

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
15 Jul	Yousef & Ghada Majlaton George Jabbour (Holy Bread & Wheat)	George Jabbour
22 Jul	Open	Open
29 Jul	Dolly & David Browning	Dara Potter
05 Aug	Open	Open
12 Aug	Open	Parish Council

**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 15, 2018
tone 6 / EOTHINON 7
SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF FOURTH
ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

GREAT PRINCE VLADIMIR (BASIL) OF KIEV,
EQUAL-TO-THE-APOSTLES;

MARTYRS KYRIKOS AND HIS MOTHER JULITTA OF TARSUS

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 6)

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

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.

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.

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 interrelatedness 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.

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/GQ6uQSnltimwgvJW2>. 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.

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 & 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 (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.

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 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 in honor of John Slanta
- Aug 14 *Baking Custard Triangles/10a/kitchen & Kogok Hall
*Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Dormition/6p Matins, 7p Divine Liturgy
- Aug 16 *Baking Knafee/10a/kitchen & Kogok Hall
- 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 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."

You can see that a city is prosperous by the wealth of goods for sale in the market. Land too we call prosperous if it bears rich fruit. And so also the soul may be counted prosperous if it is full of good works of every kind.

St. Basil the Great

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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

Parishioners who remain in our prayers continually

Margaret Ashley	Mary Smith	Charles Cox
Isabel Threddeh	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	Shoke George

DEPARTED

Fr. George Rados
Fred Mokhiber
Marta, Moussa, Joseph, Azar, Samir,
Souad, Nadia & Sebastian Jabbour

LIVING

Rt. Rev. Fr. Elias Bitar	Brian Briggs	Saleh Family
Eva Sasseen	Richie Ayoub	Rene Saa
Robert & Joyce Najjar	Rima Rizkallah & Family	Assad & Patricia Khoury
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Denise Bolus	Lorna Malooley	Robert Bridenhagen
Abe Fannoney	Artemis Lampathakis	Ann Marie Moses
Siham Ayoub & Family	Michael & Helia Ghanem	
George, Amal, Rena, Gina, Danny, Sherif, Zane, Zara, Zaya, Sami, Roula, Marthe, Sandra, Michael, Lori, & Charbel Jabbour		
Yousef, Ghada, Adib, Tamara, Fadi, Nina, Joseph, Izat, & Aniesa Mazlaton		

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Souad, Nadia, & Sebastian Jabbour

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.

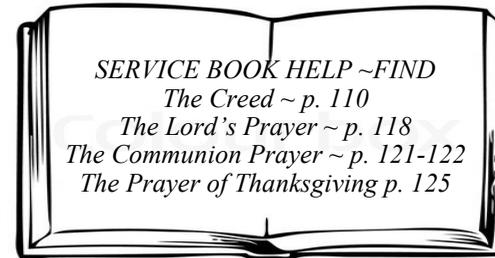
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- 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



HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:

George & Amal Jabbour/In Memory of Sebastian, Nadia & Souad Jabbour
Yousef & Ghada Mazlaton

MEMORIAL WHEAT:

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