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All Things Are Possible to Him Who Believes

Matins: Sundays 9:30am

Divine Liturgy: Sundays 10:30am

Confessions: call to schedule

Sunday, August 10, 2014

Tone 8

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

and Ninth Sunday of Matthew

After-feast of the Transfiguration of Christ

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Today we Commemorate: Martyr and Archdeacon Laurence of Rome, Hieromartyr Sixtus, bishop of Rome & those with them; Venerable Laurence of Kaluga, the Fool for Christ's sake

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 8)

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF CHRIST (Tone 7)

When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos. O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.

TROPARION of Ss. Peter & 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 of the Transfiguration of Christ (Tone 7)

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

THE EPISTLE

(For the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost)

*Make vows to the Lord thy God and perform them. In Judah God is known;
His Name is great in Israel.*

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (3:9-17)

Brethren, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay or straw, each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (14:22-34)

At that time, Jesus made the Disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, but the Disciples' boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. But when the Disciples saw Jesus walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately He spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." And Peter answered Him, "Lord, if it is Thee, bid me come to Thee on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out His hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "Truly, Thou art the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

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 enter the sanctuary quietly during the Divine Liturgy.

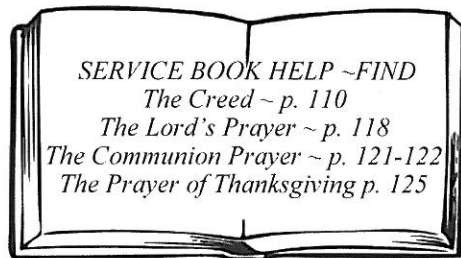
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

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 - 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 the Buchko family

40-Day Memorial for Lucy Saba, sister of Fifi--Laila Mokhiber's friend

FELLOWSHIP HOUR: offered by an Anonymous Donor

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

LIVING

**Parishioners who remain
in our prayers continually**

Margaret Ashley
Lulu & George Brown
Issa & Suad Shammias
Edmond Neam
Richie Kogok

Sister Gavriella
Zobenica family
Phillip Allen
Janan Bitar
Brian Briggs
Andrew Gavin
Katherine Slanta
Nicholas Yanowsky

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

DEPARTED

Lucy Saba Jan 26
Ryan Michael Saba July 13
Victoria Curtin Aug 4
Priest Milan Zobenica
Rose & Theodore Yonkers

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31ST ANNUAL MIDDLE EASTERN CULTURAL FESTIVAL September 26, 27 & 28

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

Get updates for Festival news, cooking class, baking sessions, and other preparations at www.facebook.com and paste into the search bar *Ss. Peter & Paul Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church*.

MIDDLE EASTERN FOOD FROM A-Z

You are wanted to learn to make the wonderful food that is your heritage. Experienced men and women of the parish offer their expertise in food preparation. Young and old, men and women, come, learn and perpetuate the tradition! Join Saints Peter and Paul Cooking Classes. Even if you cannot attend both sessions, attend one! Come to the Saturday sessions if you cannot make the weekday sessions. Come, watch and learn all the steps and practice cooking for your family—impress them with your culinary skills! Prepared foods to benefit Saints Peter and Paul Middle Eastern Food Festival held September 26-28. Questions? Contact Sam and Margo at ssg@afg-inc.com.

AUGUST SESSIONS

Spinach Pie	Wednesday	August 20 @10am
Spinach Pie	Saturday	August 23 @10am
Spinach Pie/Sfeehe	Wednesday	August 27 @10am
Spinach Pie/Sfeehe	Saturday	August 30 @10am

BAKERY HELP NEEDED

As we look forward to another profitable bakery booth at our festival in September, we need your help to ensure its success. Join us for as many of the following baking sessions as you can—sessions of fun and camaraderie! For more information, contact Baking Co-Chairs Mary Misleh at marymisleh@aol.com and Denise Bolus at bolus.denise@gmail.com.

Ghrabee & Yansoon	Monday	August 11 @10am
Custard Triangles	Friday	August 15 @10am
Knafee	Friday	August 22 @10am

SUNDAY SCHOOL

RESUMES SEPTEMBER 7TH

Parents register your children! Parents you must register your children each year and provide us with up-to-date contact and allergy information.

You can do so conveniently online at:
<http://tinyurl.com/peterpaulregistration>.

Questions? Please email Jennifer Buchko and Samia Zolnerowich at peterpaulsundayschool@gmail.com.

TEACHERS NEEDED

Do you enjoy learning? Are you looking for a challenge? Do you want to help the children in our parish grow to love and know Christ? Do you want to help teach the traditions of our church? We have the perfect place for you! Come and join our Sunday School staff. No previous experience is required. We will provide training, curriculum and eager learners. Please contact Jennifer Buchko or Samia Zolnerowich to join the Sunday School staff or ask any questions you may have at peterpaulsundayschool@gmail.com.

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN MISSIONS

FALL 2014 MISSION TEAM

The Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) is seeking 10 volunteers to help fill teams that will serve in Albania, Tanzania and Uganda this fall. The Albania team departing on September 17th will lead spiritual retreats for clergy wives, women lay leaders and women's groups. The Tanzania team departing on October 27th will offer theological training for the clergy of the Metropolis of Mwanza. The Uganda team, also departing on October 27th will offer Christian stewardship workshops to clergy and laity in various communities. Are you able to serve on one of these teams? If so, you are urgently needed! Without 10 additional volunteers these teams may not go. Please visit http://www.ocmc.org/about/open_teams.aspx, or contact OCMC's Teams Department by e-mail at teams@ocmc.org or by phone at 1-877-463-6784 for more information and to apply.

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IN DEFENSE
OF CHRISTIANS

Across the Middle East, from Iraq to Syria to Egypt, the descendants of the first Christians are persecuted for their faith. You can help them. This September 9-11, in Washington, DC, *In Defense of Christians* will hold a summit of diaspora Christians, policy makers, elected officials, and religious leaders – including cardinals of the Catholic Church, patriarchs of the Orthodox Church, evangelical leaders, bishops, priests, and from the Middle East. The Summit, "Preserving and Protecting Christians, Where Christianity Began," will give you the opportunity to be a voice for the Christians of the region. Tell Members of Congress and other government officials that you will no longer be silent while Christians are persecuted. The time to act is now. To register for the summit or for more information visit: Idcsummit.org. Stand in solidarity with them this September in Washington.

SAVE THE DATE

THE AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR
SAINT GEORGE HOSPITAL, INC.

Fourth Annual Gala to Benefit Saint George Hospital

Saturday October 25, 2014

Cocktails: 6:00pm

Dinner and Dancing: 7:30pm

Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium
1301 Constitution Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Black Tie Optional

WELCOME

Saints Peter and Paul Church welcomes
Sub Deacon Majd Akkawi our new
Pastoral Assistant and Director of Youth Ministry.
Majd is a recent graduate of Holy Cross
Greek Orthodox School of Theology.
We welcome him as he joins our parish family
and we offer prayers for his good health
and for a blessed ministry.

2015 CHURCH CALENDAR

Please note the 2015 church calendar for
sacraments, particularly weddings is rapidly filling
up. If you are planning a wedding, please contact
the church office as soon as possible
to book your date.



LOOKING AHEAD *Upcoming events...*

Aug 11 - Baking Session: Ghrabee/Yansoon@10am
Aug 12 - Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm
Aug 13 - Service of the Small Paraklesis @ 7pm
Aug 14 - Feast of the Dormition Liturgy @ 7pm
Aug 15 - Baking Session: Custard Triangles@10am
Aug 16 - Baptism of Desmond West @ 1pm
Aug 17 - Baptism of Salim Melki @ 1pm
Aug 20 - Cooking Class Spinach Pie @ 10am
Aug 22 - Baking Session: Knafee @10am
Aug 23 - Cooking Class Spinach Pie @10am
Aug 23 - Baptism Elnaz Davarparast @ 4pm
Aug 26 - Men's Club Meeting @ 7:30pm
Aug 27 - Cooking Class Spinach Pie/Sfeeha @10am
Aug 30 - Cooking Class Spinach Pie/Sfeeha @10am
Sep 6 - Wedding Danny Boulous/Karen Lesh@1:30p
Sep 9 - Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm

A SPIRITUAL VOICE FROM LONG AGO

We live in a very materialistic, secular society, buffeted from every direction by the forces that mark our culture. As a result of this, many have expressed concern about the vitality and even the survival of authentic Christian life in this age. The voices of earlier epochs, such as those of St. Anthony the Great, St. Mark the Ascetic, St. Nilus of Sinai, St. Isaac of Syria, and others like them, are rarely heard these days. Spirituality, mysticism and theology are not topics one hears at the supermarkets and malls.

The icon on our bulletin is of one of these spiritual giants of the past – **MAXIMUS THE CONFESSOR**. A native of Constantinople, he was provided a fine education, but left worldly affairs and entered a monastery in the year 641. He was a great defender of the Faith, struggling endlessly against false teaching and the heresies of the day. Not only that, he suffered physical punishment, imprisonment, derision and finally exilement for the steadfastness of his Faith. He fell asleep in the Lord around 662.

St. Maximus left volumes of spiritual writings, some of which are included in the book "Early Fathers from the Philokalia." Here are some of his comments on a favorite topic: **LOVE**. Let us remember these wise words when living our daily lives.

-- "Love is that good disposition of the soul in which it prefers nothing that exists to knowledge of God. But no man can come to such a state of love if he be attached to anything earthly."

-- "He who sees in his heart a trace of hatred towards another for some fault of his, is a complete stranger to love of God. For love of God can in no way tolerate hatred of man."

-- "He who has love, has God Himself, for **GOD IS LOVE**."

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FELLOWSHIP HOUR AND BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION

	BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
Aug 17	Mary Misleh	
24		
31	Abdallah Daoud	Abdallah Daoud
Sep 7		
14	Ed & Eleanor Husson	
21		
28		
Oct 5		

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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