

	BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
24 Jul	40-Day Memorial for Bertha Aed Sam & Margo Ghanem & Bertha Aed's Church Family	40-Day Memorial for Bertha Aed Sam & Margo Ghanem & Bertha Aed's Church Family
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
21 Aug	Eways Family 1-year Memorial for Mudallaleh Fareed Eways	Eways Family 1-year Memorial for Mudallaleh Fareed Eways

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.

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Matins: Sundays 9:30am
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SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2016

TONE 4 / EOTHINON 5

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

&

FIFTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

GREAT-MARTYR CHRISTINA OF TYRE

NEW-MARTYRS ATHANASIOS OF IKIA AND THEOPHILOS OF ZAK-
YNTHOS; ATHENAGORAS THE CONFESSOR; PASSION-BEARERS
BORIS (ROMAN) AND GLEB (DAVID)

APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURECTION (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 ST. CHRISTINA (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.

THE FOUR “ORDERS” IN CHURCH GOVERNMENT

The New Testament teaches that all four “orders” which form the government of the Church - laity, deacons, presbyters, and bishops - are necessary to the proper functioning of the body of Christ. All four are clearly visible in Paul’s first letter to Timothy.

- (1) The *laity* are called “saints” (Rom. 1:7; 2 Cor. 1:1; 1 Tim. 5:10), the “faithful” (Eph. 1:1), and “brethren” (Col. 1:2). The laity (Gr. *laos*) are all the people of God, the “priesthood” (1 Pet. 2:4-10). Technically the term “laity” includes clergy, though in our day the word usually refers to those in the Church who are not ordained. It is from among the laity that the other three orders emerge.
- (2) The *deacons*, literally “servants,” are ordained to serve the Church and must meet high qualifications (1 Tim. 3:8—13). The apostles were the first to take on the service tasks of deacons, and when the workload became too great they called for “seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit *and* wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business” (Acts 6:3). Besides serving the material needs of the people, deacons occupy a crucial role in the liturgical life of the Church.
- (3) The *presbyters*, or elders, are visible throughout the New Testament. Their ministry from the start was to “rule,” “labor in the word” and teach true “doctrine” (1 Tim. 5:17) in the local congregation. Paul “appointed elders in every church” (Acts 14:23) and later instructed his apostolic apprentice, Titus, to do the same in Crete (Titus 1:5). From the word “presbyter” came the shorter form “prest,” which finally became “priest.” In no way is the ordained Christian priesthood seen as a throwback to or a reenacting of the Old Testament priesthood. Rather, joined to Christ who is our High Priest “according to the order of Melchizedek” (Heb. 5:6, 10), the Orthodox priest is likewise a minister of a New Covenant which supercedes the old.
- (4) The *bishop* is the “overseer” of the congregation and clergy in a given area. Often the terms “bishop” and “elder” are used interchangeably in the New Testament (Acts 20:17, 28), with the bishop being the leader of the elders. The qualifications for bishop listed in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:7-9 underscore this role. Nonetheless, “bishop” is a specific office both in the New Testament and in the early Church. The Twelve were the first to hold this office (in Acts 1:20 “office” could literally translated “bishopric”) and they in turn consecrated other bishops to follow them. For example, Timothy and Titus are clearly of a separate order from that of elder (see 1 Tim. 5:17-22; Titus 1:5). Early records show James was bishop of Jerusalem by AD 49 and functioned accordingly at the first council there (Acts 15:13-22). Peter is on record as the first bishop of Antioch prior to AD 53, and later first bishop of Rome, where he was martyred about AD 65.

Perhaps the strongest early reference outside the New Testament to the presence of the four orders in Church government occurs in the writings of Ignatius, bishop of Antioch from AD 67-107, the very heart of the New Testament era. To the church at Philadelphia (see Rev. 3:7-13) he writes of “Christians [*laity*] at one with the *bishop* and the *presbyters* and the *deacons*.” (italics added).

In the Orthodox Church, authority is resident in all four orders, with the bishop providing the center of unity. His authority is not over the Church but within the Church. He is an icon of Jesus Christ, “the Shepherd and Overseer [lit., *bishop*] of your souls” (1 Pet. 2:25). Church leadership is not one of more of the orders functioning without the others. Rather the Church, with Christ as Head, is conducted like a symphony orchestra, a family, the body of Christ, where all the members in their given offices work together as the dwelling place of the Holy Trinity.

Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News and Events

SUNDAY SCHOOL

It is time to register for our Children's Sunday School Program. All Registration will be online this year. Please visit <http://goo.gl/forms/pCg39WettKzjKfsj1> to register your children. We have classes for children 3 years old (must be potty trained) through 12th grade. Classes meet following Communion until 12:30. We ask each family to contribute snacks and drinks for the students throughout the year. Our first day of classes will be on September 11th. We will have an Open House on Sunday, August 28th following liturgy where you can ask questions, register and meet some of our teachers. If you have any questions please email the directors at SundaySchool@peterpaulpotomac.org.

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 (alexcoxells@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 be 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 potluck dinner over the summer. More information will follow.

Upcoming events...

Jul 24	*40-Day Memorial for Bertha Aed
Jul 30	*Noelle Nijmeh Tawil/Baptism/12:00p
Jul 31	*40-Day Memorial for Nadia Jabbour
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)
Aug 28	*Sunday School Open House to follow Liturgy *John Augustus Mele/Baptism/1p
Sep 11	*First day of Sunday School classes
Sep 13	*Parish Council Mtg/LL Conf. Rm/7:00p
Sep 23-25	*Ss. Peter & Paul Middle Eastern Bazaar

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 demoniacs 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 demoniacs. 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.

Do not do anything without signing yourself with the sign of the Cross! When you depart on a journey, when you begin your work, when you go to study, when you are alone, and when you are with other people, seal yourself with the Holy Cross on your forehead, your body, your chest, your heart, your lips, your eyes, your ears. All of you should be sealed with the sign of Christ's victory over hell. Then you will no longer be afraid of charms, evil spirits, or sorcery, because these are dissolved by the power of the Cross like wax before fire and like dust before the wind.

+Elder Cleopa of Romania

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Jennifer Buchko

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Susan Kozlov
Michelle Zook
Christine Morin
Layla Najjar
Lizzy Cassar
Lara Bellone
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Caroline Jarboe
Chrissy Mackoul
Anees Mokhiber
Philip Allen

Men's Club

Sam Khalil

Antiochian Women

Kate Niewenhaus

Teen SOYO

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Jamilee Bellone

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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.

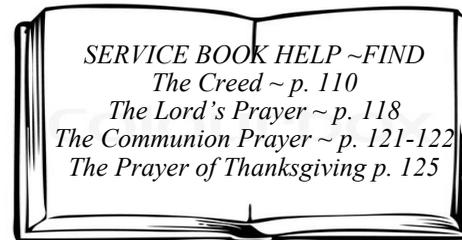
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- 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.



HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:

40-day Memorial for Bertha Aed offered by Sam & Margo Ghanem & the Church Family of Aunt Bertha

MEMORIAL WHEAT

40-day Memorial for Bertha Aed offered by Donna Gavin & the Church Family of Aunt Bertha

FELLOWSHIP HOUR OFFERED BY:

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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

Parishioners who remain in our prayers continually

Margaret Ashley	May Fillah
Richie Kogok	Brian Briggs
Isabel Threddeh	Holly Dubois
Edmond & Sophie Neam	

LIVING

Archpriest George & Family	Nabecha Ayoub
Raymond Ayoub	Everett Alvarez
Nicholas & Helen White	Susan & Abe Fannoney
Susan Ibrahim Ayoub	Rami Gregory Wallace
Tecia Yonkers	Victor Joubran
Rudi, Hala, & Raya Paskaleva	Kera Tomlin
George Aed & Family	Michael Aed & Family
Sam & Margo Ghanem	Donna Gavin
Ann Marie Moses	The Family & Friends of Bertha Aed
Joe Ghanem & Family	Kathy Ghanem

DEPARTED
 Charles (Chuck) Neam
 Bertha Aed
 Mitchell Aed
 Nadia Jabbour
 James Morro
 Jack Schueneman
 Robert Leo Black

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Theology of Giving Series – Week 30 – July 24, 2016

Acts 4: 32-35 ... "Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all. Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold, and laid them at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need."

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>