

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
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 Siham Ayoub/40-Day Memorial for Richard (Richie) Ayoub	Alex & Thomaseena Cox/40-Day Memorial for Charles Cox
09 Sep	Joyce Kogok/IMO Richard & Richie Kogok	Joyce Kogok/IMO Richard & Richie Kogok
16 Sep	open	Silvia Tawil

**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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SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2018

TONE 3 / EOTHINON 1

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

& TWELFTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

AFTER-FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS

HOLY MARTYR ANDREW THE COMMANDER AND THOSE WITH HIM;

VENERABLE THEOPHANES OF DOCHEIARIOU MONASTERY ON ATHOS

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 3)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting 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 thou wast translated into life, being the Mother of Life. Wherefore, by thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

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 DORMITION (Tone 2)

Verily, the Theotokos, who is ever watchful in intercessions, and whose prayers are never rejected, neither tomb nor death could control. But since she is the Mother of Life, He Who dwelt in her ever-virgin womb did translate her to life.

If you want to avoid falling into anger or resentment, try not to feel any passionate attraction to material things. Do not see any [material thing] as yours, nor yet despise it as cheap and of no value. Always offer to God what you can.... You will be able to achieve this if you manage [your material goods] not as yours but as objects of God, and if you believe that it is only the care of them that is given to you. Because if you do not have a passionate attachment to something, you will not [obsess over] it; but if you do not have this aim, you can be certain that you will not cease from being disturbed and from troubling others.

St. Dorotheos of Gaza

VIRGIN AND MOTHER

Hieromonk Calinic (Berger)

The Virgin Mary stands at the center of the Church’s devotional life, both personal and communal. She also stands at the very center of the Church’s dogmatic beliefs as an inseparable part of the Christian faith that God became man. These two “centers” of the Church — its life of prayer and its dogmatic beliefs — are totally inseparable in Orthodox Christianity. For this reason, the icon of the Virgin adorns every church and every home, and she is commemorated in each and every divine service.

The Orthodox Church has given the Virgin Mary two main titles, which correspond to her place in these two “centers” of Church life: “Theotokos” (“God-bearer” or “Mother of God”) and “Panagia” (“All-holy”). The term “Theotokos” places her at the center of Orthodox dogma because it confesses the belief that she gave birth to God become a man, not to a man in whom God later dwelt. The term “All-holy” refers to Mary’s position among the faithful, as the one “holiest of all the Saints,” which places her at the center of the Church and its life of prayer. Each time we commemorate her in our liturgical petitions we use *both* of these titles: we call her “our most holy [Panagia] ... Birth-giver of God [Theotokos] and Ever-virgin Mary.” Thus it is that in her Icons as *Theotokos* she is always depicted holding her Son in her arms. As *Panagia*, she is always depicted with her arms outstretched in supplication as a member of the Church, her Son also with her, but not being held by her. Ideally, she is never depicted without her Son.

The Greek word “Theotokos” literally translates as “God-bearer.” It was coined in the second century by the Alexandrian theologian Origen. At the Third Ecumenical Council in A.D. 431, the term took center stage as confirming the Christian belief that Jesus Christ is truly God and truly man. Mary did not simply give birth to a mere man in whom the Son of God dwelt but to the Son of God Himself become a man. The title quickly spread throughout the world, becoming central in hymnology and popular prayer.

The English translation “Birth-giver of God” should not lead us to a notion that the Virgin Mary was a *mere instrument* of God, who gave birth and did not give anything else. On the contrary, she was truly His *mother*. In other words, she was the one who made that first eye-contact with the infant Christ and who loved and nurtured him as a child, which implies doing all those things which bond a child to its mother, thereby developing his soul and forming his personality.

At the same time, she is “All-holy” which means Virgin — someone who is totally uncorrupt, pure in body, soul and mind. In Orthodoxy, the exalted status of the Virgin Mary does not place her above the Church — as Christ uniquely is, as its Head — but rather at its center. The Orthodox Church insists that, while remaining without any personal sin, Mary shared our fallen nature to the full — all of the common miseries and fallen inclinations of the human condition — and truly died before being translated by her Son. Hence her greatest Feast is the Dormition, in which the Church celebrates that one person in our midst who made herself so available and dedicated to God so as to become His Mother, and yet at the same time remained in all things like unto us, in solidarity with those praying to her Son and struggling for sanctification.

Part 1 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:
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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.

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 and OCMC Mission Box at Candle Stand

Orthodox Christian Mission Teams spread the joy and love of Christ to the world!

- Did you know we have several (prospective short and long-term) missionaries at Ss Peter and Paul?
- Did you know we have a box by the candle stand if you wish to donate to OCMC?
- Did you know any of us can go on a short mission trip? The currently available short mission teams are as follows:
 - * September 17-September 27 – Teaching in Tirana, Albania
 - * September 29-October 6 – Take a missions tour to Albania and surrounding regions
 - * November 19-28 – Reach out to clergy wives in diocese of Nyeri, Kenya by sharing your faith and encouraging women
 - * November 28-December 8 – Kisumu Youth Conference in Kenya
 - * November 28-December 8 – Nairobi, Kenya mentoring team working at the St. Clement Orthodox School for at risk youth

You can contact OCMC at ocmc.org or call at 1-877-463-6787, extension 142 for more information.

MEN'S MINISTRY GROUP

Aug 21 *Men's Club Mtg/7:00p/Serge Malooley Conf. Rm.

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 21 *Men's Club Mtg./7p/Serge Malooley Conf. Rm.
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 Michael/12p
Sep 11 *Parish Council Mtg./7p/Serge Malooley Conf. Rm.
Sep 15 *Baptism/Ember Vasilescu/12p
Sep 21-23*SS. Peter & Paul Mediterranean Festival (Bazaar)
Sep 30 *Baptism/Gibran Anthony Sahouri/1:30p

THE EPISTLE

(For the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost)

Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Clap your hands, all ye nations.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (15:1-11)

Brethren, I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the Gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He rose on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. Then He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then He appeared to James, then to all the Apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. For I am the least of the Apostles, unfit to be called an Apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God, which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Twelfth Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (19:16-26)

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, "Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to Him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness, honor your father and mother, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to Him, "All these I have observed; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this, he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

The Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Learning & Media Center

At long last the new Parish Learning and Media Center is up and running. The Center houses the Parish Library, audio visual materials, and Christian educational resources.

The Center is located in the Lower Level inside room accessible from the Serge Malooley Conference Room. All are welcome to use the center by following its user guidelines. Please contact Fr. Isaac, Fr. Luke, or Dn. Christian for access and information.

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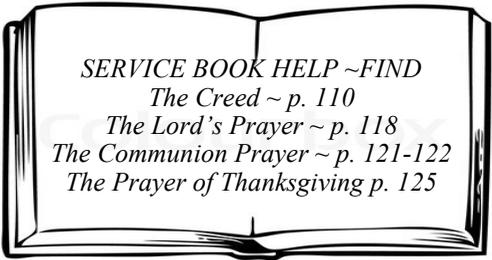
Orthodox Christians
 Faithful Orthodox fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when they receive Holy Communion in fulfillment of Christ's command to eat His Body and drink His Blood. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, communicants should not be conscious of grave sin, 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



HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:
 Mary Misleh/IMO Ellen Rafeedie

COLIVA (MEMORIAL CAKE) OFFERED BY:
 Roxana Danciu/IMO Juan Ariel Pena

FELLOWSHIP OFFERED BY:
 Michele Forzley

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

Rt. Rev. Fr. Elias Bitar	Margaret Ashley	Mary Smith
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MEMORIAL SERVICE
 Juan Ariel Pena
 Peter J. Boyle/9-Day Memorial Service

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.