

	BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
12 July	Jennifer & Darren Montgomery Nabil & Caroline Emad The Elkari Family	Jennifer & Darren Montgomery Nabil & Caroline Emad The Elkari Family
19 July	Dolly Browning	Mary Bazargan
26 July	Sue Fannoney	OPEN
02 Aug	Suzanne Hermes	OPEN
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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 12, 2015

**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
TONE 5 / EOTHINON 6**

**&
SIXTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

HOLY MARTYRS PROCLUS AND HILARY OF ANCYRA;
VERONICA, THE WOMAN WITH THE ISSUE OF BLOOD WHO WAS
HEALED BY OUR LORD;
VENERABLE FATHER PAISIOS THE NEW OF ATHOS

APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRECTION (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 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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ANTIMINS OR ANTIMENSION



(Greek word meaning ‘in place of the table’)

In the Orthodox Christian liturgical tradition, the Antimins is among the most important liturgical adornments used in the altar during the Divine Liturgy. It is a type of icon, a rectangular cloth, traditionally sewn of either linen or silk. Beautifully embellished, it always reflects the image of Christ’s entombment, the four Evangelists and scriptural passages related to the Eucharist. A small piece of a martyr’s relic is ceremoniously and prayerfully placed into the fold of the Antimins as each one is blessed. It is an essential component without which the Holy Eucharist cannot be celebrated. This Antimins is inscribed with the text from the Holy Saturday Troparion, “*The noble Joseph, taking down Thy most pure body from the tree, wrapped it in clean linen and sweet spices, and laid it in a new tomb.*”

The Antimins, once properly folded, sits in the center of another slightly larger cloth called the eileton by which it is completely encased and protected. The two, which are folded in the same manner, are then placed in the center of the altar table, underneath the Gospel Book and unfolded only during the Divine Liturgy in the moments before the great entrance. After the Great entrance, the chalice and diskos are placed on the Antimins and the Gifts (bread and wine) are consecrated. The Antimins remains unfolded until all have received Holy Communion at which time the chalice and diskos are then returned to the Table of oblation (Prothesis). The priest must very carefully inspect the Antimins checking that no particles are left behind, on or underneath it or between the Antimins and the eileton. At the end of the liturgy, the Antimins is folded into thirds, beginning horizontally from the bottom up, and then in thirds again vertically from left to right. The same follows for the eileton. When the two are unfolded for use once again, the opened Antimins reflects creases that form the sign of the cross. A flattened natural sponge (usually natural loofah), used to collect any crumbs which might fall onto the *Holy Table*, is kept inside the folded Antimins.

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Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News

TEEN SOYO

WELL DONE SS. PETER & PAUL CHURCH

Ss. Peter & Paul Church offers thanks and gratitude to our young people who participated last week in our Diocese Parish Life Conference held in Long Island, New York and hosted by St. John Church of Levittown, NY. Our Bible Bowl team very honorably represented our Parish and our own Julia Allen won the Junior Oratorical Contest (please see attachment). The theme of the Conference and all the Festivals this year involves the centennial commemoration of the ministry of St. Raphael of Brooklyn, shepherd to the children of Antioch in America.

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EVENING WITH THE FATHERS: WED JULY 15TH
@ 8:00 P.M.

ORTHODOXY ON TAP
THURSDAY, JULY 30 @7:00PM
STAY TUNED!

ADULT ED. FORUM WILL NOT MEET FOR JULY
AND AUGUST; WILL RESUME SEPTEMBER 10

ARCHDIOCESE CONVENTION

The 52nd Antiochian Archdiocese Convention, hosted by St. Mary, Cambridge, will be held **Sunday, July 19 thru Sunday, July 26, 2015** at the Sheraton Boston Hotel, Boston, MA. The convention room rate is \$199.00 per night plus tax. To book a room at the hotel, register for the convention, purchase convention event tickets and tickets for Boston excursions and obtain forms to place a message in the Souvenir Journal, go to www.acboston2015.com.

Stewardship Corner

Calling all Church members...
Stop by our Membership table, which will be up every second Sunday of each month after Church in the Fellowship hall, to:

Drop off your business card
Smile for our camera
Fill out your membership form
Fill out your annual pledge form
Sign up to work with us!

The Stewardship committee's mission is to inspire our Parish members to give of their time, talent and resources.

"Give and it will be given to you" Luke 6:38

2015 CAR RAFFLE

We have kicked off Ss. Peter and Paul's Car Raffle that is part of this year's 32nd Annual Middle Eastern Cultural Festival. You should have received three tickets in the mail for you to sell. We will have a table in Kogok Hall on most Sundays so that you can turn in your sold ticket stubs and money. You can also give it to one of the ushers at the church entrance. The drawing for the 2015 Mustang will take place on 9/27.

Upcoming events...

July 12—Audriana Mufarreh Baptism/1:00pm
July 14—Parish Council Mtg. LL Conf. Rm. @7:00pm
July 15—Evening with the Fathers @8:00pm
July 18—Salem-Farmand Wedding/4:00pm
July 19—Jason & Katie Mike/Wedding Blessing 2pm
July 19-26—52nd Antiochian Archdiocese Convention
July 26—Basil John Bitar Baptism/1:00pm
July 28—Men's Club Meeting/LL Conf. Rm./7:30pm
July 29—Evening with the Fathers @8:00pm
July 30—Orthodoxy on Tap
Aug 01—Arabic Liturgy
Aug 05—Feast of the Transfiguration/Evening Divine Liturgy @7:00pm
Aug 09—Serina Khalaf/Baptism/1:00pm
Aug 11—Parish Council Mtg. LL Conf. Rm. @7:00pm
Aug 22—Krynitsky-Magill Wedding/3p
Aug 23—Horany-Kaouk Wedding/3p
Aug 25—Men's Club Mtg. 7:30pm
Sep 05—Arabic Liturgy @2:00pm (new time)

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Directors

Samia Zolnerowich
Jennifer Buchko

Teachers

Jumana Misleh
Susan Kozlov
Michelle Zook
Razan Abdallah
Christine Morin
Roxanne Bennett
Lara Bellone
Amber Bennett
Caroline Jarboe
Saleem Mokhiber
Stephen Zolnerowich
Anees Mokhiber

Men's Club

Sam Khalil

Antiochian Women

Kate Niewenhous

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Shams Akkawi
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David Jackson

Stewardship

Lina Eid

Commemorations

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

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

LIVING

Parishioners who remain in our prayers continually

Margaret Ashley	Edmond Neam
May Fillah	Richie Kogok
Issa & Suad Shammass	Brian Briggs
Lulu & George Brown	Robert Simon
Renée Moorad	Bertha Aed
Isabel Threded	

Fr. Louis Mahshie
 Josephine Lofgren
 Salwa Gabro
 Teri Ayoub
 Elia Ghanem
 Sally Ruffin
 Nouha Aramouni
 Peter & Ruth Zolnerowich
 Andrew Gavin
 The Khalil Family
 Bob & Holly DuBois
 Elkari Family
 Darren, Jennifer, Nicholas, Luke Montgomery
 Lorna Malooley
 Linda Shaheen
 Joan Lanciani & Family
 Ghada Mansur Marakat & Family
 Nabil & Caroline Emad & Family

DEPARTED

Janine Shagoury Kruze
 Naimeh Ghanayem
 Kareemeh Arnouk
 Mufid Khalil
 Thomas Lanciani
 Josephine Thomas Geha
 Julia Rowady
 Jacqui Rados
 Riad Elkari
 George & Calema Abdow
 Serge Malooley
 Harriet Habib-Puca
 Khalil Abed Mansur
 Nouha Emad
 Selina Korban
 Ramez Ricco Chagoury

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION, OFFERED BY:

Jeniffer & Darren Montgomery

Elkari Family for the 1-Year Memorial of Riad Elkari

Nabil & Caroline Emad for the 40-Day Memorial of Ramez Ricco Chagoury

FELLOWSHIP HOUR OFFERED BY:

Jennifer & Darren Montgomery