

	<b>Bread of Holy Oblation</b>	<b>Fellowship Hour</b>
<b>03 Jun</b>	Michael Shihadi & Family/IMO Georgette Issa Shihadeh(Holy Bread & Memorial Wheat)	Michael Shihadi & Family/IMO Georgette Issa Shihadeh
<b>10 Jun</b>	The Younes Family/40-Day Memorial for Jeannette Younes (Holy Bread & Memorial Wheat)	Church Picnic
<b>17 Jun</b>	Marie Hyder & Chris Malaska IMO Metropolitan PAUL	Marie Hyder & Chris Malaska IMO Metropolitan PAUL
<b>24 Jun</b>	Tawil Family/IMO Nimatallah Elias Tawil /Holy Bread & Memorial Wheat	Tawil Family/IMO Nimatallah Elias Tawil /Holy Bread & Memorial Wheat
<b>01 Jul</b>	Rainier & Jamilee Bellone/IMO-3 memorials (Holy Bread & Memorial Wheat)	Rainier & Jamilee Bellone

**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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**Matins:** Sundays 9:30am

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

**SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2018**

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**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

MARTYRS LUCILLIAN OF BYZANTIUM AND THE CHILDREN CLAUDIUS, HYPATIUS, PAUL, AND DIONYSIUS; MARTYR PAULA THE VIRGIN OF NICOMEDIA; VENERABLE ATHANASIOS THE WONDERWORKER OF CILICIA; CLOTILDE, QUEEN OF THE FRANKS

**RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 8)**

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

**APOLYTIKION OF ALL SAINTS (Tone 4)**

Thy Church, O Christ God, hath regaled herself in the blood of Thy Martyrs throughout the entire world, as in porphyry and purple. Through them she lifteth her voice crying: Turn with Thy compassion toward Thy people, and grant peace to Thy city, and to our souls the Great Mercy.

**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 ALL SAINTS (Tone 8)**

*(\*\*The original melody\*\*)*

As first-fruits of our nature to the Planter of created things, \* the world presenteth the God-bearing martyred Saints in off'ring unto Thee, O Lord. \* Through their earnest entreaties, \* keep Thy Church in deep peace and divine tranquility, \* through the pure Theotokos, O Thou Who art greatly merciful.

The Lord abides in simple hearts. Gold is everywhere and everywhere it shines through, no matter from what angle; but something else, no matter how much you work with it, it still is not gold.

*St. Ambrose of Optina*

**THE PRAYERS OF PARENTS**

*Hieromonk Calinic (Berger)*

The Bible gives us several examples of parents whose faith and prayer on behalf of their children were more powerful than those of the Apostles themselves. We know very little and even next to nothing about most of these parents. We can assume they were ordinary people. However, they were people who had reached their limit, a point of desperation, with regards to the most important persons in their lives: their own children.

A common characteristic of these parents is that they did not quit. Take the father of the “lunatic” son (Mt 17:14-21). This man approached Jesus and said, “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is a lunatic and sorely afflicted: for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not cure him.” This poor father had a boy who Matthew says was held by some form of demonic possession. Whatever the condition of the son, it is clear that the boy was engaging in self-destructive behavior. The father was at his wits’ end. He brought the boy to the disciples, to whom had been given power to cast out demons, but they could do nothing. The father then took the matter himself to God. Jesus healed his son.

The most notable detail in the healing of this boy was that it was not the faith of the boy himself that healed him. He did not even want to be healed. Nor was it the faith of the priests (i.e., the Apostles) to whom the boy was brought, who could do nothing for him. Rather, it was the faith *of the parent*. What kind of faith? The boy’s father came *kneeling* before the Lord, entreating him with his whole soul. He would not take “no” for an answer. The disciples themselves were amazed and asked Jesus why they themselves could not heal the boy. “If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you shall say unto this mountain, Be removed hence to another place; and it shall be removed; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. However, this kind does not go out but by prayer and fasting.”

What kind of faith did the Lord call for? This faith can be small like the mustard seed, which is almost invisible to the human eye. However, when crushed and broken, the mustard seed gives off fire in its taste. So was the heart of this father: crushed, broken, in desperation for his son. In this state, his prayer had the fire of a fervency that carried his faith. He did not say about his son, “He's hopeless,” “It's been this way for years,” “It's up to him to want to be healed,” or “He's his own man.”

Mark tells us an additional and important detail about this father: he realized that his own faith in God was not perfect. Mark tells us that “the father of the child cried out and said *with tears*, Lord, I believe; *help thou my unbelief*” (Mk 9:24). The father took all his own imperfections and inner failings, known to himself alone, and laid them down at the feet of Jesus. Then he asked again on behalf of his son. Jesus healed him. God always hears the selfless prayers of parents who do not quit.

Another example is the woman of Canaan (Mt 15:21- 28). She was not Jewish, meaning, not right in her religious status. She came to Jesus without a husband with her, for whatever reason. Perhaps she was a sinner. She confessed Christ’s identity: “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is grievously afflicted with a devil.” The Lord at first ignores her, answering her not a word. How often does a parent feel ignored by God! Like the father of the lunatic, this woman also went to the Apostles, who grew weary with her and even asked Jesus to *send her away!*

*Part 1 of 2*

**SS. PETER AND PAUL CHURCH 35<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MIDDLE EASTERN FESTIVAL (BAZAAR)**

**September 21 – 23, 2018**

Preparations are underway for the Annual Church Middle Eastern Festival to be held on **September 21, 22, 23, 2018.**

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!**

Please contact any of the following to sign up and to volunteer for any of the “booths” and committees.

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## Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News and Events

### CHURCH SCHOOL 2017-2018

Registration for Church School is ongoing using this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/GO6uQSnltimwgvJW2>. Please make sure to register with the church, including your email as most Church school announcements go out to the entire parish. School calendars are now available. We are also in need of snacks/drinks for the children--small and reg. juice boxes, juice pouches, small waters, individually wrapped snacks (PEANUT & TREE NUT FREE).

**Check out our new online Church School Newsletter** <https://www.smore.com/tlrhu>

**Jun 03** \*Last day of Church School/Ice Cream Sundaes in the Church Hall during Fellowship.

### TEEN SOYO

**Jun 27- July 01** \*Parish Life Conference (PLC) at the Antiochian Village. More details to follow.

**Aug 10-19**\*Special Olympics at the Antiochian Village. Please consider volunteering (must be 16 yrs). Sign up at <https://teensoyo.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/2018-SO-Application.pdf>

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### 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](mailto:wayneparr@gmail.com) or Amal Michael at [amal17m@yahoo.com](mailto:amal17m@yahoo.com) for more information.

### Antiochian Women

**June 27** - \*Representatives from Antiochian Women  
**July 01** will attend the Parish Life Conference.  
**Jul — Sept.** \*Many of our Antiochian Women will be actively participating in the cooking and baking for the Bazaar.

### MEN'S MINISTRY GROUP

**Jun 10** \*Ss. Peter & Paul Festive Picnic @Bretton Woods  
**Jun 11** \*Ss. Peter & Paul Annual Golf Tournament/Reston National Golf Course/11875 Sunrise Valley Dr., Reston, VA.  
(Please see flyer in the Narthex for more information)

### 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](mailto:georgezaki@gmail.com) or [ajmzaki@gmail.com](mailto:ajmzaki@gmail.com)), Alex Cox at ([alexcoxells@gmail.com](mailto:alexcoxells@gmail.com)) or Fr. Isaac at([frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org](mailto: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 PARISH GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop is open every Sunday following Liturgy. For information contact Alma Jean Zaki at (703) 283-9338 or [ajmzaki@gmail.com](mailto:ajmzaki@gmail.com)

### CHURCH CALENDAR

**Jun 03** \*Last day of Church School/Celebrate w/ice Cream Sundaes during Fellowship  
**Jun 10** \*Ss. Peter & Paul Festive Picnic to follow Liturgy @Bretton Woods (see Flyer in Narthex)  
**Jun 11** \*Ss. Peter & Paul Annual Golf Tournament-Reston, VA (see flyer in Narthex)  
**Jun 16** \*Baptism Isabelle Nora Briggs/12:00p  
**Jun 17** \*Father's Day  
\*Baptism/Elizabeth Anne Spiller  
**Jun 20** \*Baptism/Suki Kaushal/12p  
**Jun 23** \*Baptism Alina Nora Farmand/12p  
**Jun 24** \*Baptism Youseff Majlaton/1:30p  
**Jun 27-** \*Parish Life Conference at the Antiochian Village  
**Jul 01** (see flyer in Narthex)  
**Jul 04** \*Church Office Closed/Independence Day  
**Aug 10-19**\*Special Olympics at the Antiochian Village (see Teen SOYO box for more details)  
**Aug 11** \*Baptism Eric Holl/12p  
**Sep 03** \*Church Office Closed/Labor Day  
**Sep 21-23**\*Ss. Peter & Paul Bazaar

### THE EPISTLE

*God is wonderful among His saints. Bless God in the congregations.*  
**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (11:33-12:2)**

Brethren, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfection of our faith.

### THE GOSPEL

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30)**

The Lord said to His disciples, "Everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father Who is in heaven; but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny before My Father Who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed Thee. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the New World, when the Son of Man shall sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My Name's sake, will receive a hundred fold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

### 2018 Annual Parish Life Conference June 27 – July 1, 2018

For the Dioceses of New York and Washington D.C., and Oakland, Charleston and the Mid-Atlantic.

The Conference is being held at the  
Antiochian Village Heritage & Conference Center/140 Church Camp Trail/Bolivar, PA  
**Register Today!**  
[www.antiochianevents.com](http://www.antiochianevents.com)  
(see flyer in Narthex)

### **CHURCH SCHOOL**

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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.

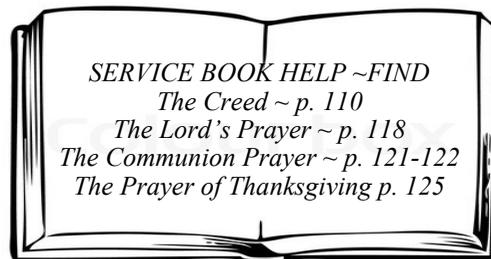
#### PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- 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.



### HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:

Michael Shihadi & Family/40-Day Memorial In Memory of Georgette Issa Shihadeh

### MEMORIAL WHEAT

Michael Shihadi & Family/40-Day Memorial In Memory of Georgette Issa Shihadeh

### FELLOWSHIP OFFERED BY:

Michael Shihadi & Family/40-Day Memorial In Memory of Georgette Issa Shihadeh

# 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

Margaret Ashley	Mary Smith	Charles Cox
Isabel Threddeh	George Brown	Nabecha Ayoub
Everett Alvarez	Holly Dubois	Robert & Thelma Badwey
Edmond & Sophie Neam	Miriam Yazge	Barbara Abraham
George & Joan Abraham	Lula Brown	Douglas Kalesh
Michael Buchko, Sr.	Edward Rizkallah	Dorothy Marge

### DEPARTED

Fr. George Rados  
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Vilma Bellone	Mazen & Ruba Saah & Family	Younes Family
Margo Sahouri-Ghanem	Caesar Kavadoy	Nicolas & Dareen Rejeili
Mary Pinkstaff & Family	Michael Piechocinski	Frieda Shama, John Moses
John Abraham	Michael Shihadeh & Family	George Ziadi and Family
Jamil Ziadeh & Family	Phoebe Hanania & Family	Nahi Saah & Family
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### 2018 OCMC ORTHODOX MISSION TEAMS

OCMC Teams Build Up the Church so please consider joining an OCMC Orthodox Mission Team in 2018. Help build up the Church around the world: **Alaska** (Jul 10-19, Jul 20-31); **Albania** (Jun 12-30, Sep 17-24); **Ghana** (Aug 6-21); **Guatemala** (Jun 18-30, Aug 1-8); **Kenya** (Aug 8-20, Nov 28-Dec 8); **Indonesia** (Jun 26-Jul 9, Jul 3-16); **Jamaica** (Aug 2-11); **Mexico** (Aug 11-18). If you desire to serve in His vineyard, contact the OCMC at [www.ocmc.org](http://www.ocmc.org) or call the OCMC at 1.877.463.6787 (ext 142) for more information.

### KITCHEN RENOVATION NEEDS YOUR INPUT

Our hall kitchen is over 20 years old and in need of an update. Because this project involves the entire parish, our Parish Council is seeking input from everyone. We welcome any and all suggested changes for the purpose of setting up our kitchen for parishioner and outside rental use for the next 20 years and beyond. Please email your ideas to John Abraham at: [Vice-Chair@peterpaulpotomac.org](mailto:Vice-Chair@peterpaulpotomac.org).

We especially want to hear recommendations from our parish cooks—those of you who prepare meals during the year and those who work in the kitchen during the intense weeks of preparation before and during Bazaar weekend. You know what works and what doesn't work, and we respectfully ask you to share your thoughts and ideas with us. Our goal is to make the kitchen work better for all of us in the days ahead.