

**JULY 10, 2016**

	<b>BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION</b>	<b>FELLOWSHIP HOUR</b>
<b>10 Jul</b>	Daniel, Katia & Riad Nassif 40-Day Memorial for William Nicholas	Daniel, Katia & Riad Nassif 40-Day Memorial for William Nicholas
<b>17 Jul</b>	Daren & Jennifer Montgomery	Darren & Jennifer Montgomery
<b>24 Jul</b>	Sam & Marie Ghanem/40-Day Memorial for Bertha Aed	Sam & Marie Ghanem/40-Day Memorial for Bertha Aed
<b>31 Jul</b>	40-Day Memorial for Nadia Jabbour	Kurubel Asgedom & Helen Fessehaie
<b>07 Aug</b>	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 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 10, 2016**

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**HIEROMARTYR JOSEPH OF DAMASCUS**

**& HIS COMPANIONS**

**& THIRD SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

THE 45 MARTYRS AT NIKOPOLIS IN ARMENIA; VENERABLE ANTHONY OF THE KIEV CAVES; VENERABLE-MARTYRS NIKODEMOS THE ALBANIAN AND NEKTARIOS OF ST. ANNE SKETE ON ATHOS

### APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRECTION (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 ST. JOSEPH OF DAMASCUS (Tone 5)

Come, ye faithful, let us honor the martyr of Christ, a priest of the Church of Antioch; who by the word of the Word, and by his blood and the blood of his companions, baptized the land of Syria, its Church and its people. Being immersed in the light of the Gospel from his youth, he worked and taught and defended the Church of Christ and her flock. O Father Joseph of Damascus, be for us an example, defending us and interceding for us fervently before the Savior.

### 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 intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

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### *“The Not So Great Council”: Why Antioch Did Not Attend.*

Since at least the early 1960's Orthodox leaders have been discussing plans to convene a global council of the Church. Today, the Orthodox Church is made up of fourteen autocephalous or independent, self governing local churches each with exclusive jurisdiction within a specific geographic territory and with a corresponding ethnic identity. Nine of these churches are headed by Patriarchs. These autonomous Churches all profess the same Orthodox Christian Faith. They all share the same theology. With slight variations, they hold in common the same Liturgical practices and discipline. Collectively, the fourteen churches form a confraternity known as The Orthodox Church.

The original idea was for representatives of each local church to gather at the same time in one place to discuss concerns affecting the lives of Orthodox Christians in the modern era. Over the years, representatives proposed and revised numerous agendas. Last year, Patriarch Bartholomew I of Constantinople [Istanbul, Turkey] in his capacity as the Ecumenical Patriarch of the Orthodox Church issued an agenda and called for a council to be convened in Istanbul beginning on Pentecost, 19 June 2016. The venue was later changed to the island of Crete due to the Patriarchate of Moscow's unwillingness to go to Istanbul while a state of hostility exists between Russia and Turkey.

After consultation among the churches, five items were scheduled for discussion; the state of Orthodox Churches outside of their traditional homelands [i.e. Europe and America], the granting of independence to local churches, fasting customs, the nature of marriage and impediments and relations with other Christian churches. It was hoped that consensus around these topics could be reached and that the council would present a document expressing the contemporary teaching of the Orthodox Church on these issues. This was to be the first gathering of bishops from the entire Orthodox Church at council since the year 787.

Councils of the Church have existed from the time of the Apostles and they have contributed greatly to her theology, teaching and discipline. All in all, there have been dozens and dozens of councils. Historically, the most common type of council is a local one convened to address concerns or resolve issues affecting the immediate community. The earliest example of such a council is the Council of Jerusalem.

The Council of Jerusalem was held around 50 AD. The purpose of the meeting between some of the Apostles and their followers was to resolve a disagreement in Antioch over whether or not Christian converts needed to follow the Mosaic Law of the Jews. St. Paul believed there was no such need and his view won out. Accounts of the council are found in *Acts of the Apostles; chapter 15* and in *Galatians; chapter 2*. The Orthodox Church considers this council to be a prototype and forerunner of the later ecumenical councils.

An ecumenical council is a conference of bishops assembled to discuss and settle matters of Church doctrine and practice in which those attending and voting represent the whole world (Gr. *oikoumene*) and which is later received and accepted by the whole Church as authentic teaching. The Orthodox Church recognizes seven councils as ecumenical and their decisions and teachings are normative for all Orthodox Christians today. The Creed, the Doctrine of the Holy Trinity, the repudiation of heresies, the formula for the date of Pascha, the use of Icons and the establishment of the traditional five Patriarchates [Rome, Alexandria, Antioch, Constantinople and Jerusalem] are some of the decisions that came from these seven ecumenical councils.

All of the ecumenical councils were called by the Emperor of Rome [later Byzantium] in order to promote unity of faith among Christians in the Roman Empire. The Emperor or his appointed representatives presided over all of these councils. Council presidents have included Bishops from Western Europe, the Patriarchs of Antioch, Alexandria and Constantinople, an army general, and representatives of the Pope. The council in Crete is being called by and presided over by Patriarch Bartholomew I of Constantinople who sees himself as the 'first among equals' for all the bishops of the world.

The last ecumenical council, known as the Second Council of Nicaea, was convened at Nicaea (near modern-day Istanbul, Turkey) from 24 September to 23 October in the year 787 AD. The council was called by Emperor Constantine VI and the Empress Irene. It was presided over jointly by the Patriarch of Constantinople and representatives of the Pope of Rome. The council defined the use of and proper veneration of Icons. Three hundred and fifty bishops from throughout the Roman Empire participated. Its decision is commemorated each year on the first Sunday of Lent, known as the Sunday of Orthodoxy.

Since 787 there have been numerous regional councils called to address local concerns but there has never been another ecumenical council that is binding on all of the Orthodox Churches. It is worth noting that since 787 neither the Emperor nor Church leaders called for a council to address such deleterious events as the rise of Islam, the Great Schism, the Crusades, the fall of the Byzantine Empire, the Protestant Reformation, the rise of Communism, global warfare and a whole host of other historic social upheavals that adversely affected the Church and society.

# Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News and Events

## SS. PETER & PAUL OUTREACH VISITATION MINISTRY

Our Parish is starting a new outreach ministry 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 ([georgezaki@gmail.com](mailto:georgezaki@gmail.com) or [ajmzaki@gmail.com](mailto:ajmzaki@gmail.com)), Alex Cox ([alexcoxsells@gmail.com](mailto:alexcoxsells@gmail.com)) or Fr. Isaac ([frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org](mailto:frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org)). Our Parish is grateful for this ministry remembering that when we visit the sick and the infirm we visit Christ himself.

## 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](mailto:stmarysummerfeeding@gmail.com). Together, we can provide physical and spiritual nourishment to children in need. Please join us!

## 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](mailto:FrIsaac@peterpaulpotomac.org).

## Ss. PETER & PAUL MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sam Ghanem posted some great pics of the memorial golf tournament on Shutterfly. They can viewed at:

<https://sstpeterpaul.shutterfly.com>

## YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

\*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...

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 23	*Raya Seraphima Paskalev/Baptism/1p
Jul 30	*Noelle Nijmeh Tawil/Baptism/12:00p
Aug 01	*Start of the Fast of the Dormition/ Paraklesis Service/7p
Aug 03	*Paraklesis Service/7p
Aug 06	*Emelia Saa/Baptism/2p
Aug 07	*The Transfiguration Evening Divine Liturgy/7p
Aug 07	*Blessing of the Grapes for the Transfiguration
Aug 08	*Paraklesis Service/7p
Aug 09	*Parish Council Mtg/LL Conf. Rm/7p
Aug 12	*Paraklesis Service/7p
Aug 14	*Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos (observed)
	*John Augustus Mele/Baptism/1p
Sep 13	*Parish Council Mtg/LL Conf. Rm/7:00p
Sep 23-25	*Ss. Peter & Paul Middle Eastern Bazaar

## THE EPISTLE

(For St. Joseph of Damascus)

*The saints shall boast in glory, and they shall rejoice upon their beds.  
Sing unto the Lord a new song; His praise is in the church of the saints.*

**The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (2:1-10)**

Timothy, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

## 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."

The time which you lend to God is not lost: He will return it to you with abundant interest.

*St. Basil the Great*

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

### **Directors**

Samia Zolnerowich  
Jennifer Buchko

### **Teachers**

Jumana Misleh  
Susan Kozlov  
Michelle Zook  
Christine Morin  
Layla Najjar  
Lizzy Cassar  
Lara Bellone  
Andrew Salem  
Caroline Jarboe  
Chrissy Mackoul  
Anees Mokhiber  
Philip Allen

### **Men's Club**

Sam Khalil

### **Antiochian Women**

Kate Niewenhuis

### **Teen SOYO**

#### **Advisor**

Jamilee Bellone

#### **Officers**

Rashid Haddad  
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Danielle Bellone  
Kinda Callas  
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Christine & Samer Korkor  
Dn. Christian & Zeina  
Manasseh

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Shams Akkawi  
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### **Facility Management**

Nick Nahas  
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### **Rental Coordinator**

Barbara Abraham

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Sam Sahouri Ghanem

### **Finance**

Gary Farha

### **Stewardship**

Lina Eid

### 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

# 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
Edmond & Sophie 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	Susan Fannoney
John & Barbara Abraham	Samer, Christine, & Colette Lily Korkor	
John & Betty Slanta	Elizabeth, John, Elias, Kristina, Mary Kay, Lynn & Nina	
Russell Kreutter	The Jackson & Kreutter Families	Ruth Zolnerowich
The Family of Charles (Chuck) Neam	Susan Ibrahim Ayoub	
Stephen, Samia & Zolnerowich Family	Daniel, Katia, Christopher, Alexander Nassif	
Riad Nassif	Yasmine Wakim	Rami Gregory Wallace

### DEPARTED

William Arwady  
 Charles (Chuck) Neam  
 Bertha Aed  
 Nadia Jabbour  
 James Morro  
 Peter Zolnerowich  
 William Nicholas  
 Soumaya Saadi Nassif  
 Najib Ferris Nassif  
 Maurice Wakim  
 Badih Wakim  
 Mariam Wakim

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Theology of Giving Series – Week 28 – July 10, 2016

Matthew 6: 28-34 ... "So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."

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>

### HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:

Daniel, Katia, & Riad Nassif 40-Day Memorial for William Nicholas

### MEMORIAL WHEAT

Zolnerowich Family 1-Year Memorial for Peter Zolnerowich

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