

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
10 Jun	The Younes Family/40-Day Memorial for Jeannette Younes (Holy Bread & Memorial Wheat)	Church Picnic
17 Jun	Marie Hyder IMO Metropolitan PAUL	Marie Hyder IMO Metropolitan PAUL
24 Jun	Tawil Family/IMO Nimatallah Elias Tawil /Holy Bread & Memorial Wheat	Tawil Family/IMO Nimatallah Elias Tawil /Holy Bread & Memorial Wheat
01 Jul	Rainier & Jamilee Bellone/IMO-3 memorials (Holy Bread & Memorial Wheat) Memorial Service for Fr. Alistair Anderson (Contact is Sue Fannoney)	Rainier & Jamilee Bellone
08 Jul	The Rados Family IMO Jacqui Rados	The Rados Family IMO Jacqui Rados

**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 10, 2018

TONE 1 / EOTHINON 2

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

& SECOND SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

MARTYR ALEXANDER AND VIRGIN-MARTYR ANTONINA AT CONSTANTINOPLE;
VENERABLE THEOPHANES THE MONK AND PANSEMNE THE FORMER HARLOT OF
ANTIOCH;

JOHN THE WONDERWORKER, METROPOLITAN OF TOBOLSK AND ALL SIBERIA

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 1)

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

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 FOR ORDINARY SUNDAYS (Tone 2)

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

Brothers and Sisters! The all-merciful God desires happiness for us both in this life and in the life to come. To this end He established His Holy Church, so that she might cleanse us from sin, sanctify us, reconcile us with Him and give us a heavenly blessing. The embrace of the Church is always open to us. Let us all hasten there more quickly, we whose consciences are burdened. Let us hasten, and the Church will lift the weight of our burdens, give us boldness before God, and fill our hearts with happiness and blessedness.

St. Nectarios of Aegina

THE PRAYERS OF PARENTS

Hieromonk Calinic (Berger)

Why did the Lord ignore her? She was suffering on account of her daughter. We can only imagine the state of this woman, especially if it may be assumed that she had no husband and a severely afflicted daughter. The Lord ignored her petition. Her heart then broke: "Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me." Jesus answered her with an insult: "It's not right to cast the children's bread to dogs." A child was the most important person in the family whereas a dog in Palestine was a scavenger, often considered to be like a rodent. Yet Jesus' words did not deter this woman. A broken, humble heart is unaffected by insults, just as it is unaffected by praise. She had nothing of herself left on behalf of her daughter. If Christ was referring to something about her personal life, she was willing to confess it: "Yes, it is so, Lord." Yet she did this in the context of her selfless prayer for her daughter. "And her daughter was healed from that very hour." She did not quit.

Neither of these parents was a saint. One lacked faith, the other was possibly unrighteous. What they had in common was a love that would not quit. This love drove them to kneel before the Son of God, confess their imperfections and beg healing for someone other than themselves. God never ignores a "broken and contrite heart" (Ps 50:17). According to St. Cyril of Alexandria, such is the *only* sacrifice God accepts. Neither does God ignore the fervent, unwavering prayer of a desperate parent. But offering this prayer is a crucifixion that must be suffered to win the resurrection of the child. Without the crucifixion, there is no resurrection.

The Old Testament also tells us of many unrighteous parents whose repentance and fervent prayer to God on behalf of their children was heard. Jacob and David are the prime examples. When God gives a gift to a child on behalf of the prayer of a desperate parent or grandparent, that gift is *never taken away*. True, the child can use, misuse, or not use at all that gift. Whatever the case, he will always have it.

Prayer is an essential component of parenting. So it could be said: on the one hand, one must not spare the rod (Prov 13:24), but on the other, one must get down on the hands and knees in prayer. Parents should talk to their children about God, but also need to talk to God about their children. The balance between these two is up to each parent, as each parent and each child is unique. But one should not neglect fervent, consistent prayer. Unlock its power. While healing does not always depend on the faith of oneself or others but also on the mysterious will and purpose of God, nevertheless, our prayer is an *indispensable component* in working *with* God. God acts when we persistently pray (cf., Lk 18:7-8).

To those who are not parents: remember to pray selflessly for others. It's one thing to pray for ourselves but quite another when we pray selflessly for others. A prayer from another is something every one of us needs.

God hears persistent, selfless prayers. If we do not feel the faith to offer such prayers, let us too cry out, "Lord, I believe — help my unbelief!" If when drawing near to God we feel our unrighteousness, let us confess our failings and weaknesses, laying them down at the feet of Jesus and again crying out, "Lord, help us!"

Part 2 of 2

SS. PETER AND PAUL CHURCH 35TH 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.

Jerry Audi/Chair (703) 599-2317
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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/GQ6uQSnltimwJW2>. 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/t1rhu>

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>
Contact the Lay Advisors for more details:
Zaid Sharafudin / Zaid.sharafudin@gmail.com
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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 or Amal Michael at amal17m@yahoo.com for more information.

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

June 27 - July 01 *Representatives from Antiochian Women 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 or ajmzaki@gmail.com), Alex Cox at (alexcoxells@gmail.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 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

CHURCH CALENDAR

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- Jul 01 *Parish Life Conference at the Antiochian Village (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

(For Second Sunday after Pentecost)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.
The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (2:10-16)

Brethren, glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law, and all who have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law. For it is not the hearers of the Law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the Law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the Law do by nature what the Law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the Law. They show that what the Law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

THE GOSPEL

(For Second Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (4:18-23)

At that time, as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and He called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. And He went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

A TALE OF TWO CONVENTS

Thanks are offered to all those who supported the fundraising reception for the convents and orphanages in Syria last Saturday, June 2nd. Special thanks to Philip and Raghda Allen and their committee for an excellent job in organizing and hosting the event.

Donations are still being accepted through Sunday June 17. Please make your donation check to 'Ss. Peter & Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church' earmarked 'Syrian Convents' in the lower left memo section on the check.

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
(see flyer in Narthex)

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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	Mary Smith	Charles Cox
Isabel Threddeh	George Brown	Nabeeha Ayoub
Everett Alvarez	Holly Dubois	Robert & Thelma Badwey
Edmond & Sophie Neam	Miriam Yazge	Barbara Abraham
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Sam Olden	Younes Families	Quiter Family
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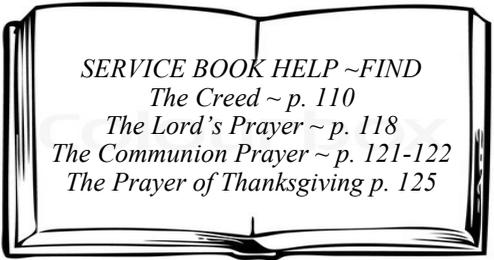
Orthodox Christians
Faithful Orthodox fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when they receive Holy Communion in fulfillment of Christ's command to eat His Body and drink His Blood. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, communicants should not be conscious of grave sin, 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:
Younes Families & Quiter Family/40-Day Memorial for Jeannette Younes

FELLOWSHIP:
Church Picnic at Bretton Woods (see Flyer in Narthex)

IOCC FALAFEL LUNCH-SUNDAY JUNE 24 FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY
Come and enjoy a delicious falafel lunch and fellowship. Net proceeds will benefit IOCC's Syrian Crisis Response Fund. Join us at Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, 909 Shawan Road, Cockeysville, MD 21030. Adults are \$10.00 and Kids (9 and under) \$5.00. Please email Saydeh Karabatis at saydeh@verizon.net. See flyer in the Narthex for more information.

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 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: ViceChair@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.