

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
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 & Family
08 Jul	The Rados Family IMO Jacqui Rados Mary Pinkstaff/IMO Martin Pinkstaff (Memorial Wheat)	The Rados Family IMO Jacqui Rados
15 Jul	Yousef & Ghada Majlaton	George Jabbour
22 Jul	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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Matins: Sundays 9:30am
Divine Liturgy: Sundays 10:30am

SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2018
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NATIVITY OF THE FORERUNNER AND BAPTIST JOHN
NEW-MARTYR PANAYIOTIS OF CAESAREA IN CAPPADOCIA

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 3)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST (Tone 4)

*(**Be quick to anticipate**)*

O prophet and Forerunner of Christ God's coming to us, * all we who with longing now extol thee are at a loss to honor thee worthily. * For thy mother's barrenness and father's long silence, * by thine all-renowned and hallowed birth, were both ended, * and the Incarnation of the Son of God is preached unto all the world.

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.

ORDINARY KONTAKION (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.

THE EPISTLE

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord. O God, hear my voice when I cry unto Thee.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (13:11-14:4)

Brethren, salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for God is able to make him stand.

Forgiving Ourselves

Hieromonk Calinic (Berger)

Forgiving ourselves always involves a removal of masks — the façade of ourselves that we often present to the world — and such a removal must take place before others, specifically, before Christ and the Church. Hence we have the sacrament of Confession. The example of Peter and Judas is very telling in this respect, although the removal of their masks was a bit more severe. Both Peter and Judas had the masks ripped off them, in public, in full view of everyone. This was all the more traumatic because they had no one to blame for their unmask-ing but themselves.

We might not make such a radical denial of Christ, nor suffer such an unmasking, but all of us fall short in many things. At times these things can drag us down into a depression, making us run and hide from God and thereby from our authentic selves as well. Quite often, we cannot forgive ourselves. We have no problem having mercy on others but we cannot have mercy on ourselves. The Holy Fathers actually specify the motivation behind the inability to have mercy on oneself: pride. Authenticity always presupposes confession and forgiveness, and these presuppose humility of mind, the opposite of pride.

Forgiving ourselves is a necessary step in the healing of our souls, because it is interwoven with an act of humility that acknowledges weakness and even sinfulness. Without wishing to be forgiven, we will not actually be forgiven. If we just try to forget and deny — a spiritual suicide — then whatever is gnawing away at our heart is not removed. This does not allow the act of repentance and forgiveness to take place through which we are restored to health — or better, through which like Peter we are reinstated in the life which God has called us to live, a life of service, witness, joy and energy.

The Gospel examples of Peter and Judas can therefore be for us a lesson of renewal. In this, we must avoid the pride, concern for public opinion and subsequent suicidal despair of Judas. Where God is present there is no room for pride or despair. Rather, we must cling to the passionate tears and humble repentance of Peter. Only the latter can prepare us for Christ's return to our lives. Only then will we answer affirmatively His pointed question, "Do you love Me?" (Jn 21:15).

Part 2 of 2

ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE CAMP BUS TRANSPORTATION

A bus will be available to transport our children to the Antiochian Village for the summer camp, **Session 4**. Availability is on a first come first serve basis, and a minimum of 14 is required. Those who wish to participate in this, should contact Zeina and Alaa Al Kallas no later than July 10, at:

alkallas1@hotmail.com.

zeinaest@hotmail.com.

Please email both.

The cost is based on participation and could be \$116 round trip or less.

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/GQ6uQSnltimwgvJW2>. 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.

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 (alexcoxsells@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 24 *Baptism Joseph Sarkis 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. Alistar 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)

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!

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(see flyer in Narthex)

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (1:1-25, 57-68, 76, 80)

Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things which have been accomplished among us, just as they were delivered to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may know the truth concerning the things of which you have been informed. In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah; and he had a wife of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blamelessly. But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years. Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, according to the custom of the priesthood, it fell to him by lot to enter the Temple of the Lord and burn incense. And the whole multitude of the people was praying outside at the hour of incense. And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And Zacharias was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth; for he will be great before the Lord, and he shall drink neither wine nor strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. And he will turn many of the sons of Israel to the Lord their God, and he will go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared." And Zacharias said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years." And the angel answered him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God; and I was sent to speak to you, and to bring you this good news. And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things come to pass, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time." And the people were waiting for Zacharias, and they wondered at his delay in the temple. And when he came out, he could not speak to them, and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple; and he made signs to them and remained dumb. And when his time of service was ended, he went to his home. After these days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she hid herself, saying, "Thus the Lord has done to me in the days when he looked on me, to take away my reproach among men." Now the time came for Elizabeth to be delivered, and she gave birth to a son. And her neighbors and kinsfolk heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they would have named him Zacharias after his father, but his mother said, "Not so; he shall be called John." And they said to her, "None of your kindred is called by this name." And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he would have him called. And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, "His name is John." And they all marvelled. And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea; and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying "What then will this child be?" For the hand of the Lord was with him. And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people. And you, child, will be called the Prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare His ways." And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day of his manifestation to Israel.

Endure everything, and you will be at peace and you will bring peace to others! But if you complain about details, you will lose peace and along with it salvation.

St. Anatoly of Optina

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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 Threddeh	George Brown	Nabeeha Ayoub
Everett Alvarez	Holly Dubois	Robert & Thelma Badwey
Edmond & Sophie Neam	Miriam Yazge	Barbara Abraham
George & Joan Abraham	Lula Brown	Douglas Kalesh
Michael Buchko, Sr.	Edward Rizkallah	Dorothy Marge

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Leila Khoury	Isa Saleh & Saleh Family	Brian Briggs
Rene Saa	Robert & Joyce Najjar	Nicholas Shidlovsky
George & Joanna Khoury	Rima Rizkallah & Family	Assad & Patricia Khoury
Vilma Bellone	Suad Shammass	Mary Pinkstaff & Family
Margo Sahouri-Ghanem	Caesar Kavadoy	Musa, Laila & Alina Farmand
Nawal & John Kazalah & Family		Elias & Gahda Taweel & Family
Bassam & Goerget Tawil & Family		Nelly & Jerry Audi & Family
Nadir & Silvia Tawil & Family	Tagreed Tawil & Family	Charlie Tawil & Family
Jack & Beth Tawil & Family		
Yousef, Ghada, Adib, Tamara, Fadi, Nina, Joseph, Izat, & Aniesa Majlaton		

DEPARTED

Fr. George Rados
Fr. Alister Anderson
Martin Pinkstaff
Frances Cox
Fred Mokhiber

Nimatallah & Helweh Tawil
Farrah Elias Tawil
Elias & Nijmeh Tawil

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Nimatallah Elias Tawil
(6 month)

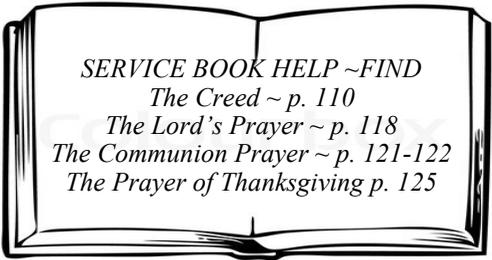
Orthodox Christians
Faithful Orthodox fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when they receive Holy Communion in fulfillment of Christ's command to eat His Body and drink His Blood. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, communicants should not be conscious of grave sin, 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:
Tawil Family/6-Month Memorial In Memory Of Nimatallah Elias Tawil

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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.