

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
20 Aug	Mary Misleh	Assaf Family
27 Aug	Bellone Family/Memorial Wheat Tammy Alvarez offering	Bellone Family/IMO Gilbert Precivale
03 Sept	Jamileh Mogin	Jamileh Mogin
10 Sept	Saah Family—1-yr Memorial Adib Saah & Barbari Family 1-year Memorial for Nahida	Saah Family—1-yr Memorial Adib Saah & Barbari Family 1-year Memorial for Nahida
17 Sept	Joyce Kogok— IMO Richard & Rickie Kogok	Parish Council hosting the Fellowship Hour for Fr. George

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 20, 2017

TONE 2 / EOTHINON 11

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST &

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

AFTER-FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS

PROPHET SAMUEL; MARTYR PHOTEINI OF BLACHERNAE; MARTYRS HELIODOROS AND DOSAI OF PERSIA

APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRECTION (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 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 being the Mother of Life, He Who dwelt in her ever-Virgin womb did translate her to life.

Let us be satisfied simply with what sustains our present life, not with what pampers it. Let us pray to God for this, as we have been taught, so that we may keep our souls unenslaved and absolutely free from domination by any of the visible things loved for the sake of the body. Let us show that we eat for the sake of living, and not be guilty of living for the sake of eating. The first is a sign of intelligence, the second proof of its absence.

St. Maximus the Confessor

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The Joy Of Our Witness

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19-20)

The fundamental impulse of the Church is to share the Good News. The Lord Himself charged His Apostles to preach -the Gospel everywhere. Both "apostle" and "mission" have the same root meaning: "to be sent." The Apostles were first and foremost missionaries. The Church is both the product of and agent for the proclamation of the Gospel. We who believe today are both the result of their mission and agents charged with sharing this Good News with others. The energy that drives this impulse is the same joy that the Apostles had the experience of knowing Christ our Lord, risen from the dead.

Personal witness and personal experience form the basis of mission. St. Paul lays out the basic rationale and methodology of mission. He says, "But how are they to call upon Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who preach good news!'... So faith comes from what is heard, and what is: heard comes by the preaching of Christ" (Romans 10:14-17).

When said like this, it becomes so simple and obvious. Without us, the Gospel would not be preached. God designed it this way. There needs to be person-to-person contact for the Good News to be transmitted. We trace our lineage through the Millennia to the Apostles themselves. But each person in that line was told the story and believed, and believing shared his or her joy with someone else. We could cite many examples, but we will choose just one.

Following the Lord's Resurrection, and the decent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles, Philip was led by an angel to go to Gaza. There he met an Ethiopian who happened to be a high-ranking official in the court of Candace the Queen of Ethiopia. He had been worshipping in Jerusalem. His heart was open. He was already searching for God. Philip found him reading from the book of Isaiah and asked him if he understood what he was reading. The Ethiopian said to Philip, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" Philip took the opportunity and told him of Jesus — His life, death and resurrection, and the salvation offered to all in His name. The Ethiopian believed and was baptized! The Holy Scriptures record that his response was one of going forth in joy (cf. Acts 8:26-40).

We speak of the Church as being Apostolic and Catholic. The first meaning of "Apostolic" is that the Church is in the line of the Apostles. However, Apostolic also means to proclaim the Gospel actively to everyone that we might encounter. It means that we, like Philip, are sent into the world. Moreover, when we refer to the Church, as Catholic we mean that the proclamation of the Good News belongs to all people and to all times.

At the urging of Philip and as a result of his own joy, this man from Ethiopia felt compelled to proclaim Christ and to share the Good News with everyone around him. From this one encounter on the road to Gaza, a whole nation became Christian. From the power of God that manifests itself when the Gospel story is told, peoples' lives can be and are changed. We should never discount the chance meeting or the odd question. We can never predict when God will present us with an opportunity to witness to our joy in Him.

From a Pastoral Letter for the Third Millennium

Part 1 of 4

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 Niewenhous 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 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
Oct 14 *Bahou/Alhabib Wedding/3p

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.

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."

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Directors

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Stewardship

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.

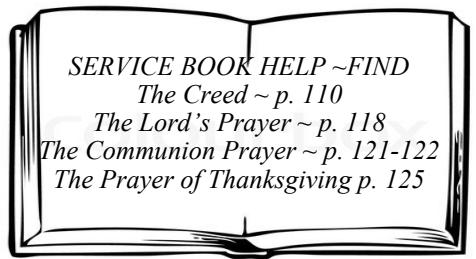
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- 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.



HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:

Mary Misleh

FELLOWSHIP OFFERED BY:

Assaf Family

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

Parishioners who remain in our prayers continually

Archpriest George Rados

Margaret Ashley

Helen White

Holly Dubois

Edmond & Sophie Neam

George & Joan Abraham

Brian Briggs

Isabel Thredeh

Thelma Badwey

Grace Malouf

Lulu Brown

Mary Smith

George Brown

Everett Alvarez

Barbara Abraham

Tania Mufarrjj

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Deborah Brown

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Sharen Zacharia

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Alvarez Family

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Nassib & Soraya, Assaf & Family

John, & Lamia Crowley & Family

Abdel, & Sandra Deifallah & Family

Elizabeth, Robert and Catie

Lillian and Family

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Derek Gilliam

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Anise Mokhiber

Elizabeth Khalil

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Mike and Family

Judy and Family

The Misleh Family

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

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Kh. Stefanie Yazge

Charles Baxley

Gilbert Precivale

Sammy Audi

Elaine Buchko

Sadie Hier

Mary Kiatta

R. Sergei Malooley

Mary & Katter Malooley

John & Nymry Abdow

Walter Haddad

Ellen & Essa Rafeedie

Abla & George Misleh

Stewardship Corner/Theology of Giving Series – Week 29

Luke 12: 16-21 ... "Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: 'The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my corps? So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my corps and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

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>