

	BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
02 Aug	Suzanne Hermes	Ss. Peter & Paul Church
09 Aug	John & Dina Saah	John & Dina Saah
16 Aug	OPEN	OPEN
23 Aug	Nabil & Caroline Emad	OPEN
30 Aug	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 2, 2015

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & NINTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW TONE 8 / EOTHINON 9

RELICS TRANSLATION OF PROTO-MARTYR STEPHEN THE ARCHDEACON

VENERABLE PHOTEINI THE WONDERWORKER OF CARPASIA IN CYPRUS;
BLESSED BASIL THE FOOL-FOR-CHRIST, WONDERWORKER OF MOSCOW

APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRECTION (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 ST. STEPHEN THE ARCHDEACON (Tone 4)

*(**Be quick to anticipate**)*

The crown of the Kingdom hath adorned the brow of thy head * because of the contests that thou hast endured for Christ God, thou first of the martyred Saints; * for when thou hadst censured the Jews' madness, thou sawest * Christ thy Savior standing at the right hand of the Father. * O Stephen, ever pray Him for us, that He would save our souls.

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 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.

Service of the Small Supplicatory Canon to the Mother of God **(The Paraklesis)**

With the start of the Fast of the Dormition (August 1st – 15th) Ss. Peter & Paul Church will offer the Service of the Small Supplicatory Canon to the Mother of God (The Paraklesis) at 7:00pm on Monday, August 3rd; Friday, August 7th; and Monday, August 10th. The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord will be celebrated on Wednesday, August 5 at 7:00pm and the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos on Friday, August 14 also at 7:00pm.

THE ADDRESS OF HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN JOSEPH TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE 52ND ARCHDIOCESAN CONVENTION

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the Cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:1-2)

Your Beatitude and Beloved father in Christ Patriarch John X, brother Hierarchs, Reverend Clergy, beloved monastics, honored guests, and delegates to this 52nd Archdiocesan Convention:

I greet you with great joy as we gather together as one unified Archdiocese of the Church of Antioch to do the work of the Lord. Our joy is increased a hundred fold by the presence of our Father in Christ, His Beatitude Patriarch John X who is presiding over this Convention. We welcome him with love and prayers for the great burden which he carries to be the father of all of his spiritual children throughout the vast expanse of the world where we find the Church of Antioch. We bear in mind that His Beatitude has spiritual children around the world, from the Middle East to Europe, from North America to Central and South America, and from Australia and New Zealand to the Philippines. Wherever he is present, he is ever mindful of the needs of his spiritual children everywhere, and he never ceases to search for ways to bring comfort to them. May our gracious and loving Lord bless him and his ministry to all of us.

Introductory Statement about the Archdiocese

The quote with which I began this address is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews, and it forms the theme for my address today. It reminds us, in the most powerful terms possible, of our struggle to run the race which is set before us with faith and endurance. But it also reminds us that we cannot run this race on our own, but rather we look to the power of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ, the "author and finisher of our faith" to be the force by which all things are possible. This is expressed so beautifully by St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians when he teaches "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13)

Among the "great cloud of witnesses" stand those men who have preceded me as the leaders of this God-protected Archdiocese, most notably our Father among the Saints Raphael of Brooklyn, Metropolitan Antony Bashir, and Metropolitan Philip Saliba, all of thrice blessed memory. As you know, our Father in Christ Patriarch John X has declared this year to be the official Jubilee year commemorating the 100th anniversary of the repose of St. Raphael of Brooklyn. We acknowledge with gratitude the strong foundation which has been granted to us by the tireless work and sacrifice of these men, and ask our Lord to grant them rest in His Eternal Kingdom. We especially acknowledge our beloved Metropolitan Philip as we gather at the first Archdiocesan Convention without his strong physical presence, but with the assurance that he intercedes with the Lord on behalf of this Archdiocese. His accomplishments over the 48 years of his leadership have given us a very strong foundation upon which we will build. May His Memory be Eternal!

There is much work to be done in many areas throughout this Archdiocese. Foundations are very important, but the Church cannot prosper on foundations alone. We must continue to build beautiful and magnificent structures upon those foundations. I do not speak of physical structures alone, but more importantly spiritual structures. If we are to run this race with endurance, it will take a strong team effort from everyone who is a part of this Archdiocese. Hierarchs, clergy, and laity alike must all be contributors. The Metropolitan is not separated from his brother bishops, the clergy, or the laity. Rather, he is called to be the brother to the hierarchs, and the father to all of the spiritual children who have been placed under his care. Everything that we do must be rooted in our Lord Jesus Christ who teaches us that "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing." (John 15:5)

Part 1 of a Series

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Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News

God is the source of all activity throughout creation. He cannot be seen or described in his own nature and in all his greatness by any of his creatures. Yet he is certainly not unknown. Through his Word the whole creation learns that there is one God the Father, who holds all things together and gives them their being. As it is written in the Gospel, "No man has ever seen God, except the only-begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has revealed him."

St. Irenaeus of Lyons

2015 CAR RAFFLE UPDATE

As we approach the last two months of the Car Raffle, please remember to turn in the sold tickets and money to the church ushers or at the Raffle table in the Kogok Hall (when it is attended). This is also a reminder to do your absolute best to sell the 3 tickets that were mailed to you. This is a great opportunity for the church and this year's festival. Your support is greatly needed and appreciated. The drawing for the 2015 Mustang will take place on 9/27.

Stewardship Corner

*Calling all Church members ...
Stop by our Membership table, which will be up every second Sunday of each month after Church in the Fellowship hour hall, to:*

*Drop off your business card
Smile for our camera
Fill out your membership form
Fill out your annual pledge form
Sign up to work with us!*

The Stewardship committee's mission is to inspire our Parish members to give of their time, talent and resources.

"Give and it will be given to you" Luke 6:38

Upcoming events...

Aug 01—Start of the Fast of the Dormition
Aug 01—Arabic Liturgy/5:00pm
Aug 03—Small Supplication of the Mother of God [Paraklesis]/7:00pm
Aug 05—Feast of the Transfiguration/Evening Divine Liturgy/7:00pm
Aug 07—Small Supplication of the Mother of God [Paraklesis]/:00pm
Aug 09—Serina Khalaf/Baptism/1:00pm
Aug 10—Small Supplication of the Mother of God [Paraklesis]/7:00pm
Aug 11—Parish Council Mtg/LL Conf. Rm./7:00pm
Aug 14—Evening Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Dormition/7:00pm
Aug 22—Krynitsky-Magill Wedding/3:00pm
Aug 23—Horany-Kaouk Wedding/3pm
Aug 25—Men's Club Mtg. 7:30pm
Sep 05—Arabic Liturgy @2:00pm (new time)
Sep 05—Malouf & Garcia-Gomez Wedding Blessing/4:30pm
Sep 08—Parish Council Mtg. LL Conf/7:00pm
Sep 10—Adult Ed Forum/Exploring our Faith LL Conf. Rm/7:15pm
Sep 12—Antiochian Women Kick-off Luncheon LL Hall (more info to Follow)
Sep 24—Adult Ed Forum/Exploring our Faith/LL Conf. Rm/7:15pm

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

Directors

Samia Zolnerowich
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Teachers

Jumana Misleh
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Stewardship

Lina Eid

Commemorations

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

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.

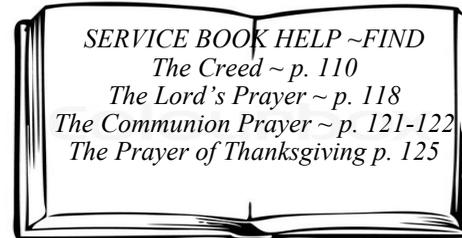
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- 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.



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

LIVING

Parishioners who remain in our prayers continually

Margaret Ashley	Edmond Neam
May Fillah	Richie Kogok
Issa & Suad Shammas	Brian Briggs
Lulu & George Brown	Robert Simon
Renée Moorad	Bertha Aed

Fr. Louis Mahshie
 Josephine Lofgren
 Salwa Gabro
 Teri Ayoub
 Elia Ghanem
 Sally Ruffin
 Nouha Aramouni
 Ruth Zolnerowich
 Andrew Gavin
 The Khalil Family
 Amber Bennett
 Bill Dora, Jr.
 Linda Dora Elkanich
 Joan Lanciani & Family
 Jack & Patricia Bottash
 Catherine Bolus

DEPARTED

Arch Priest Gordon Walker
 Janine Shagoury Kruze
 Naimeh Ghanayem
 Kareemeh Arnouk
 Mufid Khalil
 Thomas Lanciani
 Josephine Thomas Geha
 Julia Rowady
 Harriet Habib-Puca
 Peter Zolnerowich
 Elias Yussif
 Albert (Butch) & Marie Moses

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:

Suzanne Hermes

FELLOWSHIP HOUR OFFERED BY:

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