

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
08 Jul	The Rados Family IMO Jacqui Rados Mary Pinkstaff/IMO Martin Pinkstaff	The Rados Family IMO Jacqui Rados
15 Jul	Yousef & Ghada Majlaton George Jabbour (Holy Bread & Wheat)	George Jabbour
22 Jul	Open	Open
29 Jul	Open	Dara Potter
05 Aug		

**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, JULY 8, 2018
TONE 5 / EOTHINON 6
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& SIXTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

GREAT-MARTYR PROCOPIUS OF CAESAREA IN PALESTINE

NEW-MARTYRS THEOPHANES AND ANASTASIOS OF
CONSTANTINOPLE; VENERABLE THEOPHILOS THE
MYRRH-STREAMING OF ST. BASIL KELLI ON ATHOS;
PROCOPIUS OF USTUG, FOOL-FOR-CHRIST

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 5)

Let us believers praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. PROCOPIUS THE GREAT-MARTYR (Tone 4)

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

Thy Martyr, O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee * received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. * For since he possessed Thy strength, he cast down the tyrants * and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. * O Christ God, by his prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

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.

Words of Eternal Life

Hieromonk Calinic (Berger)

Together with prayer, reading the Scriptures is part of our conversation with God. In the words of St. Isidore, "in prayer it is we who are speaking to God, but in the Scriptures it is God speaking to us." One who reads to unlock the power in Scripture is brought into a conversation with God Himself. He is lifted up onto a different plane. The words of Scripture illumine the mind, warm the heart, and sweeten the soul with the presence of the Spirit which they contain (2 Tim 3:16). St. Paul exhorts us to "be transformed, by the renewing of your mind" (Rom 12:2), such that we like the Apostles might "have the mind of Christ" (1 Cor 2:16). This transformation can only come about through the assiduous reading of Scripture. By reading God's words, God's thoughts become our thoughts, God's perspective becomes our perspective, God's sensitivities become our sensitivities; in short, our minds and spirits conform to Christ's. The Scriptures "are able to make you wise unto salvation... and are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Tim 3:15-17).

"Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ," said St. Jerome in the fourth century. The Scriptures teach us what we believe in the most direct, inspired presentation. Each of us is called to be able to articulate the "faith that is in us" at any time (1 Pet 3:15, 2 Tim 4:2). The Scriptures teach us Christ as does no other source. True, the Scriptures must be interpreted in conjunction with the life of the Church and Apostolic Tradition (2 Pet 1:20; 2 Thess 2:15, 3:6; St. Irenaeus), but still there is no substitute for reading them. We Orthodox Christians had better beware, for when we neglect the reading of Scripture we spiritually starve ourselves, even in the midst of our great Tradition.

Reading the Scriptures was the passion of the Fathers and Saints. They read for hours a day and lived by them as by food. We too must strive to read them assiduously. Those who do so unlock their power. The curing of depression, a revitalization of energy, giving a sense of peace and security even in the midst of great trials, a cleansing of sin and of the conscience, guidance in decision making, a sense of wholeness and fulfillment all of these are the effects of a consistent, methodical, daily reading of the Bible. Even five to fifteen minutes a day makes a huge difference in one's attitude and spirituality. But one must read *every* day. As one begins, daily reading is difficult and comes only with struggle and discipline, but with time and effort it grows easier. Through diligent reading a person can be led to spiritual renewal and maturity in a very short time. Eventually the reading becomes something we love and cannot live without, for it gives us what no other source can give: the words of eternal life (Jn 6:68).

Part 2 of 2

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.

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES 2018

With the coming of summer, the month of June marked 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, the Pastor.

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

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

Jul — Sept. *Many of our Antiochian Women will be actively participating in the cooking and baking for the Bazaar. (see Bulletin insert for more information.)

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 & 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

Jul 10 *Parish Council Mtg./7p
Jul 14 *Michael Ghanem & Helia Bahmaei/Wedding/3p
Jul 19 ***The rolling of the grape leaves/10a (see Insert)**
Aug 01 *Start of the Fast of the Dormition/Service of the Small Paraklesis/7p
Aug 02 *Baking Mamoul/10a/kitchen & Kogok Hall
Aug 03 *Service of the Small Paraklesis/7p
Aug 05 *Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord (observed/Blessing of the First Fruits & Grapes)
Aug 06 *Service of the Small Paraklesis/7p
Aug 07 *Baking Ghrabee & Yansoon/10a/kitchen & Kogok Hall
Aug 08 *Service of the Small Paraklesis/7p
Aug 09 *Baking Birds' Nests/10a/kitchen & Kogok Hall
Aug 10 *Service of the Small Paraklesis/7p
Aug 10-19*Special Olympics at the Antiochian Village (see Teen SOYO box for more details)
Aug 11 *Baptism Eric Holl/12p
Aug 12 *Fellowship offered by the Parish Council for the Retirement of John Slanta
Aug 14 *Baking Custard Triangles/10a/kitchen & Kogok Hall
Aug 16 *Baking Knafee/10a/kitchen & Kogok Hall
*Feast of the Dormition/Matins @6p, Liturgy @7p
Aug 18 *Baptism/Jerry Khalaf/12p
Sep 03 *Church Office Closed/Labor Day
Sep 21-23*Ss. Peter & Paul Mediterranean Festival (Bazaar)

THE EPISTLE

(For Sixth Sunday after Pentecost)

Thou, O Lord, wilt preserve us and keep us from this generation.

Save me, O Lord, for the Godly man hath disappeared.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (12:6-14)

Brethren, having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, and serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

THE GOSPEL

(For Sixth Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (9:1-8)

At that time, Jesus got into a boat, crossed over and came to His own city. And behold, they brought to Him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith He said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—He then said to the paralytic—"Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they marveled, and they glorified God, Who had given such authority to men.

Being men, we sin every day, but Saint Paul consoles us by saying 'renew yourselves' from day to day. This is what we do with houses: we are constantly repairing them as they break down. You should do the same thing to yourself.

St. John Chrysostom

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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

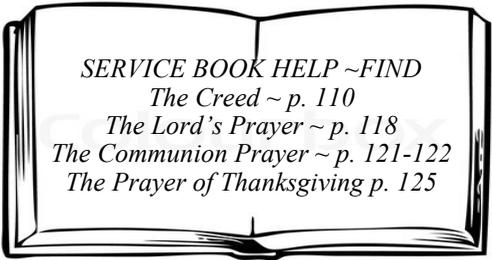
Orthodox Christians
Faithful Orthodox fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when they receive Holy Communion in fulfillment of Christ's command to eat His Body and drink His Blood. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, communicants should not be conscious of grave sin,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

Margaret Ashley	Mary Smith	Charles Cox
Isabel Thredek	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
Leila Khoury	Isa Saleh	

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Rt. Rev. Fr. Elias Bitar	Brian Briggs	Saleh Family
Eva Sasseen	Richie Ayoub	Rene Saa
Robert & Joyce Najjar	Rima Rizkallah & Family	Assad & Patricia Khoury
Vilma Bellone	Suad Shammas	Shahady & Tonya Khoury
Chris Malaska & Family	George Jabbour & Family	Denise Bolus
Lorna Malooley	Robert Bridenhagen	Rados Family
Mary, Brent, Kevin, Scott, & Stephen Pinkstaff		

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Fr. George Rados
Kh. Jacqui Rados
Christopher Rados
Martin Pinkstaff
Fred Mokhiber
Sebastian Jabbour
Susan Shahade
David Newkirk

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