

	<b>BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION</b>	<b>FELLOWSHIP HOUR</b>
<b>30 Apr 01 May</b>	Holy Bread Baking Class	Sam & Margo Ghanem Agape Breakfast
<b>08 May</b>	John & Dina Saah	John & Dina Saah (special Arabic Pastries in honor of Mother's Day)
<b>15 May</b>	Thomaseena & Alex Cox	Thomaseena & Alex Cox
<b>22 May</b>	Alganesh Piechocinski Suad Shammam 6-mos Memorial for Issa Shammam	Suad Shammam 6-mos Memorial for Issa Shammam
<b>29 May</b>	Donna Gavin	Donna Gavin

**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.

# CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!

## 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, MAY 1, 2016**

## SUNDAY OF GREAT AND ALL-HOLY PASCHA

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

### 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.

SS. Peter & Paul Church wishes to thank John & Betty Slanta for their generous additional donation of the Holy Week Books in Memory of Betty's father, Nicholas.

### 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](mailto:demakis9931@gmail.com) or Betty Slanta, email: [slanta@verizon.net](mailto: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)

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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

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## Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News and Events

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

**May 01** No Sunday School

### TEEN SOYO

**May 21** Semper Fi Walk-a-thon for Wounded Veterans

**May 22** Final Teen SOYO Meeting of the year

### YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

**May 18, 2016**

The next meeting for the Young Adult Fellowship Study Group is Wednesday, May 18, 2016 @8:00pm. The bi-weekly Wednesday evening meetings will be moderated by Amber Bennett and will start with the reading and discussion of the book "Mere Christianity" by C.S. Lewis. The meetings will be held at two locations: 716 Monroe Street, NE, Apt. 228, WDC (Amber's apartment) and 2030 Freedom Lane, Falls Church, VA 22043 (Dn. Christian's home). There will also be an on-line conference link. For more information contact Fr. Isaac Crow ([frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org](mailto:frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org)), Dn. Christian Manasseh ([dnchristian@peterpaulpotomac.org](mailto:dnchristian@peterpaulpotomac.org)) or Amber Bennett ([bennett.amberrose@gmail.com](mailto:bennett.amberrose@gmail.com))

### ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

#### \*Save the Date

The Antiochian Women are having their end-of-the-year luncheon to honor the officers and welcome the new. The date is **Sunday, June 12 at 1:00pm** at Normandie Farm Restaurant ([www.popovers.com](http://www.popovers.com) for full Sunday brunch menu) located at 10710 Falls Road, Potomac, MD. The cost for the brunch is \$42.00 for adults (checks should be made to Ss. Peter & Paul Church Antiochian Women's Auxiliary). Please contact Donna Gavin at [crazygavins@verizon.net](mailto:crazygavins@verizon.net) (703-463-1074) or Barbara Bosworth at [bybosworth@fcps.edu](mailto:bybosworth@fcps.edu) (703-278-3161) See the round table in Narthex for more information.

### 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](mailto:mforzley@comcast.net) please. Our goal is to have the book ready for the Festival. The deadline for submissions is **midnight 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

#### \*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](mailto:wayne.parr@gmail.com) 571-294-0197 or Barbara Abraham [bmwabraham@gmail.com](mailto:bmwabraham@gmail.com) 301-949-1056

### "EXPLORING OUR FAITH"

#### THE SS. PETER AND PAUL ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORUM

In an effort to better understand and discover the rich spiritual, historical, doctrinal and scriptural tradition of our Holy Orthodox Faith, the Adult Religious Education Forum "Exploring Our Faith" meets every other Thursday evening from **7:15pm** to 8:30pm in the lower level conference room. Fr. Isaac facilitates the meetings in an informal setting using brief presentations as a springboard to open discussion on a wide range of topics concerning our Faith. The next meeting is Thursday, May 12, 2016. ALL ARE WELCOME.

### Upcoming events...

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 10	Parish Council Mtg/LL Conf. Rm. 7:00p
May 12	Adult Ed Forum/LL Conf. Rm./7:15p
May 14	*Ss. Peter & Paul Next-to-New Sale/9a-3p *Joseph Audi Baptism/5:30p
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 18	Young Adult Fellowship Study Group/8a/off-site & on-line (See above for more details)
May 26	Adult Ed Forum/LL Conf. Rm./7:15p
May 29	*Men's Club Mtg./following Liturgy/12:30p
Jun 04	*Arabic Language Class/10a-12:30p/LL Hall *Arabic Liturgy/Sanctuary/5:00p
Jun 05	Ibrahim Saah Baptism/1:00p
Jun 09	Adult Ed Forum/LL Conf. Rm./7:15p
Jun 14	Parish Council Mtg/LL Conf. Rm. 7:00p
Jun 19	Emerson Naccache West/Baptism/1:00p
Jun 24	Men's Golf Tournament/Bretton Woods/8a-4p
Jun 25	Noor Marie Atallah/Baptism/11a
Jun 26	Ss. P&P Parish Picnic following Liturgy Bretton Woods (more info to follow)

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### 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.

This is our festival, that we celebrate God coming to man that man might go back to God our Father. Off with the old man, on with the new! Once dead in Adam, now alive in Christ, born with Christ, crucified with Christ, buried with Christ, risen with Christ!

*St. Gregory Nazianzus*

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### Directors

Samia Zolnerowich  
Jennifer Buchko

#### Teachers

Jumana Misleh  
Susan Kozlov  
Michelle Zook  
Christine Morin  
Layla Najjar  
Lizzy Cassar  
Lara Bellone  
Andrew Salem  
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Chrissy Mackoul  
Anees Mokhiber  
Philip Allen

#### Men's Club

Sam Khalil

#### Antiochian Women

Kate Niewenhous

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Jamilee Bellone

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Nick Guegel

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Christine & Samer Korkor  
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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

## 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.

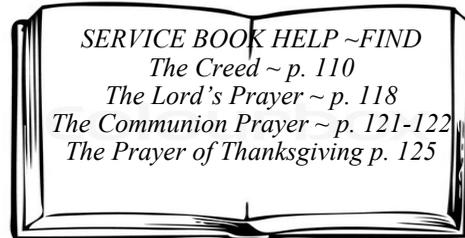
### PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- 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.



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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

Margaret Ashley	May Fillah
Richie Kogok	Brian Briggs
Isabel Thredeh	Holly Dubois
Bertha Aed	Edmond & Sophie Neam

## LIVING

Archpriest George & Family	Fr. Joe Shaheen	
Josephine Lofgren		Richie Ayoub
Adib Hanna Saah	Tony Moussa	Elias Bitar
Everett Alvarez	Nicholas & Helen White	Caroline Jarboe
Jeanette Haller	James Bennetly	Florence Ferriss
Alexandra, Andrew, Matthew Gavin, & Leslie Courtright		Susan Ferriss
Sam Ghanem & Family	Joe Ghanem & Family	Lorna Malooley & Family
The Sams Family	Thelma Jackson & Family	John & Betty Slanta and the Choir
Kathy Ghanem	The Massarweh Families	The Akel Families
Joe, Olivet, Michael, Andrea & Kathy Ghanem		Sam, Margo, Hanneh, Osama, Miko
Lyla Hosen & Family Miriam & Issa, Sandra		Janette Family, Elaine, Raed, Kristy, & William
Amjud, Nasri, Nick, Nadia Family		Albert, Jamal, Norma Family
Radi, Hala & Baby Raya Paskalev		Piechocinski & Tedla Families

## HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:

Holy Bread Baking Class

Soraya Assaf, Alexander Cox, Laila Elaraj, Helen Fessehaie, Lorna Malooley, Kathy Raines, Pamela Sams, Sherrie Zacharia, Fred Zacharia

## FELLOWSHIP HOUR OFFERED BY:

Holy Resurrection Breakfast offered by Sam & Joe Ghanem Families

## Stewardship Corner

Theology of Giving Series – Week 18 – May 1, 2016

*St. Irenaeus, Against Heresies, Book IV, Chapter XVII, para. 2-3 ... "And the class of oblations among the Jews and oblations in the church, but what has changed is those who offer, for the offer is now made not by slaves, but by free people."*

"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>