

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
22 Apr	Donna Gavin/IMO David Newkirk Mitody Tilev & Family/IMO Ivanka Tileva & Atanas Tilev	Mitody Tilev & Family/IMO Ivanka Tileva & Atanas Tilev
29 Apr	Betty Slanta & Barbara Bosworth/ IMO Nicholas Yanowsky	open
06 May	Lorna Malooley & Linda Sha- heen/40 Day Memorial for James Yonkers	open
13 May	open	open
20 May	Hanan Ayoub/1-yr Memorial for Peter J. Ayoub (Holy Bread & Memorial Wheat)	Hanan Ayoub/1-yr Memorial for Peter J. Ayoub

**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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SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018

THIRD SUNDAY OF PASCHA

TONE 2 / EOTHINON 4

**SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN,
PIOUS JOSEPH OF ARIMATHAEA & RIGHTEOUS NICODEMUS**

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 2)

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF JOSEPH OF ARIMATHAEA (Tone 2)

The pious Joseph, having brought down Thy pure body from the Tree, wrapped it in fine linen, embalmed it with ointment, provided for it, and laid it in a new tomb. But Thou didst verily rise after three days, O Lord, granting the world Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN (Tone 2)

Verily, the angel came to the tomb and said to the ointment-bearing women: the ointment is meet for the dead, but Christ is shown to be remote from corruption. But cry ye: The Lord is risen, granting the world the Great Mercy.

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 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.

Give sincere thanks to God for everything, believing that everything which proceeds from the Lord is sent by Him for the good of our souls. Thank Him for sorrows and for consolations.

St. Theophan the Recluse

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The God of Peace

Fr. Calinic Berger

Our God is a God of peace (2 Cor 13:11). In fact, He Himself *is* the peace that we all seek. As with all of His gifts, God wishes to share this with us. When God gives a gift, He gives it without measure, fully and to the utmost. It is only up to us to be in a proper state in order to receive it. Without our own efforts, we can neither receive nor enjoy God's gifts. If one is in a cave with eyes shut, he must come outside and open his eyes to see the light.

Christ started His ministry with the words “Repent!” but inaugurated His post-Resurrection presence to His disciples with the words “Peace be to all.” This gift of peace was synonymous with His gift of the Holy Spirit: “Peace be to you... And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit” (Jn 20:21-22). The state of peace is a manifestation of the Spirit’s presence in our lives: “The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace...” (Gal 5:22).

Peace is a mystery. It “passes all understanding” (Phil 4:7). It is a witness to the coming of the future age after the General Resurrection and Last Judgment, when God will “make all things new” and in so doing “wipe all tears from every face” (Rev 21:4-5). It will be the blessed state of the Saints in heaven: “But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace” (Ps 37:11). It is not merely a humanly created condition, a lazy or apathetic acceptance of one’s own state or the state of affairs, in which human emotions and thoughts have been obliterated in order to achieve a sub-human “nirvana.” Rather, peace is a sign of God's presence. It is a gift that must be obtained on His terms and for which we must strive to be worthy with our labors.

In today's world, peace is not a goal of life. It is not a tangible *thing*, nor any particular *activity*, in the worldly sense. The world has mistaken “relaxation” with peace. On the contrary, the peaceful man can be involved in great and intense labors. St. Symeon the New Theologian exhorts the abbot of a monastery to always remain at peace in the midst of great labors and responsibilities. The same holds true for all of us with our busy schedules and to-do lists.

Part 1 of 2

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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/GO6uQSnIimwJW2>. 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.smores.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

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 or ajmzaki@gmail.com), Alex Cox at (alexcoxells@gmail.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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

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 16 *Feast of the Ascension/6p Matins & 7p Divine Liturgy
May 20 *Senior Recognition Day
May 27 *Pentecost Sunday (no memorials or sacraments)
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- Jul 1 *Parish Life Conference at the Antiochian Village (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

The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me severely.

The Reading from the Acts of the Saintry and Pure Apostles. (6:1-7)

In those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the Twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (15:43-16:8)

At that time, Joseph of Arimathaea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the Kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if He were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether Jesus was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that He was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking Him down, wrapped Him in the linen shroud, and laid Him in a tomb, which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where He was laid. And when the Sabbath was passed, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices so that they might go and anoint Him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified. He has risen, He is not here; see the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His Disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him, as He told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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 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.

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

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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	Nabeeha Ayoub
Everett Alvarez	Holly Dubois	Robert & Thelma Badwey
Edmond & Sophie Neam	Miriam Yazge	Barbara Abraham
George & Joan Abraham	Lula Brown	Martin Pinkstaff
Michael Buchko, Sr.	Edward Rizkallah	Dorothy Marge
Douglas Kalish	Charles Cox	

DEPARTED

Doris Kogok
 James Yonkers
 Georgette Issa Shihadch
 Jeannette Younes
 Sandra Ayoub
 David Newkirk
 Mable Moses

LIVING

Fr. Isaac Crow & Kh. Dolly	Rt. Rev. Fr. Elias Bitar	John Dalack
Leila Khoury	Isa Saleh & Saleh Family	Richie Ayoub
Louise Magelli	Julia Fayad	Rene Saa
Mark Buchko	Robert & Joyce Najjar	George & Joanna Khoury
Joyce Kogok	Nabil Barbari	Assad & Patricia Khoury
Betty Adam	Vilma Bellone	Rima Rizkallah & Family
Asma Hamameh Trey	Younes Family	Mazen & Ruba Saah & Family
Alex Azar	Donna Gavin & Family	Courtright Family
Metody, Juliana, Matthew, & Toni Tilev		Ann Marie Moses

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.

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.

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:

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