

	BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
26 Jun	The Kheirbek Family	Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Picnic
03 Jul	Sam & Marie Khalil 1-year Memorial for Mufid Khalil	Khalil Family 1-year Memorial for Mufid Khalil
10 Jul	Daniel & Katia Nassif 40-Day Memorial for William Nicholas	Daniel & Katia Nassif 40-Day Memorial for William Nicholas
17 Jul	Daren & Jennifer Montgomery	Darren & Jennifer Montgomery
24 Jul	Fannoney Family	Fannoney Family

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

All Things Are Possible to Him Who Believes

Matins: Sundays 9:30am

Divine Liturgy: Sundays 10:30am

SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2016

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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

COMMEMORATION OF ALL SAINTS

VENERABLE DAVID OF THESSALONICA; JOHN, BISHOP OF THE
GOTHS IN THE CRIMEA

APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRECTION (Tone 8)

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ALL SAINTS (Tone 4)

Thy Church, O Christ God, hath regaled herself in the blood of Thy Martyrs throughout the entire world, as in porphyry and purple. Through them she lifteth her voice crying: Turn with Thy compassion toward Thy people, and grant peace to Thy city, and to our souls the Great Mercy.

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 ALL SAINTS (Tone 8) (***The original melody***)

As first-fruits of our nature to the Planter of created things, * the world presenteth the God-bearing martyred Saints in off'ring unto Thee, O Lord. * Through their earnest entreaties, * keep Thy Church in deep peace and divine tranquility, * through the pure Theotokos, O Thou Who art greatly merciful.

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.

THAT WE LIVE

Met Georges Khodr on Health and Illness

What I do render to the Lord, for all his benefits to me? A question of the Prophet David, to which he responds: "I will take up the cup of salvation." That is, I do not give the Lord anything, I return to Him what I have received. I think that this is the faith, that we believe that the Lord is everything, if He gives and if He takes.

It is for the Lord to give and for the Lord to take and in both cases He is our point of return. We give thanks when He gives and when He takes, He has His wisdom and in both cases He is the one who loves. He does not tell you why He takes and sometimes He does not tell you why He gives. If you become very attached to Him, you will understand in most cases, and if you come to be profound in understanding Him, you will know why He gave to you and why He stripped away from you. That is, your attitude towards Him is always to be thankful.

Then what does it mean for Him to take something like money or health? If you are strong in faith, you will understand in most cases. If you lose something of yours, including your health, do not think that the Lord was lying in wait for you, because God does not punish anyone. The loss of health sometimes indicates God's love. Do not be concerned with your health to an unimaginable degree. Take care of it with medicine, but it comes and goes. Its loss is not a punishment. God arranges your affairs in health and in sickness. Sometimes He gives you understanding of your situation and sometimes He permits you to be ignorant of your situation. You do not impose upon Him giving you health as a condition for you to love Him. He has the right to deal with you because He has wisdom. But do not accept your illness, treat it. Do not say fatuously that God made you sick. He does not harm anyone!

You beg for His grace. He gives it as benefits you. Do not impose anything on Him. Take care of your health, because this is something from Him. Each of us gets sick and each of us dies. Sickness is not the exception. Taking care of your health is a spiritual duty. Our guiding light in this is that the New Testament led us to reveal a mystery in the Church, the healing of the sick. Therefore, if someone leaves himself in sickness and does not treat it, he commits a sin. It would be irresponsible for us to say that God sent me this illness. God is not the cause of illness. He has his ways with this universe, with our bodies and what enters them. God only heals. And along this way, we die.

JUNE CHARITY COLLECTION: CHILDREN'S RELIEF FUND

Founded in 1983, the Children's Relief Fund by our thrice blessed Bishop Phillip Saliba is a charitable and humanitarian organization sponsored by our Archdiocese of North America dedicated to provide educational scholarships to needy school age children in Lebanon, Palestine and now Syrian refugees in Lebanon. One Hundred Percent of the contributions go to the sponsored children and their needs.

Father George Rados has been the Director of the Children's Relief Fund since its formation. To Honor Father George and to support these needy beautiful innocent children, the selected charity for June is this worthy charity.

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Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News and Events

FEAST OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL PICNIC

Today is our parish picnic following the Liturgy right down the road at Bretton Woods Recreation Center & Golf Club. All are welcome to share in these. See the flyer on the round table in the Narthex.

PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE — 2016

“As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord”
(Joshua 24:15)

The 2016 Parish Life Conference (PLC) will be held on Wednesday, June 29, through July 3, 2016 at the Antiochian Village Conference Center in Boliver, PA.

The conference is sponsored by St. Mary Church (Johnstown, PA), and St. Michael Church (Greensburg, PA) and combines the Dioceses of New York, and Washington, DC (to which our Parish belongs), the Diocese of Oakland and the Mid-Atlantic. Both Bishop THOMAS and Bishop NICHOLAS will preside. Please inform Fr. Isaac if you are planning to attend. To register on-line go to:
www.antiochianevents.com/ny.html.

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. Together, we can provide physical and spiritual nourishment to children in need. Please join us!

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 at wayne.parr@gmail.com/571-294-0197 or Barbara Abraham at bmwabraham@gmail.com/301-949-1056

Vendors Needed:

Dear Parishioners: Your help is needed! We are looking for some vendors for our upcoming three-day middle eastern bazaar. The dates are September 23, 24 and 25. We are also in need of someone to assist this year and take over the vendor job for next year. Male or female; we don't discriminate!! And you'll have fun doing it! Contact Lorna Malooley at 703-503-3344 or LornaAM@aol.com

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

***On Sunday, July 3** the YAF will have a general meeting following the Liturgy from 12:15p—12:45p. Topics are new/old business, elections and open discussion.

*The study group meetings of the YAF have concluded for the time being. The meetings will resume in September.

*The YAF is planning several activities and a spiritual retreat over the summer. More information will follow.

Upcoming events...

Jun 26	*Ss. P&P Parish Picnic following Liturgy Bretton Woods (see insert or info on round table)
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 03	Young Adult Fellowship general mtg./12:15p
Jul 04	*Church offices closed
Jul 09	*Colette Lily Korkor/Baptism 11a
Jul 10	*Chrismation/Russell Kreutter
Jul 12	*Parish Council Mtg/LL Conf. Rm/7:00p
Jul 18	*Clergy Symposium/Antiochian Village (thru 7/22)
Jul 30	*Noelle Nijmeh Tawil/Baptism
Aug 06	*Emelia Saa/Baptism/2p *Arabic Liturgy/Sanctuary/5p

THE EPISTLE

God is wonderful among His saints. Bless God in the congregations.
The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (11:33-12:2)

Brethren, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfection of our faith.

THE GOSPEL

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.
(10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30)**

The Lord said to His disciples, “Everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father Who is in heaven; but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny before My Father Who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me.” Then Peter said in reply, “Lo, we have left everything and followed Thee. What then shall we have?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, in the New World, when the Son of Man shall sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My Name's sake, will receive a hundred fold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first.”

We commemorate each of the saints with hymns and appropriate songs of praise, how much more should we celebrate the memory of Peter and Paul, the supreme Leaders of the pre-eminent company of the Apostles? They are the fathers and guides of all Christians: Apostles, martyrs, holy ascetics, priests, hierarchs, pastors and teachers. As chief shepherds and master builders of our common godliness and virtue, they tend and teach us all, like lights in the world, holding forth the word of life.

St. Gregory Palamas

FEAST OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL

The Parish will celebrate our Patronal Feast Day on **Tuesday, June 28** with a Divine Liturgy at 7pm

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Directors

Samia Zolnerowich
Jennifer Buchko

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Jumana Misleh
Susan Kozlov
Michelle Zook
Christine Morin
Layla Najjar
Lizzy Cassar
Lara Bellone
Andrew Salem
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Chrissy Mackoul
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Sam Khalil

Antiochian Women

Kate Niewenhaus

Teen SOYO

Advisor

Jamilee Bellone

Officers

Rashid Haddad
Julia Allen
Danielle Bellone
Kinda Callas
Nick Guegel

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Christine & Samer Korkor
Dn. Christian & Zeina
Manasseh

Adornment

Shams Akkawi
Jamil Hermes

Facility Management

Nick Nahas
Bob Simon

Rental Coordinator

Barbara Abraham

Charities

Sam Sahouri Ghanem

Finance

Gary Farha

Stewardship

Lina Eid

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 Threddeh	Holly Dubois
Bertha Aed	Edmond & Sophie Neam

DEPARTED
 Ambassador Dr. Clovis Maksoud
 Fred Ayoub
 Pat Shaheen
 Jeanne "Jay" Slyman
 William Arwady
 Fred Zacharia
 Frances Cox
 Charles (Chuck) Neam

LIVING

Archpriest George & Family
 Josephine Lofgren Richie Ayoub Adib Hanna Saah
 Nabeeha Ayoub Raymond Ayoub Everett Alvarez
 Gary Younes Jack Schueneman Michael Piechocinski
 Nicholas & Helen White Eugene Slyman & Family
 The Kheirbek Family The Family of Clovis Maksoud
 John & Betty Slanta
 Elizabeth, John, Elias, Kristina, Mary Kay, Lynn & Nina
 George, Holly Ann, & Noor Marie Atallah
 The Family of Charles (Chuck) Neam

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Theology of Giving Series – Week 26 – June 26, 2016

Hebrews 12: 22-24 ... "But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the first-born who are enrolled in heaven, and to a judge who is God of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks more graciously than the blood of Abel."

"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>

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.

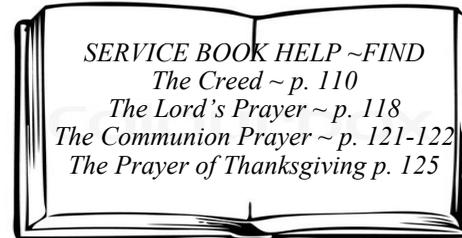
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- 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.



HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:

The Kheirbek Family

FELLOWSHIP HOUR OFFERED BY:

Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Picnic

40-Day Memorial Service for Clovis Maksoud offered by Ss. Peter & Paul Church