

|               | <b>BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION</b>                               | <b>FELLOWSHIP HOUR</b>                                      |
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| <b>14 Aug</b> | Joyce & Bob Najjar/40-Day Memorial for Lucille Samia        | Kurubel Asgedom & Helen Fesschaie                           |
| <b>21 Aug</b> | Eways Family<br>1-year Memorial for Mudallaleh Fareed Eways | Eways Family<br>1-year Memorial for Mudallaleh Fareed Eways |
| <b>28 Aug</b> | Open  | Open  |
| <b>04 Sep</b> | Open  | Open  |
| <b>11 Sep</b> | Open  | Open  |

**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.

## SS. PETER AND PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

*All Things Are Possible to Him Who Believes*

**Matins:** Sundays 9:30am

**Divine Liturgy:** Sundays 10:30am

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2016**

**TONE 7/ EOTHINON 8**

### **TRANSFER OF THE FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS**

#### **APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURECTION (Tone 7)**

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

#### **APOLYTIKION OF THE DORMITION (Tone 1)**

In thy birth-giving, O Theotokos, thou didst keep and preserve virginity; and in thy falling-asleep thou hast not forsaken the world; for living thou wast translated, being the Mother of Life. Wherefore, by thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

#### **KONTAKION OF THE DORMITION (Tone 2)**

Verily, the Theotokos, who is ever watchful in intercessions, who is never rejected, neither tomb nor death could control. But being the Mother of Life, He Who dwelt in her ever-Virgin womb did translate her to life.

*While we have time, let us visit Christ, let us serve Christ, let us nourish Christ, let us clothe Christ, let us offer hospitality to Christ, let us honor Christ.*

*St. Gregory the Theologian*

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## **COME LET US WORSHIP**

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### WHERE DOES THE DIVINE LITURGY COME FROM?

#### WHAT "LITURGY" IS AND WHO THE PARTICIPANTS ARE

In the original Greek, the word *liturgy* is actually made of two elements (*leitōs*, "people," and *ergeia*, "working"), the oldest and primary meaning of which is "the work of the people," or "a public service." In pre-Christian antiquity, this word meant the "duty" or "function" one would fulfill for the public good at his own expense. Thus, the liturgy is not something one receives, but rather what one *gives*.

At the same time, as suggested earlier, *liturgy* means "the work of prayer." So the Liturgy is *work*: it is a work that we do together in concert with the Holy Spirit. Consequently, we must expend some effort in order to participate actively and meaningfully. The Liturgy is the *work of prayer*: let us begin by listening carefully, in order to learn to pray properly. It is the *work of the people*; thus, it necessitates a community. At least one other Orthodox Christian must be actively present with the bishop or priest in the praying of the Liturgy in order for it to take place. There are no private liturgies. The Liturgy needs a community for its proper celebration. With the apostolic minister presiding at the Holy Table, at least one other person, and with an offering of bread and wine, the Liturgy may proceed.

The Liturgy is a mosaic of Holy Scripture and prayer, all interwoven into an organic whole. Many people have attempted to enumerate how many scriptural quotations and biblical allusions are contained in the Liturgy. Such exercises are profitable, yet it is difficult to arrive at an exact accounting, since almost every word of the Liturgy is deeply scriptural in tone and content, one phrase running into and even overlapping another. By praying and, over time, memorizing the Divine Liturgy, one learns to pray and even memorize a great deal of the Bible. It has been said that while many Christians study the Bible, we Orthodox pray the Bible.

*Part 3 of 3*

#### **THE DORMITION OF OUR MOST HOLY LADY THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY.**

The Theotokos often prayed to Jesus from the Mount of Olives. The Archangel Gabriel once appeared to her there and gave her a palm branch from Paradise. He told her that it was to be carried during her funeral procession, which would happen in three days' time. She prayed that she would once more see the holy Apostles, and it happened in this way: From wherever they happened to be, the Apostles were caught up in clouds or carried by angels to the side of the Theotokos, who was living in the house of the Apostle John on Zion in Jerusalem. The icon of the Dormition captures the scene when her soul departed painlessly from her body. She is thought to have been around sixty years of age at this time. Peter is by her head and Paul by her feet. The other Apostles surround her, and Jesus with His angels is seen receiving her soul, which is pictured as a baby in swaddling clothes. En route to her entombment, a priest of the Jews grabbed the bed on which she was being carried and attempted to throw her to the ground. An angel of God, however, cut off his hands, and they can be seen in the icon hanging from the side of the bed. When he pleaded for help and confessed his belief in Christianity, he was healed through prayer. The Theotokos was taken to a tomb at the foot of the Garden of Gethsemane, where she rested for only three days, accompanied by angelic singing. At the end of this time, Apostle Thomas arrived and longed to see the Theotokos. When they opened the tomb, they found only her burial clothes. However, she appeared to all the Apostles that evening and comforted them, saying that she would always be with them.

# 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://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 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](mailto: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](mailto:georgezaki@gmail.com) or [ajmzaki@gmail.com](mailto:ajmzaki@gmail.com)), Alex Cox ([alexcoxsells@gmail.com](mailto:alexcoxsells@gmail.com)) or Fr. Isaac ([frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org](mailto:frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org)). Our Parish is grateful for this ministry remembering that when we visit the sick and the infirm we visit Christ himself.

## 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>

## 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](mailto:FrIsaac@peterpaulpotomac.org).

## YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

**The Ss. Peter & Paul YAF will be holding a meeting to elect its new officers on Sunday, August 28, 2016 following fellowship hour.** All young adults in the parish (20-40 years of age) are encouraged to participate in this important ministry of the church. The fellowship is planning a number of activities for the new year including resumption of its study group meetings, potluck dinners, and Orthodoxy-on-Tap get togethers. In addition, a spiritual retreat is being planned. For more information contact Samar Korkor at [skorkor@gmail.com](mailto:skorkor@gmail.com), Dn Christian at [dchristian@peterpaulpotomac.org](mailto:dchristian@peterpaulpotomac.org), or Fr. Isaac at [frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org](mailto:frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org).

### Upcoming events...

Aug 14 \*Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos (observed)  
Aug 17 \*Baking Session 10a (see Bazaar insert)  
Aug 19 \*Baking Session 10a (see Bazaar insert)  
Aug 21 \*Amelia Lynn Zegeer Baptism 1:30p  
Aug 28 \*Sunday School Open House to follow Liturgy  
\*Sunday School Staff Meeting/LL Conf. Rm. to Follow Fellowship Hour  
\*John Augustus Mele/Baptism/1p  
Sep 05 \*Offices closed for Labor Day Holiday  
Sep 06 \*Baking Session 10a (see Bazaar insert)  
Sep 08 \*Baking Session 10a (see Bazaar insert)  
Sep 10 \*Baking Session 10a (see Bazaar insert)  
Sep 11 \*First day of Sunday School classes  
Sep 13 \*Parish Council Mtg/LL Conf. Rm/7:00p  
Sep 14 \*Feast of the Elevation of the Cross  
Sep 18 \*Procession of the Cross to follow the Liturgy  
Sep 19-22 \*Bazaar Prep  
Sep 23-25 \*Ss. Peter & Paul Middle Eastern Bazaar  
Sep 25 \*1-year Memorial for Renee Moorad  
Sep 26 \*Bazaar clean-up  
Oct 09 \*Parish General Assembly (to follow the Liturgy)

## THE EPISTLE

(For the Dormition)

*My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.  
He hath regarded the lowliness of His servant.*

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians. (2:5-11)**

Brethren, have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, Who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the Name which is above every name, that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## THE GOSPEL

(For the Dormition)

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (10:38-42; 11:27-28)**

At that time, Jesus entered a certain village; and a woman named Martha received Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to His teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to Him and said, "Lord, dost Thou not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her." As He said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore Thee, and the breasts that Thou didst suck!" But He said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

## HOLY LAND CHRISTIAN ECUMENICAL FOUNDATION

The Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation (H.C.E.F.) is an Ecumenical Christian Foundation based in Washington D.C. which has worked for many years to support the Christian Communities of the Middle East. This year the H.C.E.F. will honor the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdioceses of North America with the "Living Stones Solidarity Award" at its 18<sup>th</sup> International Conference to be held at the Georgetown Washington Marriott hotel. His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH will be accepting the award on behalf of the Archdioceses on Friday, October 14 and will be the keynote speaker at the conference on Saturday, October 15. All those interested in attending the conference please speak to Fr. Isaac. For more information see [hcef.org](http://hcef.org).

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Directors

Samia Zolnerowich  
Jennifer Buchko

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Christine & Samer Korkor  
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Nick Nahas  
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### Rental Coordinator

Barbara Abraham

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Sam Sahouri Ghanem

### Finance

Gary Farha

### Stewardship

Lina Eid

### 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.

SERVICE BOOK HELP ~FIND  
 The Creed ~ p. 110  
 The Lord's Prayer ~ p. 118  
 The Communion Prayer ~ p. 121-122  
 The Prayer of Thanksgiving p. 125

### HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:

Robert & Joyce Najjar & Family 40-Day Memorial of Lucille Samia

### MEMORIAL WHEAT

Robert & Joyce Najjar & Family 40-Day Memorial of Lucille Samia

### FELLOWSHIP HOUR OFFERED BY:

Kurubel Asgedom & Helen Fessechaic

# 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  
 Richie Kogok  
 Isabel Threddeh  
 Edmond & Sophie Neam

May Fillah  
 Brian Briggs  
 Holly Dubois

### LIVING

Archpriest George & Family  
 Nabeeha Ayoub  
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Raymond Ayoub  
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 Kera Tomlin  
 Mariana Soury  
 Robert & Joyce Najjar  
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 Abel

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Theology of Giving Series – Week 33 – August 14, 2016

**Weeks 32 to 36 come from Again, Fall, 2005, "The Trial of the Tithe," Fr. Thomas Zell**

*From the third-century document Didascalia Apostolorum ... "Set aside part offerings and tithes and first fruits to Christ, the true High Priest, and to His ministers, even tithes of salvation to Him. . . . Today the oblations are offered through the bishops to the Lord God. For they are your high priests; but the priests and Levites are now the presbyters and deacons, and the orphans and widows. . . . Your fruits and the work of your hands present to him, that you may be blessed; your first fruits and your tithes and your vows and your part offerings give to him; for he has need of them that he may be sustained, and that he may dispense also to those who are in want, to each as is just for him."*

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>