

MAY 18, 2014



SS. PETER AND PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

All Things Are Possible to Him Who Believes

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Matins: Sundays 9:30am

Divine Liturgy: Sundays 10:30am

Confessions: call to schedule

Sunday, May 18, 2014

Fifth Sunday of Pascha

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Tone 4

Eothinon 7

Martyrs Peter, Dionysios, Andrew, Paul, Christina, Heraklios, Paulinos and
Benedimos; Stephen the New, patriarch of Constantinople

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.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (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 (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.

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.

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.

CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY, HE IS RISEN!

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

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

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.

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."

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Jennifer Buchko

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Hala Paskaleva
Saleem Mokhiber
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Anthony Eid
Stephen Zolnerowich
Anees Mokhiber

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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.

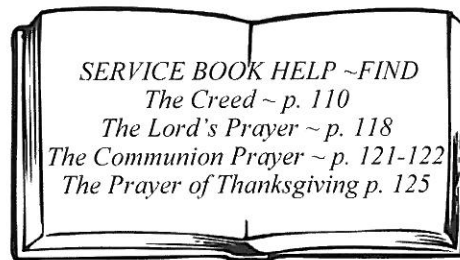
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- 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.



HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION: is offered Samia Zolnerowich & Jennifer Buchko in honor of Ss. Peter & Paul Sunday School; and by Chris Malaska in memory of Evelyn Hier

40-DAY MEMORIAL FOR: Evelyn Hier; Memorial Wheat offered by Donna Gavin

FELLOWSHIP HOUR: is offered by Alex & Thomaseena Cox in memory of Evelyn Hier

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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 Shammas

Edmond Neam

Richie Kogok

Eddie Yazge

Joe Charley

Samia Zolnerowich & family

Jennifer Buchko & family

Sunday school children & families

Chris Malaska & family

Donna Gavin & family

Alex & Thomaseena Cox & 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

Evelyn Hier Apr 2

Isam Naim Ibrahim Apr 6

Ivanka Tileva Apr 17

Khalil Haddad May 1

Gretchen Miller May 6

Velio Chotov May 8

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GRADUATION

Today is the last day of Sunday school and recognition of our graduating high school seniors.

STEWARDSHIP

Congratulations to all Sunday school students on a good year and to all high school and college graduates. "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." ~ Proverbs 22:6
Stewardship committee

ADULT EDUCATION FORUM-NOW THURSDAYS

Exploring Our Faith, Adult Education Forum [and ministry of the Fellowship of St. John the Divine] *has changed* the date of class to **THURSDAYS** and will meet again **this** Thursday, May 22nd at 7:15pm in the Lower Level Conference Room. Thursday'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.

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN END-OF-YEAR LUNCHEON

Ladies, please join us for lunch to honor outgoing President, Ann Marie Moses, on Saturday, June 14th at 12:00pm, IL PORTO restaurant, Gaithersburg, MD. The cost is \$28 per person (Includes tax, tip and gift). Rsvp by June 12th to Bette Adam at johnbette@aol.com or (301) 572-4260.

SS PETER & PAUL MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 15th Golf Tournament will be held at the Bretton Woods Golf Course, 15700 River Rd, Germantown, MD on Wednesday, June 25th, to celebrate the life of Abe Brown. Registration deadline is June 23rd. Download a registration form (Events Page) at www.peterpaulpotomac.org or contact Bob Simon at 202-253-0490 or bobsimonjr@mail.com.

OCMC TEAMS 2014

OCMC (Orthodox Christian Mission Center) Mission Teams need qualified volunteers for 2014. There are openings for hard workers in Kenya, Mexico, Moldova, Ghana, Albania, Uganda and Tanzania. Details are available on the OCMC website www.ocmc.org. Please consider these opportunities to serve our Risen Lord in missions.

GREETINGS FROM METROPOLITAN SILOUAN

Beloved Faithful of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America, Christ is risen!

I wholeheartedly greet you in this paschal season, accompanied by the "fresh air" of the Spirit that stems from our daily reading of the Acts of the Apostles where the witness of the first apostles and their "fresh air" reaches us, the apostles to this modern time.

After celebrating Holy Week and Holy Pascha with your brothers and sisters in Argentina, I returned to North America in order to start the second period of pastoral visits across this Archdiocese. From April 22 to 29, I visited Wichita, KS, Houston, TX, Miami, FL, Los Angeles and San Francisco, CA, and from May 2 to 4, I visited Washington DC, Baltimore and Potomac, MD.

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Then from May 8 to 11, I visited Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa.

In all these visits, the hierarch of each diocese accompanied me. The program usually consisted of celebrating vespers in the evening or Divine Liturgy in the morning, meeting with the clergy of the deanery, and a parish council meeting, along with lunch or dinner with the parishioners in the church hall. In some places, I was able to meet with members of Teen SOYO, the Fellowship of Saint John the Divine, and the Antiochian Women.

Indeed, it is very inspiring to me to witness the work of the hierarchs, clergy and faithful. Together we shared the Word of God from the daily readings of the Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel of Saint John. A fruitful discussion usually followed the bible study, mainly at the clergy meetings, with emphasis upon the reality of their priesthood and ministry. We also shared, in various events and activities, a fresh look at this transitional period in the life of the Archdiocese and the preparations for the Special Convention on June 5. Peace, love, joy and openness prevailed at all the receptions and celebrations. The dialogue among us was fruitful. We were more receptive of the "Spirit" of our Church. It was an opportunity to think, behave, deliberate and decide "as a Church." I feel very blessed for having made these pastoral visits and I recognize their importance at such a crucial time. I may not be able to see the fruit they will ultimately bear, but the vice president of the parish council of our cathedral in Buenos Aires, recalling their experience in Argentina during the time prior to my election as Metropolitan, underlined the importance of the visitation, support, presence and guidance of a hierarch during such a transitional period. In fact, they lacked for such a hierarch at that time, as the Patriarch had appointed one of the local archpriests as Patriarchal Vicar.

I have noticed that everyone - hierarchs, clergy, and members of the parish councils - spared no effort in order to ensure the full benefit from these visits. I am indebted to all

of you for your dedication and commitment in organizing, in a very short time, all the activities and celebrations that took place. Based on all I have seen and experienced, I am at peace regarding our preparations for the forthcoming events. I hope and pray that you will reveal your unity in Christ, your apostolic roots, and your Antiochian heritage.

I also pray for your Antiochian witness among and to the Orthodox on this continent, your vocation as a "bridge," your mission in advocating the Antiochian witness of your brethren (who are fighting like you the good fight) and your gladness in serving our Lord. There is no better time for all of you to take into your hands the responsibility of acting as "a Church" and bear witness to your willingness to show who you are, be grateful for what you have received, partake of your gifts, be in communion with your brethren and minister to whom our Lord called you to serve. I have no greater wish than that your witness during this period will be a sign to those who pray for your continued service and commitment to Christ's Holy Church.

Finally, I am fully confident in your continued prayers for the best outcome of the forthcoming events by the leading of the Holy Spirit and according to our Lord's will.

†**Silouan**

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Upcoming events...

- May 21 - 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 5 - Adult Education Forum @ 7:15pm
- June 7 - Byzantine Music Workshop @ 1pm
- June 7 - Arabic Divine Liturgy @ 5pm
- June 8 - Baptism Faraj Tawil @ 1pm
- June 10 - Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm
- June 19 - Adult Education Forum @ 7:15pm

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☩ ☩ ☩ SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN ☩ ☩ ☩

The writings of an unknown ancient Church Father give us a different point of view about what happened AFTER Jesus met the Samaritan woman at the well:

“Our Lord uses the woman an an APOSTLE, as it were, to those in the city. His words to her are so forceful that she leaves her water jar to go to the city and tells them to her fellow townspeople. I feel there was a definite purpose why the Evangelist recorded that the woman left her water jar.

At the literal level, then, this shows the tremendous eagerness of the woman, who forsakes her water jar and is more concerned for how she may benefit the multitude than for her more humble duty related to material things. For she was so benevolently moved and wished to announce Christ to her fellow citizens by bearing witness to the One who told her “all I ever did.” And she invites them to behold a man whose speech is greater than man, yet His appearance to the eye was human.

So must we, too, therefore, forget things that are more material in nature and leave them behind. We must be eager to impart to others the benefit of which we have been partakers. For by recording the woman’s recommendations regarding our Lord, the Evangelist challenges us to this goal.”

The Kontakion for the day beautifully sums up the Church’s view about what transpired: “HAVING COME TO THE WELL IN FAITH, THE SAMARITAN WOMAN BEHELD THEE, THE WATER OF WISDOM, WHEREOF HAVING DRUNK ABUNDANTLY, SHE INHERITED THE KINGDOM ON HIGH FOREVER.”

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FELLOWSHIP HOUR AND BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION

	BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
May 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		
13		

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.