

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
13 May	Rainier & Jamilee Bellone/40-Day Memorial for Robert Issa (Holy Bread & Wheat) Foutni Naccache, Elizabeth West, Myriam Sakai	Kevin Schwab
20 May	Hanan Ayoub/1-yr Memorial for Peter J. Ayoub (Holy Bread & Memorial Wheat)	Hanan Ayoub/1-yr Memorial for Peter J. Ayoub
27 May	open	open
03 Jun	Michael Shihadi & Family/IMO Georgette Issa Shihadeh(Holy Bread & Memorial Wheat)	Michael Shihadi & Family/IMO Georgette Issa Shihadeh
10 Jun	The Younes Family/40-Day Memorial for Jeannette Younes (Holy Bread & Memorial Wheat)	Church Picnic

**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, MAY 13, 2018

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA: SUNDAY

OF THE BLIND MAN

VIRGIN-MARTYR GLYKERIA OF HERAKLEA; VENERABLE SERGIOS THE CONFESSOR, FATHER OF PHOTIOS THE GREAT; VENERABLE EUTHYMIOS THE NEW, FOUNDER OF IVERON MONASTERY ON ATHOS, HIS FATHER JOHN THE IBERIAN, AND THEIR KINSMAN GEORGE; VENERABLE GABRIEL THE IBERIAN

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 5)

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

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.

THE EPISTLE

*Thou, O Lord, shalt keep us and preserve us.
Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared.
The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (16:16-34)*

In those days, as we Apostles were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, crying, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I charge you in the Name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates they said, "These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs which it is not lawful for us Romans to accept or practice." The crowd joined in attacking them; and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened and every one's fetters were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them

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Our Super-Essential Bread

Fr. Calinic Berger

The word is formed from a prefix ("epi" — "above") and a form of the participle of the verb "to be" ("ousia" from "einai"). So it could be rendered "above being" or "above essence," or even "most-essential" or "super-essential." But if our Lord meant simply "essential" He would have used, again, a different word.

The fact of the matter is that our Lord did not come to earth to give us ordinary bread. This is made explicitly clear in the miracle of the five loaves, the only miracle recorded in all four Gospels and the chief "sign" in the Gospel of John, which revealed Jesus as the new Moses, the Messiah-King (Jn 6:15). Here, our Lord specifically tells the people to "labor not for the food which perishes" (Jn 6:27) because He has another bread to give them. Our Lord specifically disassociates this special bread from the manna in the wilderness: "This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eats of this bread shall live forever" (Jn 6:31-58). Our Lord Jesus Christ identifies this bread as being nothing other than Himself. So important is this fact that our Lord repeats it emphatically four times (Jn 6:35, 41, 48, 51). "I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever: and the bread that I will give is My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

Therefore, even though it can be said that we do in fact pray for "daily" bread in the Lord's prayer, we are also praying for much more: we are praying to participate in the Body of Christ. Without this necessary Eucharistic reference, any other interpretation of this petition is impoverished and incomplete.

It is for this reason that our Lord Jesus Christ used an absolutely unique word in the history of the human language to describe an absolutely unique bread in the history of humanity. This bread can be given by no other man except Jesus Christ. This Bread is Himself, His Divine-human Body. Thus, God's great gift to the world is not a book, or a teaching, or ethics, or anything else that might be associated with Christianity or the Church, though it includes these things. More than these things, God gave us His Son, who left us His Body and sent us His Spirit.

As Orthodox Christians, we strive to pray to God unceasingly, at all times and in every circumstance (1 Thes 5:17). It is a great gift and consolation that God is always near us, standing right next to us, speaking to us in a still, small voice in the depth of our hearts. Let us reflect, however, that according to *the* Christian prayer, the Lord's Prayer, it is not enough to simply pray to God alone or at home, although this is essential. It is also necessary to properly prepare ourselves (through confession, fasting and prayer) to receive His Super-Essential Bread. Without this, there is no life in us. For this our Lord taught us to pray every day.

Part 2 of 2

Mother's Day

Today on Mother's Day, Ss. Peter and Paul Church offers gratitude and thanks to all the Mothers and Grandmothers of our Parish. May God bless and strengthen the Christian Mother, the foundation of the nourishment of the Christian family and the Christian home.

Teen SOYO needs volunteers to sign up for Charlie's Place Soup Kitchen scheduled on **Saturday, May 19** (time to be determined). Charlie's Place was founded in 1990 as a non-denominational, anti-hunger, homeless ministry which prides itself on providing a safe, reliable and welcoming environment. Located in Washington, DC Charlie's Place serves homeless and underprivileged populations warm meals in the neighborhoods of Dupont Circle, Adams Morgan and Columbia Heights in Washington DC. Please contact **Tia Saah at tnsaah01@gmail.com** to sign up so she can book a block of time. They also take donations of clothing, shoes and toiletries. This is a great opportunity if you are in need of service hours.

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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/GQ6uQSnltimwgvJW2>. 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).

May 20 is Senior Recognition Do you have a graduating High School Senior? We would love to recognize them on Sunday, May 20th. Please fill out this Google Form by May 13th.

<https://goo.gl/forms/kN3iepQchITeb4zV2>

Check out our new online Church School Newsletter <https://www.smore.com/t1rhu>

- May 20** *Senior Recognition
- Jun 03** *Last day of Church School/Ice Cream Sundaes in the Church Hall during Fellowship.

TEEN SOYO

May 19 *Volunteer at Charlie's Place Soup Kitchen contact Tia Saah at tnsaah01@gmail.com or See blurb on next page.

Jun 27- July 01 *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 Lav 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 amall17m@yahoo.com for more information.

Antiochian Women

May 20 SCOUT & MOLLY TRUNK SHOW
Noon—2p. Ladies apparel for sale & 15% off.

MEN'S MINISTRY GROUP

- Jun 10** *Ss. Peter & Paul Festive Picnic @Bretton Woods
- Jun 11** *Ss. Peter & Paul Annual Golf Tournament/Reston National Golf Course/11875 Sunrise Valley Dr., Reston, VA. (Please see flyer in the Narthex for more information)

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 (alexcoxsells@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.

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

CHURCH CALENDAR

- May 13 *Mother's Day
- May 19 *Teen SOYO to volunteer at Charlie's Place
- May 20 *Senior Recognition Day
- May 26 *Wedding/Nicholas Rejeili & Dareen Azar
- 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 03 *Last day of Church School/Celebrate w/ice Cream Sundaes during Fellowship.
- Jun 10 *Ss. Peter & Paul Festive Picnic to follow Liturgy @Bretton Woods (see Flyer in Narthex)
- Jun 11 *Ss. Peter & Paul Annual Golf Tournament-Reston, VA (see flyer in Narthex)
- Jun 16 *Baptism Isabelle Nora Briggs/12:00p
- Jun 17 *Father's Day
- Jun 23 *Baptism Alina Nora Farmand/12p
- Jun 24 *Baptism Youseff Majlaton/1:30p
- 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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out and said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their wounds, and he was baptized at once, with all his family. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them; and he rejoiced with all his household that he had believed in God.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (9:1-38)

At that time, when Jesus was passing, He saw a man blind from his birth. And His Disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. I must work the works of Him Who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As He said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" [which means Sent]. So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for He does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about Him, since He has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether He is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become His disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where He comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where He comes from, and yet He opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, He could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him He said, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" He answered, "And Who is He, Sir, that I may believe in Him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen Him, and it is He who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshiped Him.

To do good to your neighbor is the fruit of love. Apparently, the person who has the fear of God and prays to God helps only himself; and since every virtue is fulfilled through love of neighbor, this is why the Elder said to do good to your neighbor. Even if one fears God and prays to Him, he is also obliged to be useful to his neighbor and to be good to him. This as I have said, is the fruit of love—which is the fulfillment of all virtues.

St. Poemen the Great

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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
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 The Lord's Prayer ~ p. 118
 The Communion Prayer ~ p. 121-122
 The Prayer of Thanksgiving p. 125

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:

Rainier & Jamilee Bellone/40-Day Memorial for Robert G. Issa
 Foutni Maccache, Elizabeth West, & Myriam Sakai

MEMORIAL WHEAT OFFERED BY:

Rainier & Jamilee Bellone/40-Day Memorial for Robert Issa

FELLOWSHIP OFFERED BY:

Kevin Schwab

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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	Mary Smith	Charles Cox
Isabel Threddeh	George Brown	Nabecha Ayoub
Everett Alvarez	Holly Dubois	Robert & Thelma Badwey
Edmond & Sophie Neam	Miriam Yazge	Barbara Abraham
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Vilma Bellone	Mazen & Ruba Saah & Family	Donna Gavin
Younes Family	Rainier & Jamilee Bellone & Family	
Maurice & Foutni Naccache	Fernanda Saba	Mary Christakis
Darren, Elizabeth, Desmond & Emerson West.		Siham Ayoub
Henry, Myriam, Emily, Lilly & Tomiko Sakai.		Chris Malaska
Samia Zolnerowich	Marty Pinkstaff	Kevin Schwab

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 Jeannette Younes
 John Dalack
 Robert G. Issa
 Saad & Emilie Costande
 Henry & Marie Naccache
 Adel Saba
 Frances Cox
 Sadie Hier
 Ann Kalill
 Evelyn Hier
 Janie Cox
 Mengteab Asgedom
 Kidane Mariyam Andom

A TALE OF TWO CONVENTS

On Saturday June 2, 2018 from 7:00pm—9:00pm, Ss. Peter and Paul Church will sponsor a Fundraising Reception to benefit the Annual Convents of Saidnaya & Maaloula in Syria and their orphanages. Please plan on attending this Ministry of Mercy to the war-torn Christian community of Syria.

The event is open to all and will include a presentation on the convents, music and hors d'oeuvres. Donations may be made to the Ss. Peter and Paul Antiochian Church earmarked "Syrian Convent" or "Syrian Orphanages".

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.