



# SS. PETER AND PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

*All Things Are Possible to Him Who Believes*

**Matins:** Sundays 9:30am

**Divine Liturgy:** Sundays 10:30am

**Confessions:** call to schedule

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Sunday, June 1, 2014

**Tone 6**

Sunday of the After-feast of the Ascension

**Eothion 10**

**On this day we commemorate:** Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council  
Martyr Justin the Philosopher & companions at Rome; Archimandrite Justin Popovic of  
Serbia; Hieromartyr and Bishop Pyrrhos the Virgin; Martyr Thespesios of Cappadocia;  
Venerable Dionysios the Wonderworker of Glushetsk

## **EISODIKON of Ordinary Sundays**

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

## **RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (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.

## **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 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.

## 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.

## THE 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."

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

### **Directors**

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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.

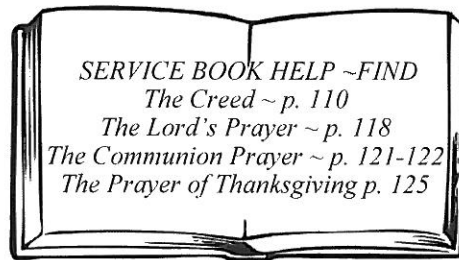
#### **PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS**

- 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:** offered by the Tilev family in memory of Metody's mother Ivanka Tileva

40-Day Memorial for Ivanka Tileva

1-year memorial for Henriette Brown, aunt of Samia Zolnerowich

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** offered by the Tilev family in memory of Metody's mother Ivanka Tileva

# 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

Victoria Curtin

Andrew Gavin

Metody Tilev

Juliana Tilev

Toni Tilev

Matthew Tilev

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

Ivanka Tileva Apr 17

Atanass Tilev

Henriette Brown

James Brown

Khalil Haddad May 1

Gretchen Miller May 2

Velio Chotov May 8

Rose Ann Yonkers May 18

Joseph Charley May 22

Kathryn Haddad May 24

Laurice & Spiro Bursheh

Jack Ayoub

Mike Ayoub

## Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News

### 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 **June 12th** at 7:15pm in the Lower Level Conference Room. All are welcome, with a special invitation to young adults. For more information contact Fr. Isaac at [frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org](mailto: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](mailto:johnbette@aol.com) or (301) 572-4260.

### GOLF TOURNAMENT JUNE 25th

Esteemed golfers and sponsors, register now and be part of this memorable event. Many foursomes are planned, but space is limited, so get all donations and sponsorship's in to reserve your spot and ensure a successful tournament. Ss. Peter & Paul Church is counting on your support to honor the memory of our beloved parishioner, Abraham Brown. Go to [www.peterpaulpotomac.org/events](http://www.peterpaulpotomac.org/events) for more information or Contact Bob Simon at 202-253-0490 or [bobsimonjr@mail.com](mailto: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](http://www.ocmc.org). Please consider these opportunities to serve our Risen Lord in missions.

### FINDING ONE'S CALLING IN LIFE

By Protopresbyter Thomas Hopko  
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*Part 2 in a Series*

Everyone has his or her unique calling. All are called to be saints, but each person is called to do so in his or her own unique way. No two persons are the same. Each one is different. All are called to partake of God's being and life. All are called to love as He loves, know as He knows, serve as He serves, and live as He lives. But each will do it in his or her own specific manner, according to the concrete conditions and means that God provides.

Some will sanctify their lives being married; others will be single. Some will do it in clerical orders; others as laypeople. Some will be monastic; most will live in the everyday secular world. Some will work primarily in a physical way, while others will work intellectually. Some will be artists, scientists, business people, or professionals. Others may have no particular job or profession. Some may be called simply to suffer, while others, in terms of this world, will hardly suffer at all. Some will have many temptations and will bear heavy burdens because of the sins of the world and their particular inheritance of a fallen, broken, distorted humanity. Some may have to fight destructive memories, imaginations, and passions that seem at times impossible to bear, while others will be greatly blessed by receiving a highly purified humanity, for which they will especially have to answer before God. For, as Jesus taught, "to whom much is given, of him much will be required" (Luke 12:48). But each person will have his or her own life to sanctify. And each will answer for what he or she has done. In the eyes of God none is better than the other. None is higher or more praiseworthy. Each must find his or her own way and glorify God through it. Ultimately, this is all that matters. The rest is detail.

The will to find God's will is essential. All that is needed to discover the will of God and to do it is the pure desire to see, to hear, to understand, and to obey. God does the rest. When people saw Jesus on earth and yet did not accept and

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obey Him in love, the Lord Himself gave the reason, quoting the Prophet Isaiah. He said that the people had eyes but did not see; had ears but did not want to hear; had minds, but refused to understand and be saved (Isaiah 6:9-10; Matthew 13:13-14; Mark 8:8-18; John 12:36-41).

To find one's vocation demands that one really wants to do so. It sounds simple. And it is. But, to quote the Lord once more, "few there be who find it" (Matthew 7:14). The reason is that it takes courage to allow the Lord to speak or, rather, to hear the Lord when He speaks and to follow Him. It is also quite painful. Our own will has to go. Our egocentric desires have to be denied. Our ideas about ourselves have to be abandoned. Our personal plans and projects have to be discarded. Our agendas of action have to be thrown away. We have to say to God: *Speak Lord, your servant is ready!* We have to respond to God: *Let it be to me according to your word!* And, we have to mean it. If we do, we will find our way. But if we fight it, and keep craving the things that we want, we will be miserable and unhappy. For the heart of the human person is made for God—for truth, for love, for life itself, and not for mere "existence"—and is inevitably unsatisfied, frustrated, confused, distressed, angered, and bored until it comes to rest in Him.

We need help on the way. To will God's will is essential. Without this, nothing can happen. With it, everything can happen. One saint of the desert even dared to say that if a person would will God's will without wavering from sunrise to sunset, by the end of the day he would be "to the measure of God." But to will God's will, we need help. We need, first of all, the help of God Himself. This means that we have to pray and to participate in the mystical life of God's Church. Jesus said, "Ask, and you will receive" (Matthew 7:7). And the apostle James reminds us that if we do not ask rightly, we will not receive. "You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and you do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions" (James 4:2-3). To find our vocation in life we have to pray to God to show it to us, and to guide us into it for His Name's sake, and ultimately, for our own sake. In addition to the direct help

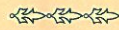
of God, so to speak, we also need His help as it comes to us through others. We need the guidance of those who are experienced in His ways, particularly our fathers and mothers in the faith. "Ask your fathers, and they will show you; your elders and they will teach you" (Deuteronomy 32:7). The saints of the Church love to repeat this line from the song of Moses. To hear God's voice, to discern His desires for us, to discover His purposes for our lives, we need the help of those who have found Him or, perhaps more accurately, those who have been found by Him. We receive this help in the life of the Church, first of all by our participation in the services and sacraments. We find it also in the Bible and in the lives and teachings of the saints. And we find it in the pastors and teachers whom God gives us. God promises that those who seek instruction will never be left without it. He Himself will find our vocation in life we have to pray to God to show it to us, and to guide us into it for His Name's sake, and ultimately, for our own sake. See to it, as the saying goes, that "when the disciple is ready, the Master will appear." Without obedience to God's Word and Spirit in the services, sacraments, scriptures, witness of the and saints of the Church, we who claim to be Christians will never discover our calling in life. For we will have rejected the means that God has given us to find it. (*to be continued...*)

### **LOOKING AHEAD** ***Upcoming events...***

- June 4-6 - Special Antiochian Assembly, Chicago, Illinois, to elect the new Metropolitan
- June 7 - Arabic Divine Liturgy @ 5pm
- June 10 - Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm
- June 12 - Adult Education Forum @ 7:15pm
- June 14 - Antiochian Women Luncheon @ 12pm
- June 22 - Baptism Stella Mele @ 1pm
- June 24 - Men's Club Meeting @ 7:30pm
- June 25 - Golf Memorial Tournament @ 9am
- June 26 - Adult Education Forum @ 7:15pm



## GONE . . . BUT NOT DEPARTED



**N**ow is the time our Holy Church celebrates the FINAL event in our Lord's earthly journey: HIS ASCENSION INTO HEAVEN. The Gospels paint a simple, but beautiful picture of this miraculous happening. However, it does leave us yearning for an answer to one question: WHY DID THE LORD LEAVE? Why didn't He remain with His disciples?

1) Jesus ascended because His work on earth had been completed. He had come to save the lost. That work of salvation was done. Just as a worker completing his shift returns home, so now Christ, His work of saving mankind having been accomplished, returned home to His Father.

2) Christ ascended so that He could send the Holy Spirit. The Lord did not leave the Church orphaned. The Holy Spirit soon came to take up His dwelling within those who believed in the Resurrected Savior. It was foretold at the Last Supper.

3) The Lord ascended to prepare a place

for us. The night before giving up His Life, Jesus said to His followers: "I go to prepare a place for you. And I will come again and will take you to Myself, so that where I am you may also be."

4) Christ ascended to take His place at the Right Hand of the Father. The symbolic language in our Creed proclaims that the Lord is in a position to intercede for us before the Father.

5) Jesus ascended into Heaven to prepare for His glorious return on the Last Day of reckoning. Once again, our Creed puts it quite succinctly: "And He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead." Once He came in all humility -- now He shall come in all His glory.

As we relive the Ascension once more, may we join with the Apostles and rejoice at the "HOME-GOING" of our Lord. May God grant that, one day, we may be united with Him there.

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### FELLOWSHIP HOUR AND BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION

	BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
Jun 8	Zakieh & Reema Jweied	Jweied & Guegel families
15	The family of Abraham Brown	The family of Abraham Brown
22	Marie Khalil	Marie Khalil
29		
Jul 6		
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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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