

	BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
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	Thomaseena & Alex Cox	Thomaseena & Alex Cox
22 May	Alganesh Piechocinski Suad Shammass 6-mos Memorial for Issa Shammass	Suad Shammass 6-mos Memorial for Issa Shammass

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 24, 2016
FEAST OF PALM SUNDAY:
ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
INTO JERUSALEM

****DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM****

APOLYTIKION OF LAZARUS SATURDAY (Tone 1)

O Christ God, when Thou didst raise Lazarus from the dead, before Thy Passion, Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection. Wherefore, we, like children, carry the insignia of triumph and victory, and cry to Thee, O Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He Who 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.

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)

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Apr 24 No Sunday School
May 01 No Sunday School

TEEN SOYO

Apr 24 Palm Sunday Candle Sale
Apr 29 Great Friday Vigil
May 21 Semper Fi Walk-a-thon for Wounded Veterans
May 22 Final Teen SOYO Meeting of the year

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

***"Luminaries" a new Pascha Tradition**
We will light the Processional Pathway for the Epitaphion on Great and Holy Friday evening. Donate towards a 'Luminary' for your loved one! \$10.00 ea. See Flyer on round table in the Narthex.

***Naach Flower Donation & Adornment** — The Ladies Auxiliary will start collecting through this **Sunday, April 24** 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.

***Save the Date**
The Antiochian Women are having their end-of-the-year luncheon on **Sunday, June 12 at 1:00pm** at Normandie Farm Restaurant on Falls Road in Potomac. More information to follow.

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.

2016 BAZAAR UPDATE

*PRE-PASCHA ARABIC PASTRY SWEETS BAKE SALE

Today, 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. **LET US DO THE BAKING FOR YOU!**

*NEXT-TO-NEW YARD SALE

Ss. Peter & Paul is having a Yard Sale on **Saturday, May 14, 2016, 9a-3p**. We are looking for volunteers to help organize before and during the sale. Clean out your attics, garages, and closets and donate your gently used or new items. See flyer on the round table in the Narthex.

*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 bmwabraham@gmail.com 301-949-1056

"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.

Upcoming events...

Apr 24	*Palm Sunday-Divine Liturgy & Procession of the Palms at 10:30a *Bakery Sale following Liturgy *Teen SOYO Candle Sale *Bridegroom Service/7:00p
Apr 25	Holy Monday/Bridegroom Service/7:00p
Apr 26	Holy Tuesday/Bridegroom Service/7:00p
Apr 27	Holy Wednesday/Uncion Service/7:00p
Apr 28	Holy Thursday *Vespertal 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-Chrismation/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 15	*OCMC Pan-Orthodox Vespers/4:30p *OCMC Silent Auction& hors d'oeuvres/5:15p *OCMC Dinner/6:00p w/Very Rev. John Chakos
May 29	*Men's Club Mtg./following Liturgy/12:30p

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 donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey'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.

Truth is not a thought, not a word, not a relationship between things, not a law. Truth is a Person. It is a Being which exceeds all beings and gives life to all. If you seek truth with love and for the sake of love, she will reveal the light of His face to you inasmuch as you are able to bear it without being burned.

St. Nicholas of Serbia

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Susan Kozlov
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Layla Najjar
Lizzy Cassar
Lara Bellone
Andrew Salem
Caroline Jarboe
Chrissy Mackoul
Anees Mokhiber
Philip Allen

Men's Club

Sam Khalil

Antiochian Women

Kate Niewenhaus

Teen SOYO

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Jamilee Bellone

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Rashid Haddad
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Danielle Bellone
Kinda Callas
Nick Guegel

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Christine & Samer Korkor
Dn. Christian & Zeina
Manasseh

Adornment

Shams Akkawi
Jamil Hermes

Facility Management

Nick Nahas
Bob Simon

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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
Richie Kogok
Isabel Thredek
Bertha Aed

May Fillah
Brian Briggs
Holly Dubois
Edmond & Sophie Neam

Josephine Lofgren
Richie Ayoub
Tony Moussa
Everett Alvarez
Kathy Habib
Jeanette Haller
Hanric Kaili Leong
Florence Ferriss
Mary Misleh & Family
Lillian Zarou & Family

John Wizeman
Adib Hanna Saah
Elias Bitar
Nicholas & Helen White
Caroline Jarboe
James Bennett
The Leong Family
Susan Ferriss
Mike Rafeedie & Family
Judy Gamble & Family

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:

Mary Misleh

FELLOWSHIP HOUR OFFERED BY:

Mary Misleh

Stewardship Corner

Theology of Giving Series – Week 17 – April 24, 2016

Luke 12:48 ... "But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few. For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more."

"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>