

	<b>Bread of Holy Oblation</b>	<b>Fellowship Hour</b>
<b>04 Jun</b>	Kh. Dolly Crow Piechocinski Family	Piechocinski Family
<b>11 Jun</b>	George Jabbour	George Jabbour
<b>18 Jun</b>	Sam & Marie Khalil	Sam & Marie Khalil
<b>25 Jun</b>		
<b>02 Jul</b>	Dr. Jack Ayoub/40-Day Memorial for Peter Ayoub	

**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, JUNE 04, 2017**

### **THE FIFTIETH DAY AFTER PASCHA THE GREAT FEAST OF PENTECOST**

#### **THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF THE FEAST**

Be Thou exalted, O Lord, in Thy strength; we shall praise and sing of Thy mighty acts. Save us, O Good Comforter, who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

#### **APOLYTIKION OF PENTECOST (Tone 8)**

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise, having sent upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them Thou hast fished the universe, O Lover of mankind, glory to Thee.

مُ بَارِكْ أَنْتَ أَيُّهَا الْمَلِكُ سَيِّدُ الْهَيْهَاتِ، يَا مَنْ أَظْهَرْتَ أَلْصِقَاتِ يَدَيْهِ زَيْرِي  
الْحِكْمَةَ، إِذْ سَكَتَ عَنِ يَهُمِ الْوَيْحِ الْقُدْسِيِّ، وَبِهِمْ أَصْطَدَّتْ  
الْمَسْكُونَةُ،  
يَا مُجِيبَ الْبَشَرِ، الْمَجْدُ لَكَ. ( ثَلَاثًا )

#### **KONTAKION OF PENTECOST (Tone 8)**

When the High One descended, confusing tongues, He divided the nations. And when He distributed the fiery tongues He called all to one unity. Wherefore, in unison we glorify the most Holy Spirit.

Our duty and concern must be how to please God and our fellow men; we should not be preoccupied with our needs, as God will take care of them. There is a silent spiritual agreement between God and man. He will look after us, while we will concentrate on how to live our lives according to His will.

*St. Paisios the Athonite*

## ***THE FIRST GREAT KNEELING PRAYER OF PENTECOST***

O Lord, who art immaculate, undefiled, unoriginate, invisible, incomprehensible, inscrutable, unchanging, unsurpassable, immeasurable, forbearing, who alone hast immortality, who dwellest in light unapproachable, who hast made heaven and earth and the sea, and all created things therein, who grantest unto all men their petitions before they ask, we pray thee and beseech thee, O Master, who lovest mankind, the Father of our Lord and God and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and of Mary, the ever-virgin and most glorious Theotokos, who first did teach in words and afterwards did show by deeds, when he endured his saving passion, who did give us, thy humble and sinful and unworthy servants, an example, whereby we should offer unto thee prayers with the bending of the neck and knees, both for our own sins and for the ignorance of the people: Do thou thyself, who art great in mercy and lovest mankind, hearken to us in that day when we shall call upon thee, and especially on this day of Pentecost, on which, after our Lord Jesus Christ had ascended into the heavens and had sat down at the right hand of thee, the God and Father, he did send down upon his holy disciples and apostles the Holy Spirit, which did also sit upon each of them, and they were filled with his inexhaustible grace, and they spake with other tongues of thy greatness, and they prophesied. Hearken, therefore, to us now who pray to thee, and remember us, humble and condemned as we are, and turn again the captivity of our souls, thou that hast thine own compassion as intercessor for us. Receive us who fall down before thee and cry: We have sinned. We have cleaved unto thee from our birth, even from our mother's womb. Thou art our God, but since our days have passed in vanity, we have been stripped of thine help, we have been deprived of every defense. But emboldened by thy compassions, we call out: Remember not the sins of our youth and our ignorance and cleanse thou us of our secret sins, cast us not away in time of old age; when our strength faileth, forsake us not. Before we return to the earth, make us worthy to turn again unto thee, and attend to us in favor and grace. Measure our transgressions according to thy compassion, set the depth of thy compassions against the multitude of our offenses. Look down from thy holy heights, O Lord, upon thy people here present who await of thee rich mercy. Visit us in thy goodness. Deliver us from the power of the devil. Make firm our lives with thy holy and sacred laws. Entrust thy people to a faithful guardian angel. Gather us all into thy kingdom. Grant pardon to those that hope in thee. Forgive them and us our sins. Purify us by the operation of thy Holy Spirit. Destroy the snares set for us by the enemy.

#### **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 Niewenhaus 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jad.ibrahim.jr@gmail.com) or Dn. Christian Manasseh at [dchristian@peterpaulpotomac.org](mailto: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

**Today** 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](mailto:bobsimonjr@mail.com). Thanks. Bob

## MEN'S CLUB con't

**Jun 25** \*Ss. Peter & Paul Picnic/Bretton Woods Rec Cntr (see flyer in Narthex)

### June 25 Ss. Peter & Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church Picnic

Immediately following Liturgy  
 Bring a side dish and/or dessert and we'll provide the rest!  
 Games for all ages; soccer, volleyball, basketball, & badminton competitions!  
 Location: Bretton Woods Rec Center/15700 River Road, Germantown, MD 20874.

## "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](mailto:frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org) or Kate Niewenhous at [handmaidens20854@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:georgezaki@gmail.com) or [ajmzaki@gmail.com](mailto:ajmzaki@gmail.com)), Alex Cox at ([alexcoxseils@gmail.com](mailto:alexcoxseils@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.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

Jun 04 \*The Feast of Descent of the Holy Spirit  
 \*Baptism of Olivia Nour Escorcia/1:30p  
 \*Antiochian Women Annual Summer Luncheon  
 Jun 06 \*Men's Club Mtg. & golf preparation/7:00p  
 Jun 07 \*Golf Tournament/Bretton Wood Golf Course  
 Jun 10 \*Teen SOYO HAFLI/6:30p-10p/Kogok Hall  
 \*YAF Social Event  
 \*Baptism of Zayna Khoury Zavadiil/noon  
 Jun 11 \*Last day of Church School  
 \*Baptism of Melanie Bitar/1:30p  
 Jun 12 \*Apostles Fast begins  
 Jun 13 \*Parish Council Mtg./7p  
 Jun 18 \*Father's Day  
 \*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 (see Flyer in Narthex)

## THE EPISTLE

*Their voice has gone out into all the earth. The heavens declare the glory of God.  
 The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (2:1-11)*

When the day of Pentecost had come, the Disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

## GOSPEL

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (7:37-52; 8:12)**

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this He said about the Spirit, which those who believed in Him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, many of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over Him. Some of them wanted to arrest Him, but no one laid hands on Him. The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring Him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in Him? But this crowd, who do not know the Law, are accursed." Nicodemus, who had gone to Him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our Law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

## GREAT FEAST OF THE PENTECOST

Today is the Great Feast of the Pentecost (The Feast of the Descent of the Holy Spirit 50 days after Pascha).

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Directors

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 Jennifer Buchko

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Jumana Misleh  
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Sam Berberian  
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### 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	Tesia Yonkers	Barbara Abraham
Edmond & Sophie Neam		

## DEPARTED

Victoria Audi  
Jana Esber Georges  
Afaf Kanazeh  
Peter Ayoub  
Carol Roach

## 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	Julia Fayad
Alya Giavis	Amir & Sarah Abu-El-Hawa
Maria Zacharias	Piechocinski Family & Tedla Family
Jerry (Jr.), Amy and Audry Audi	

## Stewardship Corner/Theology of Giving Series – Week 18

*St. Irenaeus, Against Heresies, Book IV, Chapter XVII, para. 2-3 ... “And the class of oblations among the Jews and oblations in the church, but what has changed is those who offer, for the offer is now made not by slaves, but by free people.”*

“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>

## NEW AUDIO SOUND SYSTEM

After much study and technical consultation, the Ss. Peter and Paul Parish Council has contracted for the installation of a new audio sound system for the Church Sanctuary. The new system will be installed over the next few weeks and tested. Donations towards the cost of the system (approximately \$43,000.00) to Ss. Peter and Paul Church earmarked ‘Sound System’ will be greatly appreciated.

### 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.

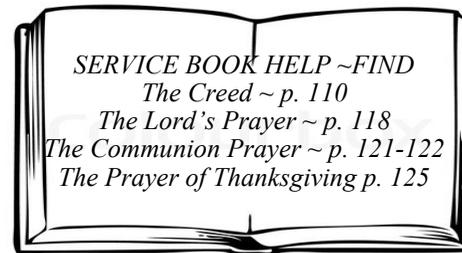
#### PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- 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-



### HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:

Kh. Dolly Crow for the good health of the Crow Family and Ss. Peter & Paul Church  
Piechocinski Family

### FELLOWSHIP OFFERED BY:

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