

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
26 May	Open	Open
02 Jun	Open	Antoinette Najmeh Sarhan & the Sarhan Family
09 Jun	Open	Open
16 Jun	Open (No Memorial Services)	Open
23 Jun	Asma (Amy) Trey-Hamarneh	Open

**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 26, 2019

TONE 4 / EOTHINON 7

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA: SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN
& AFTER-FEAST OF MID-PENTECOST**

APOSTLES KARPOS AND ALPHAIOS OF THE SEVENTY;
SINESIOS, BISHOP OF CARPASIA IN CYPRUS;
NEW-MARTYR ALEXANDER OF THESSALONICA;

AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, EVANGELIZER OF ENGLAND

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 FOR 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.

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.

THE KONTAKION OF PASCHA (Tone 8)

Though Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet didst Thou destroy the power of Hades, and didst arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Thine Apostles, O Thou Who dost grant resurrection to the fallen.

“In all our deeds God looks at the intention whether we do it for His sake or for the sake of some other intention.”

St. Maximos The Confessor

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INTERCESSION

Met EPHREM (Kyriakos)
Metropolitan of Tripoli, al-Koura and their Dependencies

Intercession is supplication on behalf of others or prayer on behalf of others. The attitude of intercession is an attitude of love. Love is manifested in our praying for each other. The Lord prayed for those who believe in Him that they all may be one (John 17:11).

When the Apostle Paul says that “there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus” (1 Timothy 2:5), this is true and it does not contradict the principle of intercession. Here ‘Mediator’ means the one who accomplished redemption.

Anyone who does not believe in intercession is very far from a profound understanding of catholic love between members of the body of Christ.

As for the claim that the intercession of the saints is worthless because they are dead (as the Jehovah’s Witnesses claim), this is refuted by when the Lord says, “the Lord ‘the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ For He is not the God of the dead but of the living, for all live to Him” (Luke 20:37-38).

The saints-- including and greatest among them the Mother of God-- are not worshiped. We direct veneration and supplication to them. They are rays of Christ’s glory. They are His loved ones and they have the power of intercession in heaven on behalf of the people of earth. Out of their great love for us, the saints pray for us, whether we’re living or dead.

On account of her love, the Virgin Mary interceded with her Son when the wine was empty at the wedding in Cana of Galilee.

The mother of Jesus said to Him, “They have no wine.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servants, “Whatever He says to you, do it.” (John 2:3-5)

And so, when the Apostle Paul says, “for there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus” (1 Timothy 2:5), this does not mean that the Virgin Mary and the saints are no longer intercessors for us, since the Lord Jesus remains the only savior and the saints-- first among them the Virgin Mary-- have liberty of ‘provision’ with the Lord God Jesus in mediation and prayer for any person who needs God’s help.

This is the Church’s understanding, the tenacity of the Virgin and the saints who pray and supplicate for the salvation of believers and all people, this salvation that springs forth from the Lord Jesus Christ who alone redeemed the world with His blood upon the cross.

He who does not believe in the intercession of the saints is, I know not from where, a stranger to the concept of divine love. Most likely this position arose out of a rationalistic logic.

But he who lives a spiritual life knows the truth of intercession and its value in his life.

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Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News and Events

CHURCH SCHOOL 2019

Registration for Church School is ongoing using this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/GQ6uQSnltimwgvJW2>, include your email as most Church school announcements go out to the entire parish. Please list all/any allergies.

Check out our new online Church School Newsletter
<https://tinyurl.com/PeterPaulCSOctober>

Jun 09 *last day of Church School Recognition & Ice Cream Social

We are beginning to plan for next year. If you are interested in teaching please contact the Sunday School directors as soon as possible.

TEEN SOYO

Ss. Peter & Paul Teen Youth Ministry Group (Teen SOYO) is open to all teens of the Parish (13—19 years). The teens meet regularly for social, spiritual, and community outreach events.

Lay Advisors:

Zaid Sharafudin/Zaid.sharafudin@gmail.com (412) 708-6726 and Marian Azar/azaremarian@gmail.com (703) 297-9638

Jun 26-30 *Parish Life Conference/@Antiochian Village (more details to follow)

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 amal17m@yahoo.com for more information.

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

*Please pay your annual dues of \$25 to help support our outreach and charitable projects. Checks can be given to Janet Metz.
*Please provide your email address to Donna Gavin at crazygavins@verizon.net for future notices.

Jun 1 *Potluck Mtg (Saturday) at 11:00a. Khouria Dolly Crow will be out gracious host/18120 Beallsville Rd. Poolesville, MD 20837. **Please bring a prepared dish that needs no preparation.** RSVP by May 25 to crazygavins@verizon.net

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Men's Fellowship ministry of Ss. Peter and Paul is to serve the church through charitable outreach, educational and service projects which strengthen and deepen the faith of its members and develop a fellowship of Orthodox Christian servants. Please contact Sam Khalil at sk1943@aol.com or Fred Zacharia at fredzach@verizon.net for more information.

Jun 07 *Ss. Peter & Paul Memorial Golf Tournament Reston, VA (see flyer in Narthex for more information & to sign up)

Jun 30 *Ss. Peter & Paul Annual Parish Picnic/following Liturgy/@Bretton Woods Recreation Center, Germantown, MD/more info to follow

EXPLORING OUR FAITH: "On Wheels"

The Adult Educational Forum "Exploring Our Faith" has begun a series of outreach meetings held in both Virginia and Maryland suburbs of Washington DC. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 6 at a to-be-determined Maryland location. More information to follow. All are welcome; please contact Fr. Isaac or Fr. Luke for information or to volunteer your home for a future meeting.

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 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 (alexcoxells@gmail.com), Paula Massouh (pmassouh@aol.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 SS. PETER & PAUL PARISH LIBRARY & MEDIA CENTER

The new Parish Library and Media Center is up and running. The Center houses the Parish Library, audio visual materials, and Christian educational resources. The Center is located in the lower level inside room accessible from the Serge Malooley Conference Center room. Donations of books or materials related to the history, tradition and teaching of the Church and the Orthodox Faith are welcome. All are welcome to use the center by following its user guidelines. Contact Fr. Isaac, Fr. Luke, or Dn. Christian for access and information.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Jun 01 *Wedding/Ryan George & Kendall Walker/4p
Jun 07 *Ss. Peter & Paul Memorial Golf Tournament/Reston Nat. Golf Course/7a registration (see flyer in Narthex)
Jun 21 *Baptism/Gabrielle Lynne Farhat/12:00p
Jun 22 *Baptism/Olivia Dahir/12:00p
Jun 23 *Wedding/Anthony Fadel & Suki Koushal/3p
Jun 26-30 *Parish Life Conference (more info to follow)
Jun 30 *Annual Parish Picnic (following Liturgy)/Bretton Woods Rec Ctr./15700 River Rd., Germantown, MD
Jul 05 *Baptism/Patrick Heimbach/12:00p
Aug 24 *Wedding/Pablo Rincon & Miriam Kheirbek/4p
Sept 20-22 *Ss. Peter & Paul Middle Eastern Festival

PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE 2019

The Dioceses of Charleston, New York and Washington DC will hold their annual Parish Life Conference at the Antiochian Village Conference Center, Bolivar, PA, June 26-30, 2019. Lodging and Event Registration may be booked online at www.antiochianevents.com/ny.html.

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 Sainly 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.

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."

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SAVE THE DATE: 2019 SS. PETER & PAUL MIDDLE EASTERN FESTIVAL

The 2019 Ss. Peter and Paul Middle Eastern Festival is September 20, 21, & 22, 2019 and preparations are already underway. **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED SO PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING!** Please contact Lorna Malooley/H=(703) 978-6542, C=(703)503-3344, lornaam@aol.com or Thomaseena Cox/H=(301) 497-9471, C=775-3842, (cox1903@aol.com) to volunteer.

VENDORS NEEDED! If you know of vendors who might be interested in participating, please contact Lorna or Thomaseena. Thanks so much.

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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.

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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

Rt. Rev. Fr. Elias Bitar
Margaret Ashley
Isabel Threddeh
Holly Dubois
Sophie Neam
George & Joan Abraham
Michael Buchko, Sr.
Leila Khoury
Bob & Shirley Neri
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Chris Malaska & family

Nijmeh Zayed

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Yeorgos Lampathakis

John & Angelica Mufarrif

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CHARITY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

The charity for the month of May is the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer.

OCMC UPDATE

**Thank you everyone for your great kindness with our OCMC box at the candle stand! This week, we mailed \$48.00 to the Orthodox Christian Mission Center from our church. One example where these funds are making a real difference is translations of Biblical text and services for remote regions of the world, such as in Korea, Alaska, Africa and more. (See Orthodox Liturgical Workstation, <http://olw.ocmc.org> . It is touching that some people are now able to hear the word of Christ (sometimes for the first time, and it's making a real difference in their lives!)

**We have some exciting news that our parishioner Amber Bennett is able to go to meet the Metropolitan in Sweden in late June. Please pray for her, and if you wish to read more about her mission, or possibly contribute also, google "Orthodox Mission Teams", and "Amber Bennett/Sweden" to learn more!

**There are more exciting and rewarding mission teams on the 2019 calendar. See the latest listing at: [https://](https://www.ocmc.org/about/open_teams.aspx)

www.ocmc.org/about/open_teams.aspx.

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