

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
14 Jul	Susan Fannoney	Susan Fannoney
21 Jul	Alex & Thomaseena Cox	Alex & Thomaseena Cox
28 Jul	Siham Ayoub/IMO Richie Ayoub Dolly & David Browning/IMO Salwa Azkou;	open
04 Aug	Michael & Laurice Nassif/ IMO Mary Nassif Smith	Michael & Laurice Nassif/IMO Mary Nassif Smith
11 Aug	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 Kogok Hall.

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Matins: Sundays 9:30am

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SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2019

STONE 3 / EOTHINON 4

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF FOURTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

APOSTLE AQUILA OF THE SEVENTY; JOSEPH THE CONFESSOR,
ARCHBISHOP OF THESSALONICA; PETER, BISHOP OF CRETE;
VENERABLE ONESIMOS OF MAGNESIA AND NICODEMUS OF THE
HOLY MOUNTAIN

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 3)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF THE HOLY FATHERS (Tone 8)

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

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.

We need to feel Christ as our friend. He is our friend. He confirms this Himself when He says: "You are my friends..." (John 15:14). We need to look at Him and approach Him as a friend. Do we fall? Do we sin? We should run to Him with feelings of familiarity, in love and trust; not in fear of punishment but in courage granted by the sense of friendship. And say to Him: "Lord, I did it, I fell, forgive me."

St. Porphyrios the Kapsokalivite

God's Human Face

Hieromonk Calinic (Berger)

The human face expresses all the nuances of the soul. The fact that we humans have a face shows that we were created to communicate with each other; we were not created to be isolated individuals. From this point of view, the human face and the human word share a common purpose: both are the means through which the feelings of our hearts and the thoughts of our minds are shared with others. The face, as much as the word, is a means of interpersonal communication and communion.

Not only does the human face have the ability to express the state of the soul in any given instant, but the face can also become a record of our lives. This does not mean that marks or lines created on the face over time can be interpreted correctly on first glance. For example, it could be that a person pure in soul has a stressful look due to certain sufferings which are unknown to us. Nevertheless, more often than not, a grace-filled soul can be clearly seen shining through a grace-filled face. This impression must be confirmed by the person's words and actions, as other means of communion. The face and the word together communicate what is in the soul of a person.

The same is true for the incarnate Son of God. Since the Incarnation, God has communicated Himself to us in a new way: through a human face. Beyond the beauty, majesty and power of the created world, which indirectly reveal God's wisdom and power to us, and beyond His words spoken by our Lord and through the prophets, which directly reveal God's wisdom to us, God now expresses Himself to us in the most intimate, personal, and human way possible, through His *human* face.

This is one reason why the veneration of icons has such a central place in the worship and dogmatic beliefs of the Orthodox Church. God's presence among us is manifold: He is present with us through the Holy Spirit and His uncreated energy, through His words in the Scriptures, through His Body and Blood in the Eucharist, and through the beauty and majesty of the created world. He is also present through His human face depicted in His holy icon. The icon of Jesus Christ is always recognizable. It is always depicts the same unique face of God Incarnate.

One Orthodox theologian, Fr. Dumitru Stăniloae, has made several important observations on the inter-relatedness of the icon with the other forms of God's presence among His people. Divisions in Christianity have mostly taken place where one aspect of God's revelation has been separated from the others and viewed in isolation from the rest. For example, wherever God's words in the Scriptures have been taken as the only authentic revelation of God, there have Christians been subjected to a myriad of subjective, human interpretations and opinions. Only when all the means of God's revelation and presence are held together is the Christian Faith itself held together in the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Tradition. The holy Mysteries and the icon of Christ both prevent the subjective interpretation of Scripture, since both reveal a different aspect of the person and divine power of Christ, as God and as deified man. Only all taken together give us the full Christ. It is similar in everyday human relations: the same words can be interpreted differently with a different expression of the face, and words must be confirmed as true by actions. Thus, Christ's words in the Scriptures must be confirmed by the expression on the face of Christ's icon and our experience of His actions in the Sacraments in order for us to know the fullness of Christ.

Part 1 of 2

Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News and Events

CHURCH SCHOOL 2019

Church School is taking a break over the summer. We encourage all of our students to attend liturgy on Sundays.

Church school will begin in September. Please use the following link to register your children for the 2019-2020 Church School Year : <http://tinyurl.com/registerSunSchool>

We are also looking for teachers for the upcoming year. Please email us at peterpaulsundaysschool@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer or have any questions.

TEEN SOYO

Ss. Peter & Paul Teen Youth Ministry Group (Teen SOYO) is open to all teens of the Parish (13— 19 years). The teens meet regularly for social, spiritual, and community outreach events.

Lay Advisors:

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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

*Please pay your annual dues of \$25 to help support our outreach and charitable projects. **All women are members and are welcome.** Checks can be given to Janet Metz.

*Please provide your email address to Donna Gavin at crazygavins@verizon.net for future notices.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Men's Fellowship ministry of Ss. Peter and Paul is to serve the church through charitable outreach, educational and service projects which strengthen and deepen the faith of its members and develop a fellowship of Orthodox Christian servants. Please contact Sam Khalil at sk1943@aol.com or Fred Zacharia at fredzach@verizon.net 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 housebound, shut-in, or living in nursing homes. Volunteers are needed who are willing to call 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 (alexcoxseles@gmail.com), Paula Massouh (pmassouh@aol.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 SS. PETER & PAUL PARISH LIBRARY & MEDIA CENTER

The Parish Library and Media Center is up and running. The Center houses the Parish Library, audio visual materials, and Christian educational resources. The Center is located in the lower level inside room accessible from the Serge Malooley Conference Center room. Donations of books or materials related to the history, tradition and teaching of the Church and the Orthodox Faith are welcome. All are welcome to use the center by following its user guidelines. Contact Fr. Isaac, Fr. Luke, or Dn. Christian for access and information.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Jul 14 *Baptism/William Al-Habib, Jr./1:30p
Jul 20 *Baptism/Isadora Victoria Rabie/4:00p
Jul 21 *Baptism/Liam Mike/1:30p
Jul 21-28 *Antiochian Archdiocese Convention
Jul 26 *Festival Cooking/Kibbee/10a-3p (see Bulletin insert)
Jul 27 *Festival Cooking/Kibbee/10a-3p (see Bulletin insert)
Jul 28 *Baptism/Natalie Naomi Leathers/1:30p
Aug 6 *Festival Baking/Mamoul/10a-3p (see Bulletin insert)
Aug 8 *Festival Baking/Ghrabee & Yansoon/10a-3p (see Bulletin insert)
Aug 11 *Baptism/Jaclyn Zayed/1:30p
Aug 13 *Festival Baking/Bird's Nest/10a-3p/(see Bulletin insert)
Aug 15 *Festival Baking/Custard Triangles/10a-3p (see Bulletin insert)
Aug 20 *Festival Baking/Knafee/10a-3p (see Bulletin Insert)
Aug 24 *Wedding/Pablo Rincon & Miriam Kheirbek/4p
Sept 01 *Wedding/Sami Oudeh & Megan Fakhouri/4p
Sept 03 *Festival Cooking/Spinach Pies/10-3p (see Bulletin insert)
Sept 04 *Festival Cooking/Spinach Pies/10-3p (see Bulletin insert)
Sept 20-22*Ss. Peter & Paul Middle Eastern Festival

SAVE THE DATE: 2019 SS. PETER & PAUL MIDDLE EASTERN FESTIVAL

The 2019 Ss. Peter and Paul Middle Eastern Festival is September 20, 21, & 22, 2019 and preparations are already underway. **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED SO PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING!** Please contact Lorna Malooley/H=(703) 978-6542, C=(703)503-3344, lornaam@aol.com or Thomaseena Cox/H=(301) 497-9471, C=(301) 775-3842. (cox1903@aol.com) to volunteer.

VENDORS NEEDED! If you know of vendors who might be interested in participating, please contact Lorna Malooley, Thomaseena Cox, Zeina Manasseh, or Gail Bailey. Thanks so much.

THE EPISTLE

(For the Holy Fathers)

*Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.
 For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to St. Titus. (3:8-15)

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Holy Fathers)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (5:14-19)

The Lord said to His Disciples: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father Who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them, but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

2019 STEWARDSHIP DRIVE

The 2019 Stewardship Drive is ongoing. Please support your church with your time, talents and treasure and fill out a stewardship form in paper (located in the Narthex) or online at peterpaulpotomac.elexiochms.com. **Please** make the commitment to **support** the Church through your generous free-will donation. If you have any questions or need more information, please see Fr. Isaac, Fr. Luke or Zeina Manasseh (zeina.maalouf@gmail.com) in the fellowship hall following the Liturgy for more information. Thank you for your support!

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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

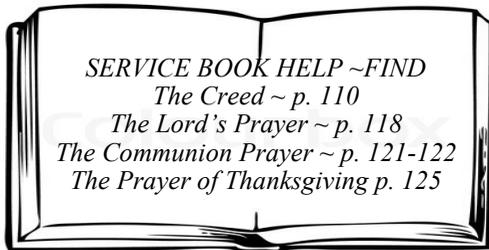
Orthodox Christians
 Faithful Orthodox fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when they receive Holy Communion in fulfillment of Christ's command to eat His Body and drink His Blood. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, communicants should not be conscious of grave sin,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

Rt. Rev. Fr. Elias Bitar	Rt. Rev. Daniel Griffith	
Margaret Ashley	Jamie Simon	Ann Marie Moses
Isabel Threddeh	Nabeeha Ayoub	Joyce Hamaty
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ANTIOCHIAN ARCHDIOCESE CONVENTION
 This year's Convention will be in Grand Rapids, MI, **July 21 –28, 2019**. See <https://ac2019gr.org> for all the details.

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:
 Susan Fannoney

FELLOWSHIP OFFERED BY:
 Susan Fannoney

OCMC UPDATE
 ** Many thanks to all who contributed to the OCMC box at the candle counter during the month of June. Our parish was able to send \$145.00 toward the mission of parishioner Amber Bennett. Amber thanks all of us for our support and prayers. During her initial mission trip this month, Amber spoke with His Eminence over the course of many meals and hours of private meetings. She met His priest from the Cathedral, Father Peter. Amber found it significant to be in Sweden during the Ss Peter and Paul Fast, preparing for public ministry, as did the apostles when they instituted it. There has been so much good already— 102 baptisms and chrismations in the past five years— but so much more needs to be done. Amber says that hopefully she can help there, with all our love and prayers for her here at Ss Peter and Paul. She is most appreciative for our support and sends her love. Thank you all!
 ** Our former choir director John Slanta and Betty Slanta will be headed to Alaska later this month for a short term mission in Pilot Station Wilderness Youth Camp. They will teach music and do liturgies, do crafts and have Bible studies. Thank you for your prayers for Betty and John's mission!
 ** Are you interested in going on a mission trip? Last year, OCMC sent 22 short term mission teams to 10 countries and ministered to nearly 7,000 people. See OCMC.org for more information.