

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
09 Jul	Ayoub Family/40-Day Memorial for Peter Ayoub	Ayoub Family/40-Day Memorial for Peter Ayoub
16 Jul	Dorothy & Michael Marge	
23 Jul	Jennifer & Darren Montgomery	Jennifer & Darren Montgomery
30 Jul		
06 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 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, JULY 02, 2017

TONE 4 / EOTHINON 5

**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& FIFTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

HIEROMARTYR PANKRATIOS, BISHOP OF TAORMINA IN SICILY; MARTYRS ANDREW AND PROBUS; VENERABLE DIONYSIOS THE ORATOR, FIRST SETTLER OF SMALL ST. ANNE SKETE ON ATHOS, AND HIS DISCIPLE VENERABLE METROPHANES

APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRECTION (Tone 4)

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world 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 FOR ORDINARY SUNDAYS (Tone 2) (CHANT) (CHORAL)

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.

Wisdom, holy dignity, a desire for justice, valor, the thought of a good heart, love that is strong, love of the poor, faith in Christ, freedom from anger, hospitality. If we possess these things, we will find them going before us, preparing a dwelling for us in the land of the gentle.

St. Anthony the Great

The Antiochian Women "Angel Fund"

The Ss. Peter & Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church "Angel Fund" an outreach of the Antiochian Women provides support to parishioners in need. Our Pastor designates confidentially recipients who would benefit from the Angel Fund.

The Angel Fund provides grocery gift cards to parishioners in need to help them with some of their food needs. Donations and financial contributions toward this fund are welcomed, and should be made out to: Ss. Peter & Paul Antiochian Women and earmarked "Angel Fund." For more information contact Fr. Isaac at: frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org.

HEALING

"Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven" (James 5:14, 15).

One of the great prophetic themes of the Old Testament concerning the promised Messiah is that the Father would send His Son "to heal the brokenhearted, and to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind." (Luke 4:18; see Is. 61:1). The ministry of Christ was one of numerous occurrences of healings of "all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease" (Matt. 4:23). In addition, Jesus healed darkened hearts and minds as He released people from demonic oppression.

Like their Master before them, the early apostles participated in God's work of healing as well, attributing their miracles to the risen and ascended Christ. "Jesus the Christ heals you," Peter told a newly restored man, who had been bedridden for eight years (Acts 9:34). St. Paul identified healing as a gift of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12:9). Thus the New Testament foundation was established for the healing ministry to be a part of the sacramental life of the Church (James 5:14, 15).

Healings throughout history. The Orthodox Church has never believed or behaved as though the gifts of the Spirit or the healing miracles of Christ have somehow passed away. Did not Jesus promise, "He who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father" (John 14:12)?

St. Irenaeus, writing at the close of the second century, speaks of miracles in his day: "Some drive out devils...some have foreknowledge of the future...others heal the sick through the laying on the hands... and even the dead have been raised up before now and have remained with us for many years." The writings of other Church Fathers speak often of miracles within the Church. Quite widely known are the supernatural healings which Christ performed through St. Seraphim of Sarov, a nineteenth century Russian monk. He was blessed with the gift of healing during his lifetime, and even after his death people would be restored to wholeness at his graveside.

The practice of the Church today. To this day, the Orthodox practice of prayer for the sick follows the New Testament instruction of St. James. The Orthodox Church has a special service of healing, which may be performed at any time. The presbyter prays for the ill person, anointing him with oil and saying:

"O Lord Almighty, Healer of our souls and bodies, who puts down and raises up, who chastises and heals also, visit now in Your mercy our brother or sister, N____, who is ill. Stretch forth Your arm that is full of healing and health, and raise (him, her) up from this bed and cure this illness. Put away the spirit of disease and every malady and pain and fever. And if (he, she) has committed sins and transgressions, grant remission and forgiveness, because You love mankind.

As Orthodox Christians we pray, neither commanding God to heal, nor doubting His ability to heal, but pleading for His promised mercy upon all who are ill.

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Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News and Events

NEW AUDIO SOUND SYSTEM

After much study and technical consultation, the Ss. Peter and Paul Parish Council has contracted for the installation of a new audio sound system for the Church Sanctuary. The new system will be installed over the next few weeks and tested. Donations towards the cost of the system (approximately \$43,000.00) to Ss. Peter and Paul Church earmarked 'Sound System' will be greatly appreciated.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR A NEW CHURCH GRILL

The Church is in need of a new grill for our Bazaar in September. We estimate the cost will run about \$2500.00 and donations toward this purchase are very much welcome and appreciated. Please make your check out to Ss. Peter and Paul Church and earmark it in the

SS. PETER & PAUL CHURCH LEARNING & MEDIA CENTER

Donations are welcomed in support of the establishment of the new Church Learning and Media Center. Please send all donations to Ss. Peter and Paul Church earmarked "Library Fund". In addition, donation of books on topics related to the Orthodox Faith, Doctrine, Church History, Liturgy, and Scripture will be gratefully accepted. Please contact Fr. Isaac, Dn. Christian, or Kate Niewenhaus for more information.

SS. PETER & PAUL OUTREACH VISITATION MINISTRY

The outreach ministry seeks to visit and to assist the elderly, the sick, and those who are house-bound, 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.

JULY 30, 2017 BULLETIN

Please have all updates—prayers, events, Bazaar news—to the office no later than Monday, July 24 at noon. The Bulletin will go to print on Tuesday, July 25 in the early AM. Thanks, so much. Church Office.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Jul 09 *Leah Grace Afash/Baptism/1:30p
Jul 11 *Parish Council Mtg./7p
Jul 15 *Misleh/Statler Wedding/3p
Jul 16 *Paul Michael Mufarreh/Baptism/1:30p
Jul 23 *Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese Convention/Miami, FL (7/23-7/30)
Jul 30 *Dylan Hakim Baptism/1:30p
Aug 1-15*Fast of the Dormition
Aug 06 *Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord and Blessing of the Grapes
Aug 13 *Rami Wallace Baptism/1:30p
Aug 14 *Evening Divine Liturgy/Feast of the Dormition/7p
Sep 04 *Church office closed for Labor Day
Sep 12 *Parish Council Mtg./7p
Sep 22-24*Ss. Peter & Paul Church Bazaar

THE EPISTLE

(For the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost)

*How great are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.*

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

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that it may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that everyone who has faith may be justified. Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says: Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into Heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

GOSPEL

(For the Fifth Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (8:28-9:1)

At that time, when Jesus came to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met Him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have we to do to Thee, O Son of God? Art Thou come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged Him, "If Thou castest us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw Him, they begged Him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat He crossed over and came to His own city.

The Fast of the Dormition (August 1 -15)

During the first fifteen days of August each year the Church observes the Fast of the Dormition. This season which leads up to the Feast of the Repose (Dormition) is a special time of prayer and Supplication to the Theotokos, the Mother of our God.

Ss. Peter and Paul Church will offer the Paraklesis (service of the small Supplicatory Canon) to the Theotokos at 7:00pm on the following days: August 1, August 4, August 7, August 9, and August 11.

"Her hands steadied the first steps of Him who steadied the earth to walk upon. Her lips helped the word of God to form his first human words."

St. John of Damascus

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Nick Nahas
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Barbara Abraham

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Finance

Salim Habayeb

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

Archpriest George Rados	Brian Briggs	Mary Smith
Margaret Ashley	Isabel Thredeth	George Brown
Helen White	Thelma Badwey	Everett Alvarez
Holly Dubois	Tesia Yonkers	Barbara Abraham
Edmond & Sophie Neam	Lulu Brown	Tania Mufarrij
George & Joan Abraham		
Grace Malouf		

LIVING

Leena Haddad	Yasmin Courtright
Elaine Buchko	Mariam Yazge
Leila Khoury	Deborah Brown
Mary Bazargan	Richard Ayoub
Bob Petrossian	Julia Fayad
Alya Cjavis	Melinda Fannoney
Charles Cox	Derek Gilliam
Alexa Malooley	Mark Alvarez
Andrew Gavin	The Ayoub Family
Jeffrey	
Dorothy & Michael Marge & Family	
Suleiman Abu-Afash, Rasha Massabni, & Leah Afash	

DEPARTED
 Met. ANTONIOS Shidrawi
 Met. PAUL Saliba
 Protodeacon Gregory
 Kh. Stefanie Yazge
 Peter Ayoub
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 Jeannette Bennett
 Charles Baxley
 Gilbert Precivale

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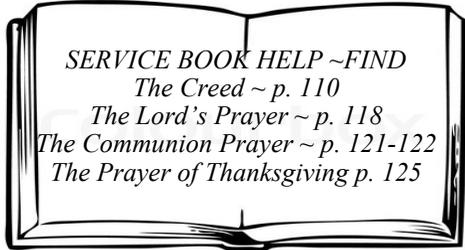
Orthodox Christians
 Faithful Orthodox fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when they receive Holy Communion in fulfillment of Christ's command to eat His Body and drink His Blood. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, communicants should not be conscious of grave sin,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



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 The Ayoub Family for the 40-Day Memorial for Peter Ayoub

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Stewardship Corner/Theology of Giving Series – Week 23

Ephesians 3: 14-15 ... "For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named."

"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>