

MAY 11, 2014

*The Virgin Mary with Her Mother,  
Saint Anna*



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# SS. PETER AND PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

*All Things Are Possible to Him Who Believes*

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## Sunday, May 11, 2014

### Tone 3

Fourth Sunday of Pascha  
Sunday of the Paralytic

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Hieromartyr Mokios, priest in Macedonia; Cyril and Methodios, equals-to-the-Apostles and enlighteners of the Slavs; New-martyr Argyros of Thessalonica; Venerable Martyr Olympia of Karyes in Mytilene; Martyr Joseph of Astrakhan

### **TROPARION of Easter (Tone 5)**

Christ is risen from the dead trampling down death by death and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

### **EISODIKON of Pascha**

In the gathering places bless ye God the Lord, from the springs of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

**Church Secretary**  
Janet Tate  
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### **RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 3)**

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and became the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

**Choir Director**  
John Slanta  
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**Chanters**  
Wayne Parr  
George Tannous

### **TROPARION of Ss. Peter & 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.

**Ushers**  
Jerry Audi  
Michael El Araj  
Abraham Fannoney  
Sam Khalil

### **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.

**ALTAR**  
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Peter Aburdeineh  
**Servers**  
Captains -  
Robert Bridenhagen  
Nicholas Zolnerowich

# ***CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY, HE IS RISEN!***

## **THE EPISTLE**

*Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Clap your hands, all you nations.*

### **The Reading from the Acts of the Saintly and Pure Apostles. (9:32-42)**

In those days, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments, which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

## THE GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (5:1-15)**

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first, after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for 38 years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the Sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk'?" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befalls you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus Who had healed him.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

### **Directors**

Samia Zolnerowich  
Jennifer Buchko

### **Teachers**

Nicole Kyriakos  
Susan Kozlov  
Michelle Zook  
Razan Abdallah  
Ranya Eid  
Leila Taweel  
Hala Paskaleva  
Saleem Mokhiber  
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### **Men's Club**

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Gary Farha  
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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 enter the sanctuary quietly during the Divine Liturgy.

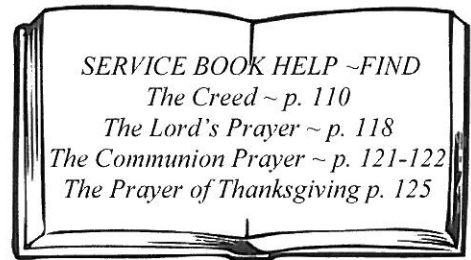
#### **PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS**

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  - 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.



**HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION:** is offered by Jamileh Taweel in memory Fadel Taweel

**CHURCHING OF** Luke Montgomery, son of Darren & Jennifer Montgomery

**1-YEAR MEMORIAL FOR** James Steele, step-father of Stephen Zolnerowich

**6-MONTH MEMORIAL FOR** Fadel Taweel

**3-DAY MEMORIAL FOR** Velio Chotov, grandfather to Rodi Paskalev

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** is offered by Jamileh Taweel in memory of her husband, Fadel Taweel



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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

## LIVING

Parishioners who remain  
in our prayers continually

Margaret Ashley

Lulu & George Brown

Issa & Suad Shammass

Edmond Neam

Richie Kogok

Eddie Yazge

Joe Charley

Jamila Taweel

Lina Taweel & Family

Fred Taweel & Family

Rick Taweel & Family

The Taweel Family

The Audi Family

The Natour Family

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

## DEPARTED

Fadel Taweel

All Departed from the Taweel Family

All Departed from the Audi Family

All Departed from the Natour Family

James Steele

Nadia Maria Wallace

Farida Khalil Mansur Mar 01

Evelyn Hier Apr 02

Isam Naim Ibrahim Apr 06

Ivanka Tileva Apr 17

Khalil Haddad Mar 01

Gretchen Miller Mar 06

Velio Chotov Mar 08

Frances Cox

Sadie Hier

Ann Kalill

Janie Cox

## Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News

### **GRADUATION MAY 18**

The last day of Sunday school will be next Sunday the 18th, when the Sunday school will also be recognizing our graduating high school seniors. Don't miss it! Liturgy begins at 10:30am!

### **ADULT EDUCATION FORUM—NOW THURSDAYS**

Exploring Our Faith, Adult Education Forum [and ministry of the Fellowship of St. John the Divine] date of class *has changed to THURSDAYS* and will meet again Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:15pm in the Lower Level Conference Room. This session's topic will be "The relationship of Science to Scriptural Revelation," presented by Bob DuBois. All are welcome, with a special invitation to young adults.

For more information contact Fr. Isaac at [frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org](mailto:frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org).

### **SS PETER & PAUL**

#### **MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

The 15<sup>th</sup> Golf Tournament is held at the Bretton Woods Golf Course, 15700 River Rd, Germantown, MD on Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, to celebrate the life of Abe Brown. Registration deadline is June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Download a registration form (Events Page) at [www.peterpaulpotomac.org](http://www.peterpaulpotomac.org) or contact Bob Simon at 202-253-0490 or [bobsimonjr@mail.com](mailto:bobsimonjr@mail.com).

#### **MAY 4TH TRIBUTE TO HIS EMINENCE, METROPOLITAN PHILIP OF NEW YORK UPON COMMEMORATING HIS 40TH DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE IN WASHINGTON DC**

The Heart of a High Priest

"I prayed for you, that your faith wouldn't fail. You, when once you have turned again, establish your brothers" (Luke 22:32)

Very Esteemed Hierarchs, Reverend Clergy, Honorable Members of the Archdiocese Board of Trustees, and Beloved Faithful of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America:

Christ is risen!

With a peaceful heart, I am writing these lines upon commemorating the 40th Day memorial service for the eternal repose of the soul of His

Eminence, Metropolitan PHILIP of New York and all North America.

On this occasion, I am wondering about the most precious thing that God ever granted to man: his heart. If any of us watches himself, he realizes what kind of "work" takes place there, a work of love and unity. Parents are aware of such a work, because life and experience shape them in such a way so that they are called to overcome themselves, be attentive, take care, be responsible, and be able to sacrifice themselves for another's sake. They learn to love and understand to some extent what love is about.

If such can be the experience of parenthood, what, then, can be the experience of priesthood, and especially that of a high priest, i.e. of a bishop and eventually of an archbishop? Who can know what the heart of such a man is really about? Who can reveal it? Who can "stay" there and not be amazed or get afraid at the same time?

Indeed, such a mystery is only unfolded and disclosed by God, our Creator and our Father. Nevertheless, such a mystery can be approached by analogy, according to our proper experience.

Within such a perspective, I am not trying to investigate the heart of our beloved brother and concelebrant Saiedna Philip. I just admire his love for man and God, his patience, his hope, his struggle, and his service to his brethren, and pray for his eternal repose in peace.

Regarding this mystery, we all are aware that only God is perfect and that He calls us, in our weakness, to serve Him and humanity at the same time. As human beings, regardless of our positions or roles in life, even when we serve Him in our families, at church or anywhere, to some extent we often sin, we are sometimes unjust, we can be wrong, we make errors, we cause harm, we deceive, we lack for love, etc. Our growth from our fallen state to perfection is revealed by the transformation of our heart, which summarizes our own whole transformation. We cannot but admire the special experience of a high priest, whose perfect image is the heart of Christ that was revealed to us at best during the time of His Passion.

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Church News**

Describing the heart of a high priest gives us a glimpse "behind the veil", to the "work" that takes place within, while fulfilling his ministry.

Indeed, his heart is a place of prayer. A high priest is a man par excellence who prays and instills prayer in the heart of his flock.

His heart is also a place of unity. Being a place of prayer, the heart of a high priest is where all for whom he prays and of whom he is in charge, are gathered and united, regardless of their imperfections: sinfulness, deficiencies, divisions, immaturity, disobedience, etc.

In addition, his heart is a place of forgiveness. Being a place from where unity stems, the heart of a high priest is where reconciliation occurs, from him to the others as well as between all the brethren. His heart embraces everyone. Forgiveness is his arm that he extends to all in order to contain them. He forgives and educates his flock to have forgiveness be a reality between them.

Moreover, his heart is a place of offering. Such a heart is an invisible altar, where he offers, on behalf of all, everyone's sufferings, and beseeches the divine mercy for them in order that peace, love and forgiveness be granted to everyone, and that unity finds a better standard in his flock.

His heart is also a place of revelation. Being an invisible altar, the heart of a high priest is a place of revelation, where God "puts" the appropriate words, knowledge, solutions or even silence, so that everything can be put in order in a divine way.

For that reason, his heart is a place of listening: indeed, such a heart has the faculty to "listen" to God's revelation and to the brethren's burdens and sufferings, yearnings and difficulties. While growing as a good listener, he is able to convey their "words" to God, and convey to them God's love, will and countenance.

No doubt, such a heart is a place of sheltering and refuge, where the grace of God will reside, and simultaneously, where his brethren will find a shelter and refuge. They feel the divine security and protection beside such a heart.

Therefore, the heart of such a high priest is an inviolable place, where an undefiled mystery takes place. It is the mystery of the Providence of God

towards humanity that is approached from within our hearts, mixed with our life in order to transform our being and existence into God's realm, peace and blessedness.

Such is the love of God: He opened us the way so that our heart can be transformed into such a marvelous state. If we choose to speak about the heart of a high priest, it is because of his fatherhood to many. However, such a fact does not diminish at all the experience that every one of us has been given and does not hinder the possibility of having the same transformation of that we have been describing.

I am glad that, this year, all our archdiocesan activities will turn around this biblical verse: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself" (Luke 10:27). It is indeed an opportunity for all of us to meditate upon our spiritual upbringing in order that our education and behavior help us into getting closer to such a divine transformation. My prayer on such a day is extensive, not only for the repose of the heart of His Eminence, Metropolitan PHILIP, but also for our own growth in such a wonderful transformation for God's glory and His Church's service and ministry.

† Silouan

Metropolitan of Buenos Aires and all Argentina  
& Patriarchal Vicar of New York  
and all North America

**LOOKING AHEAD**  
***Upcoming events...***

- May 17 - Baptism Tamara Manasseh @ 12pm
- May 20 - Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm
- May 22 - Adult Education Forum @ 7:15pm
- May 27 - Men's Club Meeting @ 7:30pm
- June 4-6 - Special Antiochian Assembly, Chicago, Illinois, to elect the new Metropolitan
- June 7 - Byzantine Music Workshop @ 1pm
- June 7 - Arabic Divine Liturgy @ 5pm
- June 10 - Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm

**"MEN ARE WHAT THEIR MOTHERS MAKE THEM"**

**T**oday, our nation pauses to celebrate MOTHER'S DAY. More cards are sold . . . more flowers sent . . . more long distance phone calls made on this day than on any other holiday. Whether our mother is living or departed, this is a day for remembering the precious memories of "MOM" that can never be taken away from us. One can hardly look back at the innocent days of our youth without fond thoughts of her.

Mother's Day is also a day to reflect upon the multitude of ROLES a mother is asked to play as she raises her children. She is a TEACHER. Indeed, a mother teaches her children their first lessons in faith. She teaches them to pray. She teaches them to follow Christ's example. If we attend church regularly today, receive the Sacraments frequently or simply believe that the 10 Commandments are important, it probably is due to our mother's influence.

A mother is a HOMEMAKER. While some "working mothers" may take offense at this term, we can give a mother no greater compliment than to credit her with "making a home" for her family. Without a mother's love, sacrifice and devotion, many of our homes would have merely been four empty walls.

Just imagine if a mother were paid for all of her services rendered: physician, counselor, cook, seamstress and "taxi driver", her annual salary would be astronomical! Every good mother, however, would gladly trade that for the priceless pleasure of seeing her kids grow into responsible, respectable adults. As Emerson said **"MEN ARE WHAT THEIR MOTHERS MAKE THEM."**

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**FELLOWSHIP HOUR AND BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION**

	BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
May 18	Sunday School & Evelyn Hier family	Alex & Thomaseena Cox
25		
Jun 1	Metody Tilev	Metody Tilev
8	Zakieh & Reema Jweied	Jweied & Guegel families
15	The family of Abraham Brown	The family of Abraham Brown
22	Marie Khalil	Marie Khalil
29		
July 6		

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.