

	BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
17 Jul	Darren & Jennifer Montgomery	Darren & Jennifer Montgomery
24 Jul	Sam & Marie Ghanem/40-Day Memorial for Bertha Aed	Sam & Marie Ghanem/40-Day Memorial for Bertha Aed
31 Jul	George Jabbour 40-Day Memorial for Nadia Jabbour	George Jabbour 40-Day Memorial for Nadia Jabbour
07 Aug	Open	Open
14 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 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 17, 2016

TONE 3 / EOTHINON 4

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF FOURTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

GREAT-MARTYR MARINA OF ANTIOCH IN PISIDIA

VENERABLE IRENARCHOS OF SOLOVKY

APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURECTION (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 ST. MARINA (Tone 4) (Joseph was amazed**)**

O Lord Jesus, unto Thee Thy lamb doth cry with a great voice: * O my Bridegroom, Thee I love; and seeking Thee, I now contest, * and with Thy baptism am crucified and buried. * I suffer for Thy sake, that I may reign with Thee; * for Thy sake I die, that I may live in Thee: * accept me offered out of longing * to Thee as a spotless sacrifice. * Lord, save our souls through her intercessions, since Thou art great in 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)

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.

The global council convened at Crete from 16 to 27 June, 2016 was officially titled the "Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church". It was intended to demonstrate the unity that exists among the fourteen independent churches who proclaim themselves to be the "One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church". The expectation was that these churches who represent approximately 300 million believers world-wide could speak with one voice as the Church to the world on matters of relevance and concern. Sadly, the intended outcome of the gathering proved to be quite elusive even before the council opened.

In the days preceding the opening of the meeting, word came that the Patriarchate of Bulgaria and his delegation would not attend. This church of 8.5 million believers objected to the way some pre-conciliar documents were presented and voted on, the seating arrangements, they wanted a round table with no one at the head, and the lack of timely and important topics on the agenda. The Patriarchate of Georgia, representing 3.6 million believers, objected to the document on ecumenical dialogue and relations with non-Orthodox churches which they consider to be too progressive. They proposed an alternative document which was rejected, they decided not to attend.

The Patriarchate of Antioch, representing 1.5 million believers, did not sign the pre-conciliar document on marriage and objected to some preliminary procedures. She did not attend the last- pre-council preparatory meeting earlier this year in protest. Most seriously, Antioch has broken communion with the Patriarchate of Jerusalem over the latter's usurping of the parish in Qatar which is part of the historic territory of the Patriarchate of Antioch. The Patriarch of Jerusalem now claims his jurisdiction includes 'all Arabia and Syria'. Appeals to the Ecumenical Patriarch to act in his capacity as 'first among equals' and adjudicate a viable solution to this issue have all failed. Not being able to witness to the oneness of the Orthodox Church by celebrating the Divine Liturgy and sharing the Eucharist, the most visible sign of unity, at a council whose declared central theme is unity, with the Patriarchate of Jerusalem and his representatives, the Patriarch and the Holy Synod of the Church of Antioch regrettably decided not to attend.

Finally, in the hours preceding the opening of the council, the Patriarchate of Moscow, representing 150 million believers opted not to participate. Noting the absence of three of the nine Patriarchal Churches, Russia expressed her view that this council was just another preparatory session for a general synod of bishops of global Orthodoxy to be held in the future which will truly unite all the local churches. During the pre-council preparations tension and rivalry became visible between Moscow, who sees herself as the 'third Rome' and the rightful heir to the historic leadership role in the Church, and Constantinople whose Patriarch personally spearheaded the drive for a council.

After seventy devastating years of persecution under atheistic communism, the Patriarchate of Moscow has emerged as a strong and pivotal force in contemporary Russia. Her close relationship with the Russian president and political elites has given her a geopolitical and religious gravitas unequalled in world Orthodoxy. With her sheer numbers and with the power of the state behind her she appears vying to be 'the' voice of global Orthodoxy at the present time. What she has to say and how her message might be received and by whom remains to be seen.

The ten churches left participating in the council will review and amend the pre-conciliar documents before presenting a final draft statement to be communicated to the entire church. How it will be received is anyone's guess. The importance and weight of the council's final decisions will be discussed and debated for a long time to come.

With the representatives of over half the Orthodox world boycotting the 'Holy and Great Council', chances of the council's deliberations being universally received seems rather slim. Unfortunately, the process towards the 'council' has revealed serious fragmentation and even deep seated division within the 'One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church'. It seems a shame that after twelve hundred years plus, the Church was not able to meet as 'one' and dialogue frankly around the issues that divide her members.

In times past, councils were called to resolve differences that threatened the unity and mission of the Church. Ironically, the call for and preparation process of this council in Crete has exposed serious breaches of unity within world Orthodoxy that grievously undermine her mission and effectively mute her voice. Hopefully, there is a lesson to be learned in all this and at some point in the near future we may yet see a gathering of world Orthodoxy that truly brings together the 'One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church'.

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 or ajmzaki@gmail.com), Alex Cox (alexcoxsells@gmail.com) or Fr. Isaac (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. 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.

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 pot-luck dinner over the summer. More information will follow.

Upcoming events...

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 05	*The Transfiguration Evening Divine Liturgy/7p
Aug 07	*Blessing of the Grapes for the Transfiguration *Emelia Saa/Baptism/1:30p
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 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."

We must see to it that our pleasing of others always ministers to their good in some way, edifies them, adds something to their character, and makes them braver, truer, and happier. The world is full of discouraged people, and we have the power to say a hopeful word or do a kindness which will drive the discouragement from their hearts and move them again, with strength for brave, victorious and songful living. Love is the greatest thing in the world...add something to the life of everyone.

St. Alexandra, Tsaritsa of Russia

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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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 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

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:

Darren & Jennifer Montgomery

FELLOWSHIP HOUR OFFERED BY:

Darren & Jennifer Montgomery

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
 Richie Kogok
 Isabel Threddeh
 Edmond & Sophie Neam

May Fillah
 Brian Briggs
 Holly Dubois

LIVING

Archpriest George & Family
 Raymond Ayoub
 Nicholas & Helen White
 Susan Ibrahim Ayoub
 Lorna Malooley
 Ruth Zolnerowich
 Darren, Jennifer, Nicholas, & Luke Montgomery

Nabeeha Ayoub
 Everett Alvarez
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 Rami Gregory Wallace
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Charles (Chuck) Neam
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 Abdelnour A Abdelnour

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Theology of Giving Series – Week 29 – July 17, 2016

Luke 12: 16-21 ... "Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: 'The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my corps? So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my corps and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

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>