

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
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
18 Aug	Zurefa Ellis	Zurefa Ellis

**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 21, 2019

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**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& FIFTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

RIGHTEOUS FATHERS JOHN OF EDESSA IN MESOPOTAMIA AND
SIMEON OF HOMS (EMESA), THE FOOL-FOR-CHRIST;
PARTHENIOS, BISHOP OF RADOVIZLIOS;
MARTYR VICTOR OF MARSEILLES

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 4)

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great 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.

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.

The proud do not wish to live according to the will of God, they prefer to direct their own lives, and they do not understand that man lacks the capacity to direct his own life without God.

St. Silouan the Athonite

God's Human Face

Hieromonk Calinic (Berger)

Thus, the icon of Christ conveys to us not only the fact that the Son of God became a man but more than this it conveys the infinite love and compassion that led Him to become incarnate, as well as His knowledge of our deeds, His patience with our weaknesses and His sternness regarding His coming again as universal Judge. The genius of traditional Orthodox iconography (as executed by talented and godly iconographers) is that it depicts the face of Christ in such a way as to express all of these dimensions of His personality simultaneously. The human face of Christ in His icon thereby becomes not only a reminder of God's humanity but also an aspect of His actual presence among us. We commune with Christ *not only* in the Eucharist but also through His words in Scripture, His icon, and through all the meanings (*logoi*) of the created world, which has Christ Himself as its Creator (Eph 3:9) and supreme *Logos* (Jn 1:1). All these things together allow us to fully commune with the full Christ.

For this reason the Icon of Christ is inseparable from both Orthodox worship and dogma. The icon is not with us in our Church simply because it is dogmatically allowed. It is with us because it is necessary for dogma. In the icon of Christ's face we see all of His saving actions at once. It reminds us of His nativity, His miracles, His passion and His Resurrection (*Sunday of Orthodoxy Kontakion*). The icon of Christ manifests Christ, and through it He Himself continues to work, as the priestly prayer to bless the icon clearly states. Furthermore, the icon of Christ connects His words and His Eucharist to His person, ensuring that neither one is disconnected or abstracted from Him. Jesus' words are absolutely unique. His "super-essential" Eucharistic bread is absolutely unique. So too has He left us His absolutely unique, personal face in His holy icon. Through all these things together Jesus continues to communicate with each of us personally. It brings Him into our presence and brings us into His presence.

The Word of God did not just assume human nature abstractly, but became a man, with a specific human face, His face, through which He wishes to communicate with us for all eternity. "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words shall not pass away" (Mt 24:35) — and neither shall His unique and grace-filled human face. This is the very meaning of salvation: to have the "light of God's face" shine upon us (Ps 80:7,19). If Western Christianity (e.g., Thomas Aquinas) considers salvation to be a beatific vision of God's essence, in Orthodoxy it is rather a vision of the face of Christ. Thus could Fr. Dumitru St_iloae finish his great work, *Orthodox Spirituality*, with these words: "The incarnation of the Word confirmed the value of man... But it also gave man the possibility to see in the human face of the *Logos*, concentrated anew, all the *logoi* and divine energies. Thus, final deification will consist of the contemplation and experiencing of all the divine values and energies conceived in and radiating from the face of Christ."

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.

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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 Annual Festival

The 2019 Middle Eastern Festival is September 20, 21, & 22, 2019 and is a major fundraiser for our Church. The Festival Committee is asking for your help and support to offset our baking and cooking expenses. Please see Lorna Malooley, Thomaseena Cox, or Denise Bolus in the Church Hall to make your donation or volunteer. Contact information: Lorna Malooley - (703)503-3344, lornaam6542@icloud.com; Thomaseena Cox - (301) 775-3842 (cox1903@aol.com); or Denise Bolus - (301) 466-3323 (bolus.denise@gmail.com) to donate.

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 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 1 *Start of the Fast of the Dormition/7p Service of the Small Paraklesis
Aug 5 *Feast of the Transfiguration/6p Matins, 7p Divine Liturgy
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)
*Parish Council Mtg/7:30p/Serge Malooley Conf Rm
Aug 14 *Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God/6p Matins, 7p Divine Liturgy
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/10a-3p (see Bulletin insert)
Sept 04 *Festival Cooking/Spinach Pies/10a-3p (see Bulletin insert)
Sept 07 *Browning/Misleh Wedding/4p
Sept 20-22*Ss. Peter & Paul Middle Eastern Festival

THE EPISTLE

(For the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost)

How great are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (10:1-10)

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that it may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that everyone who has faith may be justified. Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says: Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into Heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Fifth Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (8:28-9:1)

At that time, when Jesus came to the country of the Gergesenes, two demons met Him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have we to do to Thee, O Son of God? Art Thou come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged Him, "If Thou castest us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demons. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw Him, they begged Him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat He crossed over and came to His own city.

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.elixiochms.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

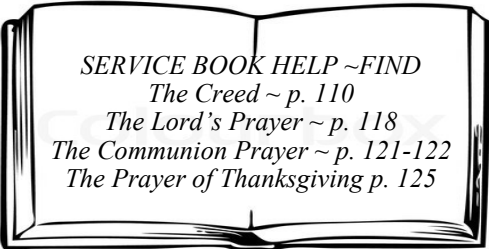
Orthodox Christians
Faithful Orthodox fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when they receive Holy Communion in fulfillment of Christ's command to eat His Body and drink His Blood. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, communicants should not be conscious of grave sin, 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
Holly Dubois	Suad Shammass	Robert & Thelma Badwey
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MEMORIAL SERVICE
Charles Cox

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:
Alex Cox/IMO his Dad, Charles Cox

MEMORIAL WHEAT
Donna Gavin/IMO her Uncle, Charles Cox

FELLOWSHIP OFFERED BY:
Thomaseena & Alex Cox/IMO of their Dad, Charles Cox

OCMC UPDATE
— The Orthodox Christian Mission Center has just announced more flexible- type scheduling for length of times for possible mission work. Think of mission work during a "gap year" for example, or even for a month or two between jobs. Please go to OCMC.org for specific information and an application. Please share this possibility with children, grandchildren, nieces/nephews, godchildren and friends, as it's a way more can be available to serve.
— Betty and John Slanta (our former choir director) left Friday morning for their teaching mission to Alaska. They return July 31st. Many thanks for keeping Betty and John in prayer for their mission.