

	<b>BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION</b>	<b>FELLOWSHIP HOUR</b>
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<b>12 Jun</b>	Zeina Malouf	Open
<b>19 Jun</b>	Alganesh Piechocinski	Open
<b>26 Jun</b>	Open	Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Picnic
<b>03 Jul</b>	Open	Open

**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**

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*All Things Are Possible to Him Who Believes*

**Matins:** Sundays 9:30am  
**Divine Liturgy:** Sundays 10:30am

**SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2016**  
**tone 5/ EOTHINON 8**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA**  
**SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN**

HIEROMARTYR DOROTHEOS, BISHOP OF TYRE; THE HOLY TEN MARTYRS OF EGYPT;  
NEW-MARTYR MARK OF SMYRNA; THEODORE YAROSLAVICH, BROTHER OF ALEXANDER  
NEVSKY; PETER OF KORISHA IN SERBIA

### 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.

### 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 PASCHA (Tone 8)

O Immortal One, when Thou didst descend into the tomb, Thou didst destroy the power of Hades; and Thou didst rise victorious, O Christ God. Thou hast said to the ointment-bearing women: Rejoice! And Thou gavest peace to Thy Disciples, O Bestower of Resurrection to those Who had fallen.

### 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

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## **Man**

"Man is created in the image and likeness of God." In this sense, man is an icon of God and he is called to become a living icon of Christ.

This means that the human being who is separated from the divine Being loses the cause of his existence, because the divine element within us is that which establishes humanity. Man has no existence without God. There is no humanism without theism.

From another perspective, the God in whose image we were created is God the Holy Trinity. Consequently, the divine image that is within each of us is an icon of the Trinity. Thus God, without whom I cannot be truly human, is the God of reciprocal love. He is not a single individual who loves Himself, but three individuals who love each other.

We humans are called, then, to be people who love each other with shared love (perichoresis).

We must reflect the spirit of Trinitarian communion on earth.

None of us can attain human perfection in isolation. I must love others and be loved by them.

If all of this is not available in society-- in global, human communion-- it creates various forms of pain and suffering and in the end, the god-man is distorted, as he is present and saved in the person of Christ, with the crown of thorns and the robe of purple, the God-man whom Pilate brought out to the crowd and said "Behold the man" (John 19:5). This is the icon that is usually placed on the divine altar. Then the Jews and the chief priests responded, "crucify Him, crucify, Him... He must die because He made Himself the Son of God" (John 19:6).

"Behold the man:" wretched, tormented, rejected... even the form does not remain. The Book of Hebrews provides us with a hopeful way out in the dispensation of God the Creator in the divine words of the God-inspired Psalm:

"What is man that You are mindful of him, or the son of man that You take care of him? You have made him a little lower than the angels; You have crowned him with glory and honor" (Hebrews 2:6-7; Psalm 8:4-6) "for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone" (Hebrews 2:9).

There is a contrast between Christ's glory and His descent (to hell), between man's glory in creation and the resurrection (the new creation) and man's weakness on account of his freedom, his suffering, his passions, and his inevitable death.

Despite this contrast, man approaches the pure angels and likewise their glory and holiness with dignity, becoming a king of creation, master over all God's works. The Son of man became a suffering, dying man that might become a glorified god.

**+Ephrem  
Metropolitan of Tripoli, al-Koura and their Dependencies**

### Volunteer for FOCUS North America Summer Feeding Program

**Summer feeding** is a government sponsored initiative to provide nutritious meals to children who might otherwise experience food scarcity during the summer months. This program will take place at **St. Mary Orthodox Church**, 7223 Roosevelt Ave, Falls Church, Virginia 22042, **August 1-5, 2016**. Volunteers are needed from 7:30 am - 2:30 pm each day, and will assist with serving food, leading games and activities for the children, and cleanup. At least **15 adult volunteers are needed per day**. Teens over the age of 14 are also welcome to volunteer! (All adult volunteers will be required to submit to a background check). Questions? Please don't hesitate to contact Lauren Cooper, FOCUS site coordinator, at [stmarysummerfeeding@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysummerfeeding@gmail.com). Together, we can provide physical and spiritual nourishment to children in need. Please join us!

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

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

**June 05** Sunday School classes scheduled  
**June 12** Ice Cream Celebration-Last day of Sunday School

### TEEN SOYO

**June 11** End-Of-Year bowling & dinner party  
**June 26** Ss. Peter & Paul picnic  
**June 29** Parish Life Conference/Antiochian Village

### YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

**June 15, 2016** The next meeting for the Young Adult Fellowship Study Group is **Wednesday, June 15, 2016 @8:00pm**. The bi-weekly Wednesday evening meetings will be moderated by Amber Bennett and will start with the reading and discussion of the book "Mere Christianity" by C.S. Lewis. The meeting will be held at: 2030 Freedom Lane, Falls Church, VA 22043 (Dn. Christian's home). There will also be an on-line conference link. For more information contact Fr. Isaac Crow ([frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org](mailto:frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org)), Dn. Christian Manasseh ([dnchristian@peterpaulpotomac.org](mailto:dnchristian@peterpaulpotomac.org)) or Amber Bennett ([bennett.amberrose@gmail.com](mailto:bennett.amberrose@gmail.com))

### "EXPLORING OUR FAITH"

#### THE SS. PETER AND PAUL ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORUM

In an effort to better understand and discover the rich spiritual, historical, doctrinal and scriptural tradition of our Holy Orthodox Faith, the Adult Religious Education Forum "Exploring Our Faith" meets every other Thursday evening from **7:15pm to 8:30pm** in the lower level conference room. Fr. Isaac facilitates the meetings in an informal setting using brief presentations as a springboard to open discussion on a wide range of topics concerning our Faith. The next meeting is **Thursday, June 9, 2016. ALL ARE WELCOME.**

### TRADITIONS COOKBOOK

#### WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!!

We are planning the next publication of our recipe book revised to reflect our Feast Days and the different traditions within our parish. This edition focuses on traditional recipes representative of all our backgrounds and culinary traditions. Please submit a recipe (and photo if you have one) for consideration by emailing it to Michele Forzley at [mforzley@comcast.net](mailto:mforzley@comcast.net) please. Our goal is to have the book ready for the Festival. The deadline for submissions is **midnight June 30, 2016**. We also plan to prepare a companion video on the techniques to make some of the foods – if you would be willing to be in a video let me know too.

### 2016 BAZAAR UPDATE

**Ss. PETER & PAUL BAZAAR — SAVE THE DATE**  
Ss. Peter & Paul 33rd Annual Bazaar **September 23-25, 2016**. Please contact us with your thoughts and interest in volunteering! Contact [wayne.parr@gmail.com](mailto:wayne.parr@gmail.com) 571-294-0197 or Barbara Abraham [bmwabraham@gmail.com](mailto:bmwabraham@gmail.com) 301-949-1056

### ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

**Sunday, June 12, 2016 — Save the Date**  
The Antiochian Women are having their end-of-the-year luncheon to honor the officers and welcome the new. The date is **Sunday, June 12 at 1:00pm** at Normandie Farm Restaurant ([www.popovers.com](http://www.popovers.com) for full Sunday brunch menu) located at 10710 Falls Road, Potomac, MD The cost for the brunch is \$42.00 for adults (checks should be made to Ss. Peter & Paul Church Antiochian Women's Auxiliary). Please contact Donna Gavin at [razygavins@verizon.net](mailto:razygavins@verizon.net) (703-463-1074) or Barbara Bosworth at [byboswoth@fcps.edu](mailto:byboswoth@fcps.edu) (703-278-3161) See the flyer on the round table in Narthex for more information.

### FEAST OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL Save the Date – Sunday, June 26.

The Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul is Wednesday, June 29. The Parish will celebrate our Patronal Feast Day on **Sunday, June 26** following the Liturgy with a parish picnic right down the road at Bretton Woods Recreation Center & Golf Club. All are welcome to share in this event so mark your calendar! See the flyer on the round table in the Narthex.

### Upcoming events...

Jun 05 \*Ibrahim Saah Baptism/1:00p  
Jun 08 \*Divine Liturgy/Feast of the Ascension 7p  
Jun 09 \*Adult Ed Forum/LL Conf. Rm./7:15p  
Jun 11 \*Teen SOYO/End-of-Year Bowling & dinner party  
Jun 12 \*Antiochian Women EOY Luncheon (see above for more information & flyer on round table)  
\*Last day of Sunday Schl w/ice cream celebration  
Jun 14 \*Parish Council Mtg/LL Conf. Rm. 7:00p  
Jun 15 \*Young Adult Fellowship Study Group/8p/off-site & on-line (see above for more details)  
Jun 19 \*Emerson Naccache West/Baptism/1:00p  
Jun 25 \*Noor Marie Atallah/Baptism/11a  
Jun 26 \*Ss. P&P Parish Picnic following Liturgy Bretton Woods (more info to follow)  
Jun 28 \*Divine Liturgy/Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul 7p  
Jun 29 \*Men's Golf Tournament/Bretton Woods/8a-4p  
\*Parish Life Conference/Antiochian Village/thru July 3  
Jul 04 Church offices closed

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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.

A large part of the responsibility for a person's spiritual state lies with the family. For children to be released from their various inner problems it is not enough for them to receive good advice or to be compelled by force; nor do logical arguments or threats do any good. These things rather make matters worse. The solution is to be found through the sanctification of the parents. Become saints and you will have no problems with your children. The sanctity of their parents releases the children from their problems. Children want to have saintly people at their side, people with lots of love who will neither intimidate them nor lecture them, but who will provide a saintly example and pray for them. You parents should pray silently to Christ with upraised arms and embrace your children mystically. When they misbehave you will take some disciplinary measures, but you will not coerce them. Above all you need to pray.

*+Elder Porphyrios of Kafiokalyvia*

### **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

## 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.

*SERVICE BOOK HELP ~FIND*  
 The Creed ~ p. 110  
 The Lord's Prayer ~ p. 118  
 The Communion Prayer ~ p. 121-122  
 The Prayer of Thanksgiving p. 125

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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

Margaret Ashley	May Fillah
Richie Kogok	Brian Briggs
Isabel Thredch	Holly Dubois
Bertha Aed	Edmond & Sophie Neam

## LIVING

Archpriest George & Family	Richie Ayoub	Ibrahim Mazen Saah
Josephine Lofgren	Nabeeha Ayoub	Mazen & Ruba Saah
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## PASTORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Effective June 1, 2016, the Faithful of the Ss. Peter and Paul Parish Community are kindly requested to direct all Pastoral communications to Fr. Isaac our new Pastor. These include all day-to-day parish visitations, sick calls, prayers and sacraments, Pastoral consultations, and Parish Ministries and ongoing parish events and projects. Fr. Isaac can be reached at the following: cell (401) 300-8238, office (301) 765-3400/prompt 1, or FrIsaac@peterpaulpotomac.org.

## Stewardship Corner

Theology of Giving Series – Week 23 – June 5, 2016

*Ephesians 3: 14-15 ... "For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named."*

"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>

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