

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
13 Aug	Chris Malaska for the 40-day Memorial for Met. PAUL Saliba	40-Day Memorial for Met. PAUL Saliba. Thomassena & Alex Cox, Marie Hyder, Carol Laham & Paul Bridenhagen, Chris Malaska, Janet Metz, Bob Neri.
20 Aug	Mary Misleh	Assaf Family
27 Aug	Bellone Family/Memorial Wheat Open for Holy Bread	Bellone Family/IMO Gilbert Precivale
03 Sept	Jamileh Mogin	Jamileh Mogin
10 Sept	Saah & Barbari Families	Saah & Barbari Families

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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All Things Are Possible to Him Who Believes

Matins: Sundays 9:30am

Divine Liturgy: Sundays 10:30am

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2017

TONE 1 / EOTHINON 10

**TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& TENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

LEAVE-TAKING OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS CHRIST

APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRECTION (Tone 1)

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

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)(CHANT) (CHORAL)

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.

Preserve and save, O Theotokos, thy servants from every danger; after God do all of us for refuge flee unto thee; a firm rampart art thou and our protection.

The Supplicatory Canon to the Theotokos

In Honor of Fr. George Rados

On Sunday, **September 17, 2017**, the Ss. Peter and Paul Parish Council is hosting a Fellowship Hour in honor and appreciation of our Pastor Emeritus The V. Rev. Fr. George. Also on that day, a special plaque will be dedicated in the Narthex (entrance hall) of the Church in honor and in gratitude of Fr. George's service and dedication to our Parish. Please plan on attending this event and coming to the fellowship Hour in the Church Hall.

THE SIN THAT SEPARATES US FROM GOD

One of the most sublime aspects of Christian theology is how our Lord redeemed us by His suffering and death on the Cross. We cannot make any claim at being exhaustive here. However, we would ask you to reflect on this. God knows our nature. Were He to confront us directly with our sin, we would react by justifying ourselves and hardening our hearts. (Have you ever noticed what children do when they are admonished?) What, then, does God choose to do? He becomes one of us. He lives with us. He works with us. He teaches and heals us. And finally He becomes the object of our-jealousy and hatred. He takes all of this on Himself, even to the point of death, so that in watching Him outstretched on the Cross, dying, our hearts will melt and we might repent.

When we recognize our own sin then we can appreciate "the Father of mercies ... who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction" (2 Corinthians 1:3-4). Knowing that God loves us and forgives us allows us to "love one another, since love covers a multitude of sins" (1 Peter 4:8).

How is it possible for sin and grace to dwell in the same heart, as if there were two different hearts? The illustration of a fire may help. If you have a fire below a vessel and you put some wood on it, the fire flares up and the water in the vessel heats up and boils. But if you fail to put more wood on the fire it begins to fade gradually and goes out. In our hearts is the heavenly fire of grace. If we pray and meditate on the love of Christ, we add wood to the fire and our hearts burn with longing for God. If on the contrary; we are negligent and give our attention to worldly affairs, vice enters the heart, takes it over torments us. Nevertheless, the heart remembers the peace which it tasted earlier and begins to repent, to direct itself afresh towards God. On the one hand then, peace is brought nearer, on the other, we are seeking it fervently in prayer. It is like stirring the fire which is warming the heart. The vessel of the heart is very deep; so deep that the Bible says God searches the abyss of it. If a person deviates from the way of God's commandments, he puts himself under the power of sin. And because the heart is a deep abyss, sin goes right down into it in order to take over its territory. So it is necessary for grace also, slowly, to descend to those depths.

St. Macarius

From a Pastoral Letter for the Third Millennium
Part 4 of 4

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Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News and Events

Summer Update

This summer the Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Council continues to work on several important maintenance and renovation projects. *The new sound system is installed and operational. Work is completed on fixing and repairing the Church parking lot. *Work will begin soon on the final phase of the roof repair work. *A large new grill has been purchased for the Bazaar.

SS. PETER & PAUL CHURCH LEARNING & MEDIA CENTER

Donations are welcomed in support of the establishment of the new Church Learning and Media Center. Please send all donations to Ss. Peter and Paul Church earmarked "Library Fund". In addition, donation of books on topics related to the Orthodox Faith, Doctrine, Church History, Liturgy, and Scripture will be gratefully accepted. Please contact Fr. Isaac, Dn. Christian, or Kate Niewen-hous for more information.

CHURCH SCHOOL 2017-2018

It is time to register for our Children's Sunday School Program. All Registration is online. Please visit <http://tinyurl.com/registerSunSchool> 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 10th. We will have an Open House on Sunday, August 27th 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

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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

- Aug 13 *40-Day Memorial for Metropolitan PAUL Saliba
- *Rami Wallace Baptism/1:30p
- Aug 14 *Evening Divine Liturgy/Feast of the Dormition/7p
- Aug 27 *Blessing of the Icon of the Theotokos In Memory of Madelyn Nader
- *Bellone Family/40-Day Memorial for Gilbert Percivale
- *Church School Open House & Meet N Greet to follow the Liturgy
- *Saroufim & Sevin Wedding/4p
- Sep 04 *Church office closed for Labor Day
- Sep 07 *Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos
- Sep 10 *Start of the Church School
- *Saah Family/1-Year Memorial for Adib Saah
- *Barbari Family/1-Year Memorial for Nahida Barbari
- *Helia Bahmaei Baptism/1:30p
- Sep 12 *Parish Council Mtg./7p
- Sep 13 *Feast of the Elevation of the Cross
- Sep 22-24 *Ss. Peter & Paul Church Bazaar
- Sep 17 *Procession of the Cross
- *Joyce Kogok In Memory of Richard & Richie Kogok/Memorial Wheat & Bread
- *Fellowship in honor of Fr. George Rados
- Sep 30 *Rafeedie/Erazo Wedding/4p
- Oct 01 *Andrew Hinton Hartman Baptism/1:30
- Oct 10 *Parish Council Mtg/7p

THE EPISTLE

(For the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (4:9-16)

Brethren, God has exhibited us Apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill clad and buffeted and homeless; and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

GOSPEL

(For the Tenth Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (17:14-23)

At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before Him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to Thy disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" Jesus said to them, "Because you have no faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. This kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they were traveling together through Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and He will rise on the third day."

FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS

The Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos falls on August 15. Ss. Peter and Paul Church will celebrate the Feast with an evening of Divine Liturgy on Monday, August 14 at 7:00pm.

"In giving birth thou didst keep thy virginity and in thy repose thou didst not forsake the world O Theotokos. For thou art the Mother of Life and thou didst pass over into life, and through thine intercessions from death thou dost redeem our souls."

Apolytikion of the Dormition

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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

Archpriest George Rados	Brian Briggs	Mary Smith
Margaret Ashley	Isabel Threddeh	George Brown
Helen White	Thelma Badwey	Everett Alvarez
Holly Dubois	Grace Malouf	Barbara Abraham
Edmond & Sophie Neam	Lulu Brown	Tania Mufarrrij
George & Joan Abraham		

DEPARTED

Met. PAUL Saliba
 Kh. Stefanie Yazge
 Charles Baxley
 Gilbert Precivale
 Ted Malaska
 Sammy Audi

LIVING

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Leila Khoury	Deborah Brown
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Bob Petrossian	Julia Fayad
Louise Magelli	Andrew Gavin
Derek Gilliam	Carol Laham
Sharen Zacharia	Bryan & Marc Alvarez
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Chris Malaska & Family	Ss. Peter & Paul Choir
Thomaseena Cox	Alex Cox
Marie Hyder	Carol Laham
Paul Bridenhagen	Janet Metz
Elizabeth Khalil	Bob Neri
Gregory Wallace, Maria Sadek, & Rami Wallace	

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.

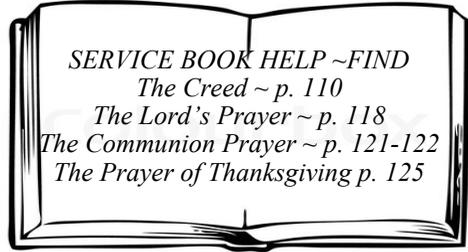
Welcome to Ss. Peter and Paul
 To encourage our worship in a proper spirit of prayer and devotion, we respectfully ask you to enter the sanctuary quietly during the Divine Liturgy.

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 col-



HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:
 Chris Malaska for the 40-Day Memorial for Metropolitan PAUL Saliba

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Stewardship Corner/Theology of Giving Series – Week 28

Matthew 6: 28-34 ... "So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."

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>