

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
12 Aug	Chris Malaska for John Slanta	Parish Council/for John Slanta
19 Aug	Mary Misleh/IMO Ellen Rafeedie	Michele Forzley
26 Aug	Hanneh Doud/IMO Issa Doud	Hanneh Doud/IMO Issa Doud
02 Sep	Alex & Thomaseena Cox/40-Day Memorial for Charles Cox	Alex & Thomaseena Cox/40-Day Memorial for Charles Cox
09 Sep	Joyce Kogok/IMO Richard & Richie Kogok	Joyce Kogok/IMO Richard & Richie Kogok

**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, AUGUST 12, 2018

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

& ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

AFTER-FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF CHRIST

MARTYRS PHOTIOS AND ANIKYOTOS OF NICOMEDIA

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 2)

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION (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.

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 OF THE TRANSFIGURATION (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 Fast of the Dormition (August 1 -15)

During the first fifteen days of August each year the Church observes the Fast of the Dormition. This season which leads up to the Feast of the Repose (Dormition) is a special time of prayer and Supplication to the Theotokos, the Mother of our God.

Ss. Peter and Paul will celebrate the Feast of the Dormition on Tuesday, August 14 with Matins at 6:00pm and the Divine Liturgy at 7:00pm

“Her hands steadied the first steps of Him who steadied the earth to walk upon. Her lips helped the word of God to form his first human words.”

St. John of Damascus

Gifts Differing

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When we examine the gifts which St. Paul lists, we might be tempted to think that the only gifts that count have to do with some sort of ecclesiastical office (Rom 12:6-8, 1 Cor 12). Clearly this is not his intention, and indeed, often members of the laity and monastic ranks display some of these gifts much more than do clergy. More than financial support, the laity can offer gifts which the clergy cannot provide. For example, often members of the laity have highly developed professional talents, knowledge and experience, which are as essential to members of the Church as for specific Church projects. When such professional talents are used for God’s work, then the Church takes its rightful place as the center of life: in beautiful temples, parish facilities for education, schools, hospitals, or specific ministries. The Church becomes a repository of spirituality, education, culture and all life. Energy flows both to and from the entire community. Thus we can see why St. Paul places all gifts under the greater purpose of uniting all in the one Body of the Church, in the same Spirit, in sincerity and love (Rom 12:4, 1 COT 13).

One helpful example in this respect is the work of “Project Mexico,” an Orthodox charitable ministry which provides a ranch-home for orphan boys and builds houses for the homeless. The ranch also supervises their education and has its own Orthodox parish which many of the “graduates” of the ranch continue to attend. The Liturgy is sung in Spanish, simply, but majestically. There is a palpable, universal grace. Many groups of Orthodox youth from the United States have visited there to build houses for poor families, some living in shacks. Many of these youth had never seen such poverty before. Yet they have one common observation: the happiness of the Mexican people they encountered. They were so much more content with life and with what little they had. *Happier with less* — how can this be? The people in Mexico shared the only thing they had to share: their humanity. This is the goal of all sharing — hence their joyfulness.

When we who come from an affluent society see this, we are amazed. We see something beautiful and wondrous in our human nature which inspires us. We intuitively understand that it gives life meaning and warmth. Fr. Dumitru St_niloae wrote: “Our humanity has been so overlaid with artificiality, by the desire to appear rather than to be, that when it reveals its true self it causes amazement...” Truly this is the case: when true humanity is revealed, it is beautiful and attractive in a way we cannot articulate, even though the person possessing it is externally unimpressive. It reflects God.

Serving others in the name of Christ is a hallmark of Christian spirituality and a cornerstone of human fulfillment. One of the reasons why youth see something that touches them at Project Mexico is because they have opened themselves to see it. They do not go to Mexico for a good time or a vacation but to offer their gifts — time and talents — for a cause unrelated to their own “goals.” They go to serve others in the name of Christ.

This experience reflects the truth that St. Paul is expressing in Romans: use your gifts for God and neighbor and you will be fulfilled. “Be not conformed to this world” — for things cannot make you happy — “but be transformed by the renewing of your mind” — by orienting your energies and gifts to God (Rom 12:2). In giving, we will receive back much more. We must all work to acquire the Holy Spirit and His gifts, then use these gifts for others. In fact, the two actions are interwoven. Only in this way will we become the persons God intends us to become and attain a fulfillment that goes far beyond our own selves.

Part 2 of 2

Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News and Events

CHURCH SCHOOL 2017-2018

Registration for Church School has begun and 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:
Zaid Sharafudin / Zaid.sharafudin@gmail.com
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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.

Aug 14 *Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Dormition/Matins 6p, Divine Liturgy 7p

Sep 14-17*Antiochian Village Adult (over 21) Camp. register at: <https://avcamp.org/other-programs/adult-camp/>

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.)

Sep 15 *Antiochian Women Club Kickoff Luncheon (more details to follow)

2018 OCMC ORTHODOX MISSION TEAMS

OCMC Teams Build Up the Church so please consider joining an OCMC Orthodox Mission Team in 2018. Help build up the Church around the world: **Alaska** (Jul 10-19, Jul 20-31); **Albania** (Jun 12-30, Sep 17-24); **Ghana** (Aug 6-21); **Guatemala** (Jun 18-30, Aug 1-8); **Kenya** (Aug 8-20, Nov 28-Dec 8); **Indonesia** (Jun 26-Jul 9, Jul 3-16); **Jamaica** (Aug 2-11); **Mexico** (Aug 11-18). If you desire to serve in His vineyard, contact the OCMC at www.ocmc.org or call the OCMC at 1.877.463.6787 (ext 142) for more information.

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

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 15 *Parish Council Mtg/7:00p/Serge Malooley Conf. Rm
Aug 16 *Baking Knafee/10a/kitchen & Kogok Hall
Aug 18 *Prepare Grilling Food
*Baptism/Jerry Khalaf/12p
Aug 25 *Prepare Grilling Food
Sep 03 *Church Office Closed/Labor Day
Sep 07 *Vigil for the Feast of Nativity of the Theotokos at St. Mary Church, Hunt Valley, MD/5:00p
Sep 08 */baptism/Lydia Gideon/12p
Sep 21-23***Ss. Peter & Paul Mediterranean Festival (Bazaar)**
Sep 30 *Baptism/Gibran Anthony Sahouri/1:30p

THE EPISTLE

(For the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost)

The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me severely.
The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (9:2-12)

Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the Law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the Gospel of Christ.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Eleventh Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (18:23-35)

The Lord spoke this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also My heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

The Kingdom of God has no price tag on it. It is worth as much as you have. For Zaccheus it was worth half of what he owned, because the other half that he had unjustly pocketed he promised to restore fourfold. For Peter and Andrew it was worth the nets and vessel they had left behind; for the widow it was worth two copper coins; for another it was worth a cup of cold water. So as we have said, the Kingdom of Heaven is worth as much as you have.

St. Gregory Dialogos

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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	Mary Smith	
Isabel Threddeh	George Brown	Nabecha 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
Charles Tom Cox
Richard (Richie) John Ayoub

LIVING

Rt. Rev. Fr. Elias Bitar	Brian Briggs	Saleh Family
Rene Saa	Robert & Joyce Najjar	Rima Rizkallah & Family
Assad & Patricia Khoury	Suad Shammass	Nadim Zarour
Denise Bolus	Lorna Malooley	Ann Marie Moses
Antonius & Leila Barakat	Sam Sahouri	Fred Zacharia
Nabil Barbari	Mazen & Ruba Saah	Siham, Adrianna, Richard, & Jamie Ayoub
Eric Holl	Stephen Harrison	John & Betty Slanta
Joseph Gavin	James Courtright	Andrew Gavin
Marie Hyder	Samer, Lina & Jerry Khalaf	

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.

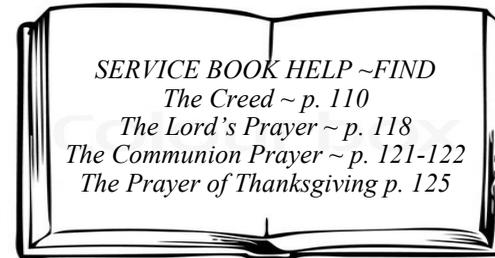
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- 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:

Chris Malaska in honor of John Slanta's retirement

FELLOWSHIP OFFERED BY:

The Parish Council in honor of John Slanta's retirement

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES 2018

The Stewardship Committee and 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, Fr. Isaac, Fr. Luke, or Zeina Manasseh/Stewardship Chair.