies, whom we have offended and if one has grieved another, if we do not forgive him. Then we will not have eternal blessedness in that world, and the heavenly Father will not forgive our sins.
St. Peter of Cetinje

PALM SUNDAY

Feast Of The Glorious Entrance Of Our Lord Jesus Christ Into Jerusalem.

With great joy, the Church celebrates the glorious entry of Christ into Jerusalem, The Feast of Palms. How strange is this in that he enters the city, to be betrayed, to be scourged and tortured, and then to die nailed on a wooden Cross. But today, is a day of Joy and we gather to greet God and to cry out proclaiming: "Hosanna in the highest, blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord."

Today we gather to receive the coming of the King. He is a new King and a King for all people and for all nations. He is the King who comes after the priestly order of Melchizedek; that is the King of Righteousness. He is Christ God, the first and the last, the true King of Peace.

If this same Christ is the King of Peace, then we, his subjects and followers, are we not those who look for His righteous Kingdom, the very Kingdom of Peace?

By nature man seeks peace for in it he abides in stability, happiness, joy, and prosperity. But where is this elusive peace, and where is it to be found? How often do we seek for it in strange places and in the kingdom of idols and in the byways of the domains of life? For the sake of peace, we often stumble into cycles of confusion and strife. Some rush to amass wealth and possessions, prestige and power, believing that by doing so they will also find peace.

The Jews themselves, whom we hear in the Gospel of St John (12: 1-18), shouted: "Hosanna! (save us). Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord" lived a long history in suffering and seeking after peace. They desired it and sought to achieve it through political power, nationhood, and ethnic liberation even if this involved tyranny over others. To this day there are those among them who still seek it under the notion of 'security'. They sought peace through the dream of domination and autocracy forgetting the prophecy of Zachariah (9.9):

"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion, shout O daughter of Jerusalem, behold the King cometh unto thee. He is just having salvation, lowly and riding upon a colt who is the foal of a donkey"

After years of wandering and teaching, Jesus enters the royal city of Jerusalem. He enters as a King having power even over the chains of death. Strangely however he comes riding on the foal of a donkey, the throne of the King of humility. By this entrance Jesus announces to all that His Kingdom is not of "this world," for the Kingdom of Truth, Peace, and Righteousness is entered through the gateway of humility. His entrance proclaims to us once and for all time that "the God of peace shall be with you" (php 4:8-9). That this is to be our first purpose that we are to become the peace makers of the world, carrying in our hands the weapons of peace. And so today we take up the branches of palms and walk in the procession of God's peace. This procession is the very journey of our life in Christ, wherein we walk in the pathway of the virtue of God.

Strangely this is how our Lord Jesus Christ conquered Jerusalem. This is how he opened up for us the Kingdom of Peace. And in doing so, he leaves for us, his followers, the mission of enacting peace upon all the earth.

By living, practicing, and producing righteousness, the Christian becomes the creator of peace among peoples and nations. Such a peace is infused with an invincible power, able if we but possess it, to overcome every adversary, even the demons of gravity and death itself.

Come Brethren, let us today lift up our branches of Psalms and enter into the Holy city. Let us walk in the procession of righteousness and following the King of Peace, let us proclaim; "Hosanna O King of the highest glory, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord."

Fr. Isaac Crow

Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News and Events

CHURCH SCHOOL 2019

Registration for Church School is ongoing using this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/GQ6uQSnrtimwgvJW2>, include your email as most Church school announcements go out to the entire parish. Please list all/any allergies.

Check out our new online Church School Newsletter
<https://tinyurl.com/PeterPaulCSOctober>

- Apr 21** *No Church School/Palm Sunday
Apr 28 *No Church School/Pascha
May 5 *Food for Hungry Boxes turned in
May 19 *Recognition graduating high school seniors
 Forms due Apr 14
<https://tinyurl.com/peterpaulsenior2019>

TEEN SOYO

Ss. Peter & Paul Teen Youth Ministry Group (Teen SOYO) is open to all teens of the Parish (13— 19 years). The teens meet regularly for social, spiritual, and community outreach events.

Lay Advisors:

Zaid Sharafudin/Zaid.sharafudin@gmail.com (412) 708-6726 and Marian Azar/azaremariam@gmail.com (703) 297-9638

- Apr 26** *Annual Teen SOYO vigil.
Jun 26-30 *Parish Life Conference/@Antiochian Village (more details to follow)

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

*Please pay your annual dues of \$25 to help support our outreach and charitable projects. Checks can be given to Janet Metz.

*Please provide your email address to Donna Gavin at crazygavins@verizon.net for future notices.

- Apr 21** ***Palm Sunday Pasha Bake Sale.**
 This is a good time to purchase your baked sweets for Easter. Contact Sherri Zackaria at sherriezac@verizon.net to donate baked goods or for more information.
Apr 26 *Don't forget to come **Holy Friday, April 26 at 10:00 to help decorate the Naach and Church.** Please bring a Lenten potluck dish and enjoy our sisterhood. For more information, please contact Donna Gavin.

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. Please contact Sam Khalil at sk1943@aol.com or Fred Zacharia at fredzach@verizon.net for more information.

2019 SS. PETER & PAUL MIDDLE EASTERN FESTIVAL VENDORS NEEDED! Our Middle Eastern Festival will be held on September 20, 21, & 22, 2019. If you know of vendors who might be interested in participating, please contact Lorna Malooley (lornaam@aol.com) or Thomaseena Cox.(cox1903@aol.com). Thanks so much.

EXPLORING OUR FAITH: "On Wheels"

The Adult Educational Forum "Exploring Our Faith" has begun a series of outreach meetings held in both Virginia and Maryland suburbs of Washington DC. The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 9, from 7:30p—9:00p at the Church in the Library and Media Center.** (more details to follow) All are welcome; please contact Fr. Isaac or Fr. Luke for information or to volunteer your home for a future

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 coordinators of the group: George & Alma Jean Zaki at (georgezaki@gmail.com or ajmzaki@gmail.com), Alex Cox at (alexcoxsells@gmail.com), Paula Massouh (pmassouh@aol.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.

THE SS. PETER & PAUL PARISH LIBRARY & MEDIA CENTER

The new Parish Library and Media Center is up and running. The Center houses the Parish Library, audio visual materials, and Christian educational resources. The Center is located in the lower level inside room accessible from the Serge Malooley Conference Center room. Donations of books or materials related to the history, tradition and teaching of the Church and the Orthodox Faith are welcome. All are welcome to use the center by following its user guidelines. Contact Fr. Isaac, Fr. Luke, or Dn. Christian for access and information.

CHURCH CALENDAR

- Apr 21** *Palm Sunday/Procession of Palms (see Bulletin insert for Holy Week schedule)
 *no Church School
 *Antiochian Women Pasha Bake Sale following Liturgy During Fellowship
Apr 22 *Bridegroom Service/7:00p
Holy Monday (see Bulletin insert for Holy Week schedule)
Apr 23 *Bridegroom Service/7:00p
Holy Tuesday (see Bulletin insert for Holy Week schedule)
 *Bridegroom Service/7:00p
Apr 24 *Bridegroom Service/7:00p
Holy Wednesday (see Bulletin insert for Holy Week schedule)
 *Unction Service/7:00p
Apr 25 *Bridegroom Service/7:00p
Holy Thursday(see Bulletin insert for Holy Week schedule)
 *Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil/9:00a
 *Service of the Twelve Passion Gospels/7:00p
Apr 26 *Bridegroom Service/7:00p
Holy Friday(see Bulletin insert for Holy Week schedule)
 *Antiochian Women/Decorate the Naach and Church/10:00a/all are Welcome (see AW box for more info)
 *Vespers of the Unveiling/3:00p
 *Service of the Lamentations/7:00p
 *Teen SOYO Vigil
Apr 27 *Bridegroom Service/7:00p
Holy Saturday(see Bulletin insert for Holy Week schedule)
 *Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil/10:00a
 *Midnight Office & Rush Service/11:00p
Apr 28 *Bridegroom Service/7:00p
Pascha
 *Paschal Divine Liturgy/12:00a
 *Agape Vespers/1:00p
 *no Church School
May 05 *Food for Hungry Boxes turned in
May 09 *Exploring our Faith: " On Wheels"/7:30p—9:00p/Church Library & Media Center
May 19 *Recognition of Graduating High School Seniors
May 21 *Exploring our Faith: " On Wheels"/7:30p—9:00p/ Aldie, VA location (more info to follow)
Jun 26-30 *Parish Life Conference/more info to follow

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.

OCMC Banquet

**Our church sent \$40 to OCMC this past week from the donations box at the candle counter. Your contributions are making a big difference in spreading Christ's message to the world!

**The annual banquet benefiting OCMC (Orthodox Christian Mission Center) is Sunday, May 5th. If you are interested in attending, please contact Dr. John Demakis, demakis9931@gmail.com. You will hear the OCMC Mission Specialist in Linguistics and Translation (Dr. Michael Colburn) speak! The immediate past OCMC vice president Father Lou Christopoulos will also be in attendance. This is a lovely and inspiring event, and we hope many Ss Peter and Paul parishioners could attend.

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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

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.

Parishioners who remain in our prayers continually

Rt. Rev. Fr. Elias Bitar	Rt. Rev. Daniel Griffin	
Margaret Ashley	Mary Smith	Jamie Simon
Isabel Threddeh	Nabeeha Ayoub	Joyce Hamaty
Holly Dubois	Suad Shammass	Robert & Thelma Badwey
Sophie Neam	Miriam Yazge	Barbara Abraham
George & Joan Abraham	Lula Brown	Douglas Kalesh
Michael Buchko, Sr.	Edward Rizkallah	Dorothy Marge
Leila Khoury	Shoke George	Assad & Patricia Khoury
Bob & Shirley Neri	Barbara Mullin	Rene Saah
George & Chris Brown		

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

LIVING

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The Zolnerowich Family
The Troyanos Family
The Shehadeh Family
The Zarour Family
Gretchen Miller

EASTER BAKE SALE
The Antiochian Women of our Parish are sponsoring a bake sale today of their delicious Easter sweets. Please pass by their both in the Church Hall at Fellowship hour to purchase your Easter sweets. All proceeds will benefit the ministry of the Antiochian Women in the Church.

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION:
Bashar & Rana Callas & Family

FELLOWSHIP OFFERED BY:
Mary Misleh

CALLING ALL GARDENERS!
The gardens and landscape of the grounds of St. Peter and Paul are getting new attention this year. Your input on plant selection, garden bed design and location is welcome and needed. Michele Forzley, is leading the landscape process and encourages suggestions and discussion to review the plans for clean up and restoration of the property and learn where there will be new garden beds, large pots for seasonal plants and tree/shrub replacement. We are also planning an area for bridal photography. Your ideas are welcome and gardeners are welcome to help install new plants into ready-for-planting beds.