

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
28 May	The Family of George Saah/40-Day Memorial for George Fahme Saah	The Family of George Saah/40-Day Memorial for George Fahme Saah
04 Jun	Kh. Dolly Crow Piechocinski Family	Piechocinski Family
11 Jun	George Jabbour	George Jabbour
18 Jun	Sam & Marie Khalil	Sam & Marie Khalil
25 Jun		

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.

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 28, 2017

TONE 6/ EOTHINON 10

SUNDAY OF THE AFTER-FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

HIEROMARTYR EUTYCHIOS, BISHOP OF MELITENE; MARTYR HELICONIS OF THESSALONICA; VENERABLE ANDREW OF CONSTANTINOPLE, FOOL-FOR-CHRIST; GERMANOS, BISHOP OF PARIS; IGNATIUS THE WONDERWORKER, BISHOP OF ROSTOV

APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURECTION (Tone 6)

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb. And the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE ASCENSION (Tone 4)

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Thy Disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit, having become confident of the blessing. Verily, Thou art the Son of God, and Deliverer of the world.

APOLYTIKION OF THE HOLY FATHERS (Tone 8)

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, 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 THE ASCENSION (Tone 6)

When Thou didst fulfill Thy dispensation for our sakes, uniting the terrestrials with the celestials, Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, inseparable in space, but constant without separation, and crying unto Thy beloved: I am with you, and no one shall be against you.

Prayer is the flower of gentleness and of freedom from anger. Prayer is the fruit of joy and thankfulness. Prayer is the remedy for gloom and despondency.

+Abba Evagrius the Solitary

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Feast of the Ascension of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ is celebrated each year on the fortieth day after the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha (Easter). Since the date of Pascha changes each year, the date of the Feast of the Ascension changes. The Feast is always celebrated on a Thursday.

The Feast itself commemorates when, on the fortieth day after His Resurrection, Jesus led His disciples to the Mount of Olives, and after blessing them and asking them to wait for the fulfillment of the promise of the Holy Spirit, He ascended into heaven.

The story of the Ascension of our Lord, celebrated as one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Church, is found in the book of the Acts of the Apostles 1:3-11. It is also mentioned in the Gospels of Mark (16:19) and Luke (24:50-53). The moment of the Ascension is told in one sentence: "He was lifted up before their eyes in a cloud which took Him from their sight" (Acts 1:9).

Christ made His last appearance on earth, forty days after His Resurrection from the dead. The Acts of the Apostles states that the disciples were in Jerusalem. Jesus appeared before them and commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the "Promise of the Father". He stated, "You shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now" (Acts 1:5).

After Jesus gave these instructions, He led the disciples to the Mount of Olives. Here, He commissioned them to be His witnesses "in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8). It is also at this time that the disciples were directed by Christ to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). Jesus also told them that He would be with them always, "even to the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20).

As the disciples watched, Jesus lifted up His hands, blessed them, and then was taken up out of their sight (Luke 24:51; Acts 1:9). Two angels appeared to them and asked them why they were gazing into heaven. Then one of the angels said, "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as you have seen Him going into heaven" (Acts 1:11).

MAY CHARITY COLLECTION:

This month we are making a collection for an organization supported by the Archdiocese, FOCUS North America; Fellowship of Orthodox Christians United to Serve. FOCUS's Mission is as follows: As an expression of Christ's love FOCUS North America serves the hungry, thirsty, stranger, naked, sick and imprisoned by providing Food, Occupation, Clothing, Understanding, and Shelter. The Founder of FOCUS is one of our very own Antiochian Orthodox Christians. We hope and prayer that you will support this project and remember that you donations are tax deductible.

SS. PETER & PAUL CHURCH LEARNING & MEDIA CENTER

Donations are welcomed in support of the establishment of the new Church Learning and Media Center. Please send all donations to Ss. Peter and Paul Church earmarked "Library Fund". In addition, donation of books on topics related to the Orthodox Faith, Doctrine, Church History, Liturgy, and Scripture will be gratefully accepted. Please contact Fr. Isaac, Dn. Christian, or Kate Niewenhous for more information.

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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 peterpaulsunday-school@gmail.com.

Sunday, June 11 last day of Church School

TEEN SOYO

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)

June 18 Final Teen SOYO Mtg. of the school year at 12:30p/Conf. Ctr. Officers & graduating seniors will be recognized.

June 25 Teens to participate in the Ss. Peter & Paul picnic.

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 dchristian@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 four-somes 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 meet every other Thursday evening from **7:15pm to 8:30pm** in the lower level conference room. **The meetings will resume in the fall.** 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 Niewenhaus 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 (alexcossells@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 29 *Offices closed for Memorial Day
*Baptism of Annabelle Marie Awwad/1:00p
*Wake & Mercy Meal for Peter Ayoub
Jun 03 *IOCC Fundraiser (see previous page for more info)
Jun 04 *The Feast of Descent of the Holy Spirit
*Baptism of Olivia Nour Escorcio/1:30p
*Antiochian Women Annual Summer Luncheon
Jun 06 *Men's Club Mtg. & golf preparation/7:00p
Jun 07 *Golf Tournament/Bretton Woods Golf Course
Jun 10 *Teen SOYO HAFLI/6:30p-10p/Kogok Hall
*YAF Social Event
*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 18 *Final Teen SOYO Mtg. of the school year/12:30p LL Conf Rm. Officers & graduating seniors will be recognized.
Jun 25 *Ss. Peter & Paul Picnic/Bretton Woods Rec Cntr (more details to follow)

THE EPISTLE

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers. For Thou art just in all Thou hast done.
The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (20:16-18, 28-36)

In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore, be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (17:1-13)

At that time, Jesus lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son that the Son may glorify Thee, since Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom Thou hast given Him. And this is eternal life, that they know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ Whom Thou hast sent. I glorified Thee on earth, having accomplished the work which Thou gavest Me to do; and now, Father, glorify Thou Me in Thy own presence with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was made. I have manifested Thy Name to the men whom Thou gavest Me out of the world; Thine they were, and Thou gavest them to Me, and they have kept Thy word. Now they know that everything that Thou hast given Me is from Thee; for I have given them the words which Thou gavest Me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from Thee; and they have believed that Thou didst send Me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom Thou hast given Me, for they are Thine; all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to Thee. Holy Father, keep them in Thy Name, which Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one. While I was with them, I kept them in Thy Name, which Thou have given Me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to Thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves."

GREAT FEAST OF THE PENTECOST

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.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Directors

Samia Zolnerowich
Jennifer Buchko

Teachers

Jumana Misleh
Susan Kozlov
Michelle Zook
Christine Morin
Lizzy Cassar
Caroline Jarboe
Chrissy Mackoul
Anees Mokhiber
Philip Allen
AJ Wood
Jennifer Montgomery
Dina Saah
Stephen Zolnerowich

Men's Club

Sam Khalil

Antiochian Women

Carol Laham

Teen SOYO

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Jamilee Bellone

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Danielle Bellone
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Maya Saah
Joud Al-Kallas
Juliana Natour

Young Adult Fellowship

Jad Ibrahim, Jr.

Adornment

Shams Akkawi
Jamil Hermes

Facility Management

Sam Berberian
Nick Nahas
Bob Simon

Rental Coordinator

Barbara Abraham

Charities

Sam Sahouri Ghanem

Finance

Salim Habayeb

Stewardship

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	Brian Briggs	Mary Smith
Margaret Ashley	Isabel Threddeh	George Brown
Helen White	Thelma Badwey	Everett Alvarez
Holly Dubois		

DEPARTED

Sirvart Babaaharonians
Victoria Audi
Jana Esber Georges
Afaf Kanazeh
Peter Ayoub
George Fahme Saah
Joseph George Saah
Nabiha Joseph Saah
Richard Joseph Saah
Robert Joseph Saah

LIVING

Leena Haddad	Yasmin Courtright
Gizel Haddad	Elaine Buchko
Leila Khoury	Deborah Brown
Mary Bazargan	Richard Ayoub
Mariam Yazge	Makram & Louise Magelli
James Ayoub	Bob Petrossian
Michael & Catherine Citrano	George, Katherine, & Annabelle Awwad
Julia Fayad	Alya Givavis
Shane and Brigid Saah	Shana Proffitt
Geri Saah	Amelia Saah, Joseph Saah and Diana Saah Fisher

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.

Stewardship Corner/Theology of Giving Series – Week 17

Luke 12:48 ... "But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few. For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more."

"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>

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.

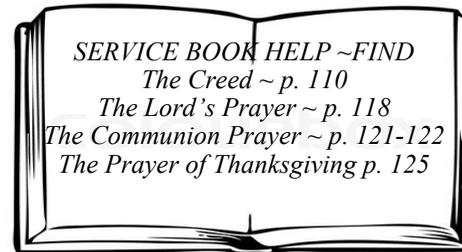
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- 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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MEMORIAL WHEAT:

Geri Saah

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