

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
02 Jun	Lorna Malooley	Antoinette Najmeh Sarhan & the Sarhan Family
09 Jun	Chris Makaska Dorothy & Michael Marge	Parish Council
16 Jun	Open (No Memorial Services)	George & Meghan Zoto
23 Jun	Asma (Amy) Trey-Hamarneh Khalil & Lowry Families	Khalil & Lowry Families
30 Jun	Open	Church Picnic

**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, JUNE 2, 2019

TONE 5/ EOTHINON 8

SIXTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA: SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN

NIKEPHOROS THE CONFESSOR, ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE; NEW-
MARTYRS DEMETRIOS OF PHILADELPHIA, JOHN OF TREBIZOND,
AND CONSTANTINE OF ATHOS

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION Tone 5)

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection. 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, Re-joice, and giving peace unto Thine Apostles, O Thou Who dost grant resurrection to the fallen.

On the third day, He freely rose again from the dead. He appeared to his disciples as He had been. However, He tarried for forty days so that they might be instructed by Him in the precepts of life and so that they might learn what they were to teach. Then, in a cloud spread around Him, He was lifted up into Heaven — so that as a conqueror, He might bring humanity to the Father. For Christ loved man, He became man, and He shielded man from death.

St. Cyprian of Carthage

Feast of the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ

The Great Feast of the Ascension of our Lord always falls on a Thursday, forty days after Pascha. Ss. Peter and Paul Church will celebrate the Feast on Wednesday, June 5 (on the eve of the Feast) starting with Matins at 6:00pm and Divine Liturgy at 7:00pm.

“Thou hast ascended in Glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened thy Disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit making them confident through the blessing that thou art the Son of God, and Deliverer of the world.”

Apolytikion of Ascension: Tone 4

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THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

The Orthodox understanding of the Second Coming of Christ is clear: the Lord Jesus Christ truly will return. His second advent is not a myth, nor an empty promise, nor is it a metaphor. In fact, each time the Divine Liturgy is celebrated, the priest makes a proclamation to the Father which reveals how the Church responds not only to the Second Coming of Christ, but to all of His work.

“Remembering this saving commandment [Jesus’ command to eat His flesh and drink His blood] and all that has been done for us -- the Cross, the Tomb, the Resurrection on the third day, the Ascension into Heaven, the sitting at the right hand and the Second and glorious Coming -- we offer You Your own, from what is Your own, on behalf of all and for all.”

Orthodox Christians also believe the New Testament revelation of the Second Coming of Christ is meant to stimulate our preparation for it, not our speculation about it. This explains the relative simplicity with which the Nicene Creed, the most universal confession of faith in all of Christendom, addresses Christ's return: “He... will come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead, whose Kingdom shall have no end.” The emphasis of historic Orthodoxy is *that* Jesus will come again, not *when* He will come again.

Thus, St. Paul writes, “denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself *His* own special people, zealous for good works” (Titus 2:12-14).

There are signs of Christ's coming, to be sure. Jesus prophesied many events that would take place in the world prior to His return (Matt. 24; Luke 21:7-36). But even here the teachings of Jesus in these gospels close with His exhortation to virtue, righteousness, and preparation for the Judgment. Christ and His apostles issue severe warnings, implicit and explicit, against second-guessing the time of His coming (Matt. 24:3 -- 8, 36, 43, 44, 50; Luke 21:7-9, 34; Acts 1:7; 1 Thess. 5:1-3; 2 Pet. 3:8 -- 10).

Much of modern Christendom has succumbed to divisive speculation regarding Christ's return. We are divided into pre-millennial, post-millennial, and a-millennial camps. Breaking it down even further, there are pre-tribulation, mid-tribulation, and post-tribulation adherents. Christians part ways and new denominations spring up around interpretations of events which have not yet even come to pass!

Throughout history the Orthodox Church has steadfastly insisted on the reality of the Second Coming of Christ as a settled belief, but granted liberty on the question of when it will occur. In the last chapter of Revelation, Jesus speaks the words, “I am coming quickly” three different times (Rev, 2:21:7, 12, 20). His coming will occur on a day, at an hour when it is not expected. The Apostle John, the author of Revelation, concludes his book with a warning:

“For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book” (Rev. 22.18, 19).

To confess the return of Christ is to stand squarely within the apostolic tradition, To add “when” to the promise of His coming is warned against in the Scriptures. As members of the Bride of Christ, let us attend instead to being ready.

From The Orthodox Study Bible

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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/GQ6uQSnltimwglWJ2>, 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.

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 the home of Metody & Julianna Tilev/11621 Swains Lock Terr, Potomac, MD at 7:30p. The topic is "Who are the Angels"? 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 06 *Exploring our Faith: "On Wheels"/7:30p—9:00p/MD location See above for more info.

Jun 07 *Ss. Peter & Paul Memorial Golf Tournament/Reston Nat. Golf Course/7a registration (see flyer in Narthex)

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

Jun 17 *Monday evening Exploring Our Faith "On Wheels"/7:30p—9:00p/Chantilly, VA location (more info to follow)

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 29 *Feast of the Apostles Ss. Peter & Paul/Matins 10a, 11a Divine Liturgy

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.

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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THE EPISTLE

Thou, O Lord, shalt keep us and preserve us.

Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared.

The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (16:16-34)

In those days, as we Apostles were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, crying, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I charge you in the Name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates they said, "These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs which it is not lawful for us Romans to accept or practice." The crowd joined in attacking them; and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened and every one's fetters were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out and said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their wounds, and he was baptized at once, with all his family. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them; and he rejoiced with all his household that he had believed in God.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (9:1-38)

At that time, when Jesus was passing, He saw a man blind from his birth. And His Disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. I must work the works of Him Who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As He said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" [which means Sent]. So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for He does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about Him, since He has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether He is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become His disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where He comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where He comes from, and yet He opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, He could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him He said, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" He answered, "And Who is He, Sir, that I may believe in Him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen Him, and it is He who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshiped Him.

Congregational Antiochian Village Liturgy

Today, our young people, led by our Chanters, will sing the Liturgy, using the Antiochian Village Byzantine music. All the Congregation are encouraged to join in using the music books in the pews.

The Youth Choir will resume singing the Liturgy next fall, since many of our young people will be away this summer attending the camp.

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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.

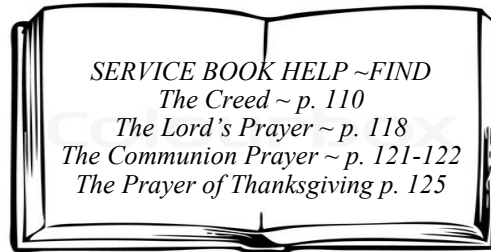
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

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- 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	Rt. Rev. Daniel Griffith
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Abbaa Sarhan	Steven & Cathy George & Family	

OCMC UPDATE

**We have decided to designate the donations in the Ss Peter and Paul OCMC box for the month of June to the mission of our parishioner, Amber Bennett who will be going to the first Orthodox mission to Sweden. The OCMC box is located on the candle counter. Every coin or dollar bill will make a real difference in spreading the word of Christ. Please pray for Amber, and if you wish to read more about her mission, or contribute online, google, "Orthodox Mission Teams" and "Amber Bennett/Sweden" to learn more!

**Look for exciting mission team updates at: www.ocmc.org/about/open_teams.aspx.

Thanks to Elias & Gada Taweel who offered Holy Bread last Sunday, May 26, 2019

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:

Lorna Malooley

FELLOWSHIP OFFERED BY:

Antoinette Najmeh Sarhan & the Sarhan Family
IMO Azar Sarhan, Dr. Lili Najmeh, Kevin Kanawati