

	<b>Bread of Holy Oblation</b>	<b>Fellowship Hour</b>
<b>16 Jun</b>	Zakieh Jweied & Family Halim & Hayat Barakat (No Memorial Services)	George & Meghan Zoto
<b>23 Jun</b>	Asma (Amy) Trey-Hamarneh Khalil & Lowry Families	Khalil & Lowry Families
<b>30 Jun</b>	Open	<b>Church Picnic</b>
<b>07 Jul</b>	Open	Open
<b>14 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 Kogok Hall.

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**SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2019**  
**THE FIFTIETH DAY AFTER PASCHA**  
**THE GREAT FEAST OF PENTECOST**

**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.

**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.

The aim of all those who live in God is to please our Lord Jesus Christ and become reconciled with God the Father through receiving the Holy Spirit, thus securing their salvation, for in this consists the salvation of every soul. If this aim and this activity is lacking, all other labour is useless and all other striving is in vain. Every path of life which does not lead to this is without profit.

*St. Symeon the New Theologian*

**FATHER'S DAY**

Today on the occasion of Father's Day, Ss. Peter and Paul Church offers prayers for the Fathers, Grandfathers, and God Fathers, of our Parish Community. May God strengthen and protect the Christian Fathers and guide them in understanding their God-given responsibilities for their families.

**2019 STEWARDSHIP DRIVE**

The 2019 Stewardship Drive is ongoing. Please support your church with your time, talents and treasure and fill out a stewardship form in paper (located in the Narthex) or online at [peterpaulpotomac.elexiochms.com](http://peterpaulpotomac.elexiochms.com). **Please** make the commitment to **support** the Church through your generous free-will donation. If you have any questions or need more information, please see Fr. Isaac, Fr. Luke or Zeina Manasseh (zeina.maalouf@gmail.com) in the fellowship hall following the Liturgy for more information. Thank you for your support!

**THE SPACE BETWEEN VIRTUE AND PASSION**  
**St. Maximus the Confessor**

**PASSIONS AND VIRTUES**

The notions of passion and its sister, virtue, have been examined, and the terms re-defined and re-purposed, since human beings began to reflect on human nature. Homer's Iliad is a narrative of passions. The central figure, Archilleas, is suffused with anger, as the Iliad's first sentence shows: "The wrath sing, goddess, of Peleus' son, Archilleas, that destructive wrath which brought countless woes upon the Achaeans." Unfortunately, an anger-management class would not have cured this passion. Passions are not always simple: within them can be suffering or agony, as well as glee or delight. Passions are impetuous, giving rise to irresistible, iniquitous impulses that effectively impede human beings from acting virtuously.

The concept of virtue like passion, developed over time. Homer describes Odysseus as virtuous, characterizing mastery as a mark of virtue. Greek philosophers viewed virtue in the context of comparisons. Virtues, once innate to human beings, are good in a way recognizable by all. They are not discovered; rather, they are self-evident, and to be nurtured and developed so that they become habitual in practice.

Virtues are a measure of a person's character, and reflect the depths of his soul. Virtue's sword battles the passions via reason, while simultaneously shielding the soul from the passions' blows. When virtues incur wounds in battle, the passions intensify. The passions are obstructionists. This open, ongoing warfare between two motives (passion and virtue) required clarification. The ancient paradigm needed, at a minimum, adjusting. Indeed, a new paradigm could replace it, and St. Maximus was open to the challenge; his exploration of the soul's obscure side bore fruit.

**CHRISTIANITY REQUIRED A UNIQUE IDENTITY**

In the time of St. Maximus, Christians needed an identity, separate from competing faiths, for different reasons. They needed to cement the schism with Judaism, to combat heresies, and to forge a cosmological framework, frequently using a syllogistic method. St. Maximus contributed to this sharpening of identity by co-opting Plato's understanding of virtue and passion, and adapting it to the thought of the earlier Church Fathers, incorporating New Testament references. He also reformulated ancient philosophical principles, ranking these virtues according to their value. His work unleashed a rejuvenated theology.

By doing so, St. Maximus reconfigured the respective roles of virtue and passion. The opposition of passion to virtue was no longer absolute. It was not a symbiotic relationship, nor was an epiphytic one, in which one action (passion) is dependent on the other (virtue). Instead, St. Maximus articulated the existence of a common ground, a space between the two.

**PASSIONS — MULTI-DIMENSIONAL**

Passions, according to St. Maximus, were homologous to vice and "nearly always indicate something evil." Unchecked, they breed additional passions, giving rise to destructive emotions: anger, hatred, and fear. Passions, however, also point to the goodness of creation; they presuppose that things can be enjoyed, and that one can be impartial, and not overcome by passion. They are divisible into natural and unnatural. Passions of the body, such as lust, are considered "impure in sin of deed." Passions of the mind begin with false understandings, issue in fervent thoughts, and invariably conclude with acquiescence to sin. Passions of the soul, according to St. Maximus, are "impure in not acting according to nature," with self-love crowned as the "king of all passions." All the other passions can be traced back to it.

The only way to defeat the evil passions is to overcome them by fertilizing the virtues so that they grow strong and "separate the mind from the passions." The Christian is to employ love and self-mastery in order to "keep the mind detached from things and from their representations." Once the mind is emancipated from the passions, it may without a scintilla of distraction "engage contemplation of the natural order in meditation." We learn, however, that all passions, per se, are not evil. Rather, God bestowed humankind with a certain "spiritual capacity for pleasure," a passion whereby human beings could savor God.

# 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/GQ6uQSnltimwgvJW2>, include your email as most Church school announcements go out to the entire parish. Please list all/allergies.

**Check out our new online Church School Newsletter**  
<https://tinyurl.com/PeterPaulCsoctober>

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](mailto:wayneparr@gmail.com) or Amal Michael at [amal17m@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:sk1943@aol.com) or Fred Zacharia at [fredzach@verizon.net](mailto:fredzach@verizon.net) for more information.

**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 June 17 from 7:30p—9:00p at the home of Elizabeth & Andrew Silisty, 13964 James Cross St., Chantilly, VA 20151.** The topic is "Babel, Pentecost & 21st Century". All are welcome; please contact Fr. Isaac or Fr. Luke for information or to volunteer your home for a future meeting. This is the last meeting of the current session and meetings will resume in September.

## 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](mailto:georgezaki@gmail.com) or [ajmzaki@gmail.com](mailto:ajmzaki@gmail.com)), Alex Cox at ([alexcoxells@gmail.com](mailto:alexcoxells@gmail.com)), Paula Massouh ([pmassouh@aol.com](mailto:pmassouh@aol.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 SS. PETER & PAUL PARISH LIBRARY & MEDIA CENTER

The 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 16** \*Father's Day  
\*Congratulations and Blessings to Our Graduates  
**Jun 17** \*Monday evening Exploring Our Faith "On Wheels" 7:30p—9:00p/  
Chantilly, VA location (see above box for more details)  
**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 (see box below & flyer in Narthex)  
**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 (see flyer in Narthex)  
**Jul 05** \*Baptism/Patrick Heimbach/12:00p  
**Jul 07** \*Baptism/Nicholas Jorge Saleh/1:30p  
**Aug 24** \*Wedding/Pablo Rincon & Miriam Kheirbek/4p  
**Sep 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](http://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](mailto:lornaam@aol.com) or Thomaseena Cox/H=(301) 497-9471, C=775-3842. ([cox1903@aol.com](mailto: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.

## 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."

## THE 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 any one 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."

## OCCM UPDATE

- Many thanks for donations to the OCCM box this month. So far, we have collected \$20, which is designated for the month of June to the mission of our parishioner, Amber Bennett who will be going to the first Orthodox mission to Sweden on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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. The OCCM box is located at the candle counter in the narthex.
- The Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCCM) is hiring a Development Director: Do you know someone who would be delighted to be the OCCM Development Director? Send them this link to apply: <http://orthodoxjobs.com/postings/OCCM-Development-Director.html>

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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

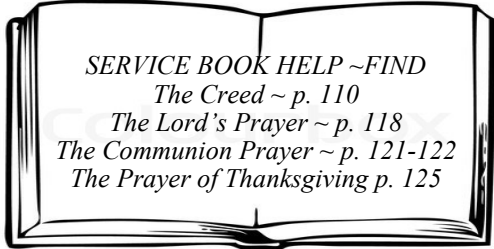
**Orthodox Christians**  
Faithful Orthodox fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when they receive Holy Communion in fulfillment of Christ's command to eat His Body and drink His Blood. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, communicants should not be conscious of grave 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.



**Parishioners who remain in our prayers continually**

Rt. Rev. Fr. Elias Bitar	Rt. Rev. Daniel Griffith	Jamie Simon
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Jamal, Issam & Rasmieh Jweied  
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Rolf Guegel  
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Qose Family	Antonios Barakat & Family
Theodosius Jonusllari	Alessandra Guegel
Victor Cassis & Family	
Ghassan, Zakieh, Elias, Serene, & Maha Jweied	
Zaki, Diryana & Omar Nasser	
Roland, Reema & Nicholas Guegel	

Prayers for Fred & Sherrie Zacharia on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

**HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:**  
Zakieh Jweied and Family  
Halim & Hayat Barakat

**FELLOWSHIP OFFERED BY:**  
George & Meghan Zoto

**CONGRATULATIONS & BLESSINGS TO OUR 2019 GRADUATES**

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Nils Lofgren	Meriam Mossad Michael	Michael Rados	Sarah Salem
Kamra Zanayed	Christopher Zolnerowich	Nicholas Zolnerowich	