

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
25 Aug	Sam & Margo Sahouri-Ghanem/IMO Fahed Masarweh	Sam & Margo Sahouri-Ghanem/IMO Fahed Masarweh
01 Sept	Sakai Family	Sakai Family
08 Sept	Kh. Dolly Crow	Kh. Dolly Crow
15 Sept	Habib Debs & Family	Habib Debs & Family
22 Sept	Open	Ss. Peter & Paul Annual Bazaar

**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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Matins: Sundays 9:30am

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2019

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TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

& TENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

RETURN OF THE RELICS OF THE APOSTLE BARTHOLOMEW;
HOLY APOSTLE TITUS OF THE SEVENTY;
ARCHBISHOPS MENAS, EPIPHANIOS, GENNADIOS
AND JOHN OF CONSTANTINOPLE

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (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 FOR SS. BARTHOLOMEW & TITUS (Tone 3)

O Holy Apostles, intercede with our merciful God, to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

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 NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS (Tone 4)

By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life.

God's Providence controls the universe. It is present everywhere. Providence is the sovereign Logos of God, imprinting form on the unformed materiality of the world, making and fashioning all things. Matter could not have acquired an articulated structure were it not for the directing power of the Logos Who is the Image, Intellect, Wisdom, and Providence of God.

Venerable and God-bearing Father Anthony the Great

Family: The Great Ascetic Feat of Christianity

Anthony M. Coniaris
Making God Real in the Orthodox Christian Home

A young man who had entered a monastery wrote to his father and told him how wonderful it was to be there. Every morning at 3 o'clock the monks rise to chant ancient hymns. His father, a wise and thoughtful man, wrote back, "Dear Son: Your mother and I are so happy to know that you have found your vocation. But always remember one thing: We, too, and many parents like us living in the world, have arisen on numerous occasions at 3 o'clock in the morning to feed our babies or change diapers, and in the process have found our own vocation equally sacred." Indeed, most sacred!

Never let anyone tell you that the vocation of the monk or nun - important as they are - are more sacred than that of mom and dad at home, loving and training the children God gave them. Unlike the Roman Catholic Church, the Orthodox Church has not established formally a hierarchy of Christian life in which celibacy (the unmarried state of monks, nuns and priests) is designated a higher state of Christian living than marriage. In fact, married life and the raising of a family has been described at times within the Orthodox tradition as a more difficult and courageous vocation than that of celibacy. The domestic church-the family - is often called "the great ascetic feat of Christianity" (Dmitri Dudko). Clement of Alexandria wrote, "True manhood is shown not in the choice of a celibate life; on the contrary, the prize in the contest of men is won by him who has trained himself by the discharge of the duties of husband and father..."

The Bible has a remarkable phrase, indicating that "through childbirth, a woman shall be saved." Whatever else this verse may mean, it points to a most important role in the life of the Church for women. The work of procreation is only beam with the child's birth. Procreation does not end with childbirth. Parents are continually creating life; continually creating personality in their children with the kind of family faith atmosphere they provide. Is there any task more sacred or more exalted than this? Parents have the awesome privilege of being able to "save" the world through this kind of childbirth, rearing, and nurturing.

The first icon of God the child sees is the face of mother and father. One person said, "Initially my parents and family were the church. They were the ones who conveyed faith to me, who nourished me not only physically but spiritually as well." Could this be why Chyrsostom called marriage "the mysterious icon of the Church"? And St. Paul called the home "the church in your house"? And could this be why Clement of Alexandria suggested that the two or three gathered in Christ's name among whom Christ is present (see Matt. 18:20) are "husband, wife and child"? Augustine had no doubt about this when he wrote of his mother Monica, "who brought me to birth both in her body so that I was born into the light of time, and in her heart so that i was born in the light of eternity."

A Parent's Prayer

"O Heavenly Father, make me a better parent. Teach me to understand my children, to listen patiently to what they have to say, and to answer all their questions kindly. Keep me from interrupting them or contradicting them. Make me as courteous to them as I would have them be to me. Forbid that I should ever laugh at their mistakes or resort to shame or ridicule when they displease me. May I never punish them for my own selfish satisfaction or to show my power. Let me not tempt my children to lie or steal. And guide me hour by hour that I may demonstrate by all that I say and do that honesty produces happiness. Reduce, I pray, the meanness in me. And when I'm out of sorts, help me, O Lord, to hold my tongue. May I ever be mindful that my children are children and I should not expect of them the judgment of adults. Let me not rob them of the opportunity to wait on themselves and to make decisions. Bless me with the bigness to grant them all their reasonable requests and the courage to deny them privileges I know will do them harm. Make me fair and just and kind and fit, O Lord, to be loved and respected and imitated by my children. Amen."

Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News and Events

CHURCH SCHOOL 2019-2020

Church School is taking a break over the summer. We encourage all of our students to attend liturgy on Sundays.

Church school will begin on September 8, 2019. Please use the following link to register your children for the 2019-2020 Church School Year :
<http://tinyurl.com/registerSunSchool>

We are also looking for teachers for the upcoming year. Please email us at peterpaulsundaysschool@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer or have any questions.

TEEN SOYO

Ss. Peter & Paul Teen Youth Ministry Group (Teen SOYO) is open to all teens of the Parish (13— 19 years). The teens meet regularly for social, spiritual, and community outreach events.

Lay Advisors:
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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 Amal Michael at amall7m@yahoo.com for more information.

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

***Oct 6** Annual Kick-off Mtg./following Liturgy/Serge Malooley Conf. Rm./in need of an officer and Volunteers.

*Please pay your annual dues of \$25 to help support our outreach and charitable projects. **All women are members and are welcome.** Checks can be given to Janet Metz.

*Please provide your email address to Donna Gavin at crazygavins@verizon.net for future notices.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Men's Fellowship ministry of Ss. Peter and Paul is to serve the church through charitable outreach, educational and service projects which strengthen and deepen the faith of its members and develop a fellowship of Orthodox Christian servants. Please contact Sam Khalil at sk1943@aol.com or Fred Zacharia at fredzach@verizon.net for more information.

2019 STEWARDSHIP DRIVE

The 2019 Stewardship Drive is ongoing. Please support your church with your time, talents and treasure and fill out a stewardship form in paper (located in the Narthex) or online at peterpaulpotomac.alexiochms.com. Please make the commitment to support the Church through your generous free-will donation. If you have any questions or need more information, please see Fr. Isaac, Fr. Luke or Zeina Manasseh (zeina.maalouf@gmail.com) in the fellowship hall following the Liturgy for more information. Thank you for your support!

The Stewardship Committee and the Parish Council 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 Fr. Isaac, Fr. Luke, or Zeina Manasseh, Stewardship Chairman.

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 to visit, and to reach out to our elderly brethren. All those willing to help please contact the coordinators of the group: Alex Cox at (alexcoxseels@gmail.com), Paula Massouh (pmassouh@aol.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 SS. PETER & PAUL PARISH LIBRARY & MEDIA CENTER

The Parish Library 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 Center room. Donations of books or materials related to the history, tradition and teaching of the Church and the Orthodox Faith are welcome. All are welcome to use the center by following its user guidelines. Contact Fr. Isaac, Fr. Luke, or Dn. Christian for access and information.

CHURCH CALENDAR

- Sept 01** *Wedding/Sami Oudeh & Megan Fakhouri/4p
- Sept 07** *Wedding/Gaelle Browning & Justin Misleh/4p
- Sept 08** *Start of Church School (see above Church School box)
- Sept 10** *Festival Cooking/Spinach Pies/10a-3p (see Bulletin insert)
- *Parish Council Mtg/7:30p/Serge Malooley Conf Rm
- Sept 11** *Festival Cooking/Spinach Pies/10a-3p (see Bulletin insert)
- Sept 13** *International Community Night/7p-10p/
Serge Malooley Hall/Lower Level
- Sept 20-22***Ss. Peter & Paul Middle Eastern Festival
- Sept 28** *Baptism/Serene Storm Farmand/12p
- Oct 5** *Community Retreat on Marriage & Parenting/Camp at Home
(3rd grade & up)/Babysitting for younger children
- Oct 6** *Antiochian Women Kick-Off Mtg/following Liturgy in the
Serge Malooley Conf. Rm.
- Oct 12** *Baptism/Eliana Victoria Ghareeb/12p
- Oct 08** *Parish Council Mtg/7:30p/Serge Malooley Conf Rm
- Oct 13** *Parish-wide General Assembly following services
- *Wedding/Raya Jarawan & Tyler Baldwin/4p
- Oct 19** *Wedding/Amanda Ibrahim & Mathew Nakhleh-Riad/4p
- Oct 23** *Professionals Gathering/5:30p-7p/email skorkor@gmail.com
for more information.

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.

THE 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."

OCMC BULLETIN UPDATE

- Did you know we have a new Orthodox missionary family in South Korea? After graduating from St. Vladimir's Seminary, Father Chris Moore, Matushka Jen and their two very young children arrived in Ulsan, Korea at the end of January 2019. In Ulsan, Father Chris serves at St. Dionysios of Zakynthos Orthodox Church. Matushka Jen and their children are active in the parish, and the whole family is in the process of learning Korean. Thank you for thinking of the Moores in Korea in your prayers.
- Thank you again for your prayers and support for all the OCMC missionaries who are serving in seven countries on five different continents!

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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 (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 Service starts on p. 91
 The Creed ~ p. 110
 The Lord's Prayer ~ p. 118
 The Communion Prayer ~ p. 121-122
 The Prayer of Thanksgiving p. 125

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

Rt. Rev. Fr. Elias Bitar	Rt. Rev. Daniel Griffith	
Margaret Ashley	Jamie Simon	Ann Marie Moses
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Bob & Shirley Neri	Barbara Mullin	Rene Saah
George & Chris Brown	Kevin Pinkstaff	

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

DEPARTED

Fr. George Rados
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 Catherine Shama
 Marie Moses
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Sam, Margo & Osama	Radi, Hala & Raya	Taghreed Masarweh & family
Radi, Hala & Raya	Elias & Intisar Ghanem & family	Pablo & Miriam (Kheirbek) Rincon
Elias & Intisar Ghanem & family	Geffen Franus	Matthew Gavin
Geffen Franus	Catrina Rorke	Paula Massouh
Catrina Rorke	Halim & Hayat Barakat	Barbara Zamer & Family
Halim & Hayat Barakat	Joseph Gavin	
	John Adam	
	Elizabeth Mele & Family	

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MEMORIAL SERVICE
 Fahed Masarweh/6 mos.

Fr. Isaac and Fr. Luke request if you or any of your family members or friends are sick or admitted to the hospital, please let them and the Church office know. They will be happy to visit and pray with you.