

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
17 Jun	Chris Malaska IMO Metropolitan PAUL Halim & Hayat Barakat	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/memorials (Holy Bread & Memorial Wheat) Memorial Service for Fr. Alistair Anderson (Contact is Sue Fannoney)	Parish Council Welcome Fr. Luke
08 Jul	The Rados Family IMO Jacqui Rados	The Rados Family IMO Jacqui Rados
15 Jul	open	George Jabbour

**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 17, 2018

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**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& THIRD SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

MARTYRS ISAUROS AND THOSE WITH HIM OF ATHENS; MARTYRS MA-
NUEL, SABEL AND ISHMAEL OF PERSIA; VENERABLE JOSEPH AND PIOR,
DISCIPLES OF ANTHONY THE GREAT; MARTYR NECTAN OF HARTLAND

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 2)

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then
Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from
beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver
of life, glory to Thee.

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 interces-
sion, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos,
them that honor thee.

The holy Church includes many people, men, women and children without num-
ber. They are all quite different from one another in birth, in size, in nationality,
and language, in style of living and age, in trades and opinions, in clothes and
customs, in knowledge and rank, in welfare and in appearance. They are nonethe-
less all of them in the selfsame Church. Thanks to her, they are all reborn, newly
created in the Spirit. The Church grants to all of them without distinction the
grace of belonging to Christ and of taking His name by calling themselves Chris-
tians.

St. Maximos the Confessor

Forgiving Ourselves

Hieromonk Calinic (Berger)

The Apostles Peter and Judas were two men that *failed* in life. They failed for different reasons: Peter denied Christ because his zeal and devotion to Christ were not enough to overcome the mockery of the crowd, even when it was expressed by the questioning of a young servant girl. Judas betrayed Christ because he felt he knew better than the other Apostles, and felt superior to them. Since he was the one who had the money bag, he also began to think that he ultimately “ran the show.” Soon, he thought he knew better than Jesus Himself.

Whatever attitudes or situations that motivated them to do so, both of these chosen Apostles and confidants of Christ, each endowed with the gift of healing, betrayed their all-good and perfectly disinterested Friend and Master, Jesus, in His most desperate hour. Likewise, both of these men came to a realization of what they had done. They had failed. The reactions of Peter and Judas to the realization of their respective failures were vastly different. Peter realized what he had done and wept bitterly. Then Peter voluntarily defrocked himself — he went back to fishing, known no longer as “Peter” but again simply as “Simon, son of Jonah.” Judas returned the bounty money to the temple priests. Then Judas committed suicide.

Peter realized the gravity of what he had done and repented. He repented because he could forgive himself. Peter did not take himself so seriously as to think he was without fault. The beginning of Peter’s apostleship was based on the words “Depart from me, O Lord, for I am a sinful man” (Lk 5:8). Because of his humility, Peter was eventually forgiven by Christ and again became the leader of the Apostles. Judas realized the gravity of what he had done but never gave himself the opportunity to repent. His fall led to a public disgrace which his pride could neither tolerate nor overcome. Judas was accustomed to being in the position of judging others and their deeds, looking down on their supposed lack of sophistication, which did not meet his standards. To reverse this role would have been intolerable. Judas therefore did not give himself the opportunity to be forgiven by the others, nor by Christ. He did not respect their forgiveness and so he did not seek it.

The difference between Peter and Judas is simple: Peter in humbleness of mind had mercy on himself. He submitted himself to the judgment of Christ, as a sinner. Jesus then forgave Peter. Judas in pride and haughtiness could not have mercy on himself if this involved having others look down on him. He could not submit himself to the judgment of others, as a sinner. Judas did not give himself the chance to ask for Christ's forgiveness.

The examples of Peter and Judas are instructive for each one of us. Forgiving ourselves is a difficult but necessary step in the spiritual life. It is difficult because it often involves an attitude that realizes that we have not always lived up to our publically declared ideals (“Even if all these deny You, I will never deny You,” Mk 14:29-31) — even if we have declared these ideals to no one but ourselves. It is necessary because without the humility which such an acknowledgment and confession requires, we cannot remove the roadblocks to our authentic personhood. In other words, we cannot become the persons we are meant to be when things which are below the standard of the Gospel remain hidden in our hearts and lives.

Part 1 of 2

SS. PETER AND PAUL CHURCH 35TH ANNUAL MEDITERRANEAN 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.

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:

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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 - *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.

ANNUAL MEDITERRANEAN FESTIVAL (BAZAAR)

From the Bakery Committee

Preparations are underway by the bakery committee to ensure we once again have a successful and profitable weekend. In an effort to realize as much profit as possible, we are seeking monetary donations towards the purchase of the needed ingredients. If you are able to assist with a monetary donation, please make your check payable to "Ss. Peter and Paul Church", earmarked for the "Bakery". Checks can be handed/mailed to: Denise Bolus, 7420 Westlake Terrace, #1409, Bethesda, MD 20817. We would appreciate all donations by July 31, 2018, and we thank you in advance for your generosity.

In addition, we're calling on all bakers to come and join us for as many of the baking sessions as you can! All sessions begin at 10:00 am. Here is the schedule:

Mamoul — Thursday, August 2 — 10am
Ghrabee & Yansoon — Tuesday, August 7 — 10am
Birds' Nests — Thursday, August 9 — 10am

For any questions please contact: Mary Misleh at marymisleh@gmail.com or Denise Bolus at bolus.denise@gmail.com

Custard Triangles — Tuesday, August 14 — 10am
Knafee/Thursday — August 16 — 10am

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 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 01 *40-Day Memorial for Fr. Alister Anderson
*Fellowship Hour to welcome Fr. Luke Toumi & his family by the Parish Council
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 Mediterranean Festival (Bazaar)

THE EPISTLE

(For Third Sunday after Pentecost)

The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me sorely.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (5:1-10)

Brethren, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man—though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows His love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

THE GOSPEL

(For Third Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (6:22-33)

The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore, I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink; nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not the soul more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of heaven: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his stature? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon himself in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore, do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

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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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

Margaret Ashley	Mary Smith	Charles Cox
Isabel Thredah	George Brown	Nabeeha Ayoub
Everett Alvarez	Holly Dubois	Robert & Thelma Badwey
Edmond & Sophie Neam	Miriam Yazge	Barbara Abraham
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Marie Hyder & Family	Joe Ghanem & Family	Halim & Hayat Barakat
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Victor Cassis & Family	Monifa Doumani & Family	
Anthony, Mona Saliba, & Isabelle Nora Briggs		
James, Catherine & Elizabeth Anne Spiller		
Christopher, Kathleen & Samuel Saa		

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES 2018

With the coming of summer, the month of June marks the half-year on the Church calendar. The Parish Council kindly wishes to remind all of the faithful for both individuals and families to submit their annual stewardship pledge to the Church. Membership and financial forms are readily available in the Narthex and on-line. PLEASE make the commitment to SUPPORT the Church through your generous free-will pledges. Any questions concerning stewardship pledges may be addressed to Alex Cox Parish Council Chair or Fr. Isaac Crow,

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, Cockeyville, 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.

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.

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

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:

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