MAY 14, 2017

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
14 May	Ziad & Leila Deeb For The Health Of Their Family	Ziad & Leila Deeb For The Health Of Their Family
21 May	Nawal Musleh 5-yr Memorial for Yaqub Musleh	Habib & Hind Debs
28 May	Diane Fisher/40-Day Memorial for George Fahme Saah	Diane Fisher/40-Day Memorial for George Fahme Saah
04 Jun		
11 Jun	George Jabbour	George Jabbour

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, MAY 14, 2017
TONE 4 / EOTHINON 7
FIFTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA: SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN & AFTER-FEAST OF MID-PENTECOST

MARTYR ISIDORE OF CHIOS; HIEROMARTYR THERAPONT, BISHOP OF CYPRUS; NEW-MARTYRS JOHN OF BULGARIA AND MARK OF CRETE; VENERABLE ISIDORE OF ROSTOV, FOOL-FOR-CHRIST

APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURECTION (Tone 4)
Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying, Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF MID-PENTECOST IN (Tone 8)
In the midst of this Feast, O Savior, give Thou my thirsty soul to drink of the waters of true worship; for Thou didst call out to all, saying: Whosoever is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. Wherefore, O Christ our God, Fountain of life, glory to Thee.

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

How great are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.
Bless the Lord, O my soul!

The Reading from the Acts of the Saintly and Pure Apostles. (11:19-30)

In those days, the Disciples, who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen, traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the Word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who, upon coming to Antioch, spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the Disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the Disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea; and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

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IOCC HEPING TO MEET THE MANY NEEDS OF SYRIAN CHILDREN

After six years of conflict, International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) is urging everyone to continue to support programs for Syrian children and adolescents, who face food insecurity, lack access to education, and bear deep psychological scars. Children displaced by the conflict in Syria as well as those who are now refugees outside the country need help to address all aspects of their health and wellbeing.

The situation of more than 5.6 million children inside Syria, where IOCC has maintained an active presence since 2012 in partnership with the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch's Department of Ecumenical Relations and Development (GOPA-DERD), remains the most desperate.

"The real danger for Syrian children and their families," explained Mark Ohanian, IOCC Senior Director of Middle East Programs, "is not just the immediate need for humanitarian aid to sustain them physically, but the long-term effects on their wellbeing of the trauma they have experienced and disruptions to their lives."

Majida, a 26-year-old refugee from Homs living in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley, was unable to breastfeed her infant son Nader because of renal disease. He is just one of more than 1,000 Syrian refugee children in the Bekaa Valley who have been screened by IOCC staff. Ten percent of the children screened were found to be at risk of malnutrition, either because of underlying medical conditions, or lack of support for nursing mothers. In addition to providing breast-feeding assistance, children found to be at risk are provided with protein-rich, high-calorie supplements to promote their healthy development.

Through screening and simple interventions, the prognosis for Nader has improved and his wellbeing has also benefitted his family. "A mother's milk is the best nutrition for the baby as it provides immunity, while the bottle might pick up germs and make the baby ill. Nader is in better health with breastfeeding, and we are able to cut down our expenses and spend money on other priorities in our difficult living conditions," Majida said.

Even for otherwise healthy Syrian children, the war is taking its toll. Three million Syrian children born since the beginning of the conflict have experienced prolonged fear from bombings and violence, the loss of family members and friends, and anxiety caused by repeated dislocation and uncertainty.

In an effort to address the trauma suffered by Syrian children, IOCC and its partners began establishing Dream Centers, child-friendly environments for Syrian children, including those with disabilities, who are homeless, orphaned and displaced. Four centers, including one serving Aleppo, have been established to date, to provide psychosocial support, and to provide instruction in personal care and hygiene, problem-solving and non-violent communication. This instruction is also meant to help children express their feelings, and to respond and adapt to challenging social situations. Participating children and their parents learn through theater, sports, games, art and other interactive activities that take place over the course of three months. The program is supervised by a psychiatrist who follows up with those children requiring additional support.

School-aged children face increasing obstacles to education. The UN estimates that one in four Syrian schools has been damaged, destroyed, or occupied, and more than half of all Syrian children are out of school. In Lebanon, which hosts more Syrian refugees than any other country, eight out of every ten Syrian refugee children are not enrolled in school.

In Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and Greece, IOCC is providing remedial classes in English, math, and other subjects, to keep children engaged and to minimize gaps in learning. Thus they are able to return to formal education. School uniforms, required in many countries, are also being provided to children. Inside Syria, IOCC has employed Syrian women displaced by the conflict to make school uniforms. The cash-for-work program provides children with the uniforms required for school and much-needed income for the women and their families, who are often dependent on aid to survive. In rural Damascus and elsewhere in Syria, children and their teachers show remarkable resilience. During cold winter months, many children went to school wrapped in coats and scarves without electricity or heat so that they would not fall behind.

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

On Wednesday, May 24, 2017, Ss. Peter & Paul will celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord with an evening Devine Liturgy at 7:00pm. The Great Feast of the Pentecost (The Feast of the Descent of the Holy Spirit 50 days after Pascha) will fall this year on Sunday, June 4, 2017.

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Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News and Events

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We have classes for children 3 years old through 12th grade and meet following Communion. Registrations are handled online at http://tinyurl.com/registerSunSchool. We are also in need of snacks and juice for the children. Snacks must be **peanut and tree nut free** due to allergies. Individually wrapped snacks such as 100-calorie snacks work best. Juice may be 100% juices or flavored water pouches. We can use both 6-oz as well as 4-oz juice boxes. We are looking for one more teacher for this school year. Please contact peterpaulsundayschool@gmail.com.

Sunday, June 11 last day of Church School

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

We will be recognizing our High School graduates on **Sunday, May 14th** during Liturgy, Please fill out this Google form by April 28th to let us know who we need to recognize.
https://tinyurl.com/peterpaulsenior2017

Thanks so much! Jennifer and Samia

TEEN SOYO

May 19-21 Spring Delegates' Mtg. at the Antiochian Village (more info to follow.

June 10 6:30p – 10:00p Teen SOYO HAFLI at Ss. Peter and Paul. Please bring canned foods that will be donated to FOOD FOR OTHERS food bank. RSVP to Kindacallas@gmail.com or (703) 973-6648 by June 1. (see flyer in Narthex)

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

The Ss. Peter & Paul Young Adult Fellowship seeks to gather young adults (20-40 years of age) together in the ministry worship, witness, service, and fellowship. These include study groups, outreach projects, potluck dinners, and other social and charitable gatherings. For more information contact Jad Ibrahim Jr. at jad.ibrahim.jr@gmail.com or Dn. Christian Manasseh at dnchristian@peterpaulpotomac.org

YOUNG ADULT SOCIAL EVENT

Date & Time: June 10th @ 7:00pm
Location: Saratoga Pizzeria & Grill
8050 Rolling Rd.
Springfield VA 22153
Free Parking

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

On Sunday, June 4 the Antiochian Women are holding their annual summer luncheon at Stanford Grill (located at 2000 Tower Oaks Blvd, Rockville, MD 20852). Ann Marie Moses has been working hard on this event which will also be our last meeting for the 2016-2017 Year. It has been a super successful year. Come and join us; we hope to see more of you all this year. Ann Marie will be in touch soon.

MEN'S CLUB

Jun 6 *Men's Club Mtg/7:00p/preparation for Golf Tournament

Jun 07 *Golf Tournament/Bretton Woods Golf Course

ANNUAL Ss. PETER & PAUL GOLF TOURNAMENT

All sponsors and golfers. The date is approaching. Please send your foursomes or lone golfer names to me. The date is Wednesday June 7, 2017. Place Bretton Woods time 7:30 AM. Respond to Bob Simon by email at bobsimonjr@mail.com . Thanks. Bob

Jun 25 *Ss. Peter & Paul Picnic/Bretton Woods Rec Cntr (see flyer in Narthex)

"EXPLORING OUR FAITH" THE SS. PETER AND PAUL ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORUM

"Exploring Our Faith" will meets every other Thursday evening from **7:15pm to 8:30pm** in the lower level conference room. **The next meeting is Thursday, May 25, 2017**. Fr. Isaac facilitates the meetings using brief presentations as a springboard to open discussion on a wide range of topics concerning our Faith. Please contact Fr. Isaac at frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org or Kate Niewenhous at handmaidens20854@gmail.com for more information. ALL ARE WELCOME..

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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

May 14	*Mother's Day
	*Recognition of HS Graduates
May 19-21	*Teen SOYO Spring Delegates' Mtg/Antiochian Village (more info to follow)
May 25	*Adult Education Forum LL Conf. Rm. @7:15p
May 29	*Offices closed for Memorial Day
	*Baptism of Annabelle Marie Awwad/1:00p
Jun 03	*IOCC Fundraiser (see p.2 for more info)
Jun 04	*Baptism of Olivia Nour Escorcia/1:30p
	*Antiochian Women Annual Summer Luncheon
Jun 06	*Men's Club Mtg. & golf preparation/7:00p
Jun 07	*Golf Tournament/Bretton Wood Golf Course (see above)
Jun 10	*Teen SOYO HAFLI/6:30p-10p/Kogok Hall
	*YAF Social Event (see above for more info)
	*Baptism of Zayna Khoury Zavadil/noon
Jun 11	*Last day of Church School
	*Baptism of Melanie Bitar/1:30p
Jun 13	*Parish Council Mtg./7p
Jun 25	*Ss. Peter & Paul Picnic/Bretton Woods Rec Cntr

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THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (4:5-42)

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as He was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." For His Disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to Him, "How is it that Thou, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and Who it is that is saying to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." The woman said to Him, "Sir, Thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Art Thou greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst forever; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered Him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that Thou art a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and Thou sayest that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship Him. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming [He Who is called Christ]; when He comes, He will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I Who speak to you am He." Just then His Disciples came. They marveled that He was talking with a woman, but none said, "What dost Thou wish?" or, "Why art Thou talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city, and said to the people, "Come, see a man Who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to Him. Meanwhile the Disciples besought Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the Disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him Who sent Me, and to accomplish His work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in Him because of the woman's testimony, "He said to me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to Him, they asked Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His words. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

"*I* asked God to give me happiness and God answered me: I can give you only the gift and grace of life itself. Happiness you must discover deep within yourselves."

Met. Maximos of Limasol

IOCC FUNDRAISER/SAVE THE DATE

On Saturday, June 3, 2017, Ss. Peter & Paul Church will sponsor a Fund Raising Reception in the Church Hall from 6:00p-9:00p in support of "Syrian Relief Programs" of the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC).

This important event will be open to all the Parish, to the local Churches and to the public at large. With the Civil War in Syria entering its seventh year the scale of suffering, and the humanitarian needs are immense. Please plan on attending and supporting this event. For information go to www.iocc.org/potomac or https://www.facebook.com/events/1242796825817758/ or anita.elaraj@gmail.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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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.

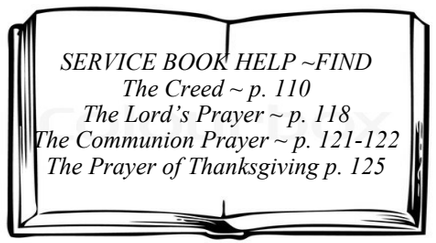
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- 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 col-



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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

Archpriest George Rados

Margaret Ashley	Brian Briggs	Mary Smith
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Mother's Day 2017

Today is Mother's Day, a day in which we pause to remember and to honor our Mothers and Grandmothers; the foundations of the Christian family. May God, in the Glory of the Resurrection, bless and keep our Mothers and Grandmothers on this day always and forever.

Stewardship Corner/*Theology of Giving Series* – Week 15

from *Tithing*, Fr. Richard Ballew … *"What is the tithe? Simply put, the tithe is a voluntary offering of ten percent of one's income, given to God. That's right, ten percent, taken off the top. In both Hebrew and Greek the word tithe comes directly from the word ten. It is a practice established long ago whereby God's people have the opportunity to participate in the sacramentality of life by offering back a portion of what God has given to them, As such, tithing is more than just an act of obedience. It is an act of worship."*

"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