

	<b>Bread of Holy Oblation</b>	<b>Fellowship Hour</b>
<b>26 Aug</b>	Hanneh Doud/IMO Issa Doud	Hanneh Doud/IMO Issa Doud
<b>02 Sep</b>	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
<b>09 Sep</b>	Joyce Kogok/IMO Richard & Richie Kogok	Joyce Kogok/IMO Richard & Richie Kogok
<b>16 Sep</b>	open	Silvia Tawil
<b>23 Sep</b>	Open	25th Annual Mediterranean Festival

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

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 2018**  
**TONE 4 / EOTHINON 2**  
**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**& THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**  
**MARTYRS ADRIAN AND NATALIE OF NICOMEDIA**  
VENERABLE JOASAPH, PRINCE OF INDIA;  
VENERABLE ADRIAN OF ONDRUTSOV

**RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 4)**

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

**APOLYTIKION OF SS. ADRIAN AND NATALIE (Tone 3)**

*(\*\*Thy confession\*\*)*

Thou didst deem that Faith which hath salvation \* to be riches never lost or plundered. \* Thou forsookest thy fathers' impiety, \* and thou didst follow thy Master, becoming rich \* in His divine gifts, O glorious Adrian. \* With the godly-minded Natalie, who emboldened thee, \* entreat Christ God, O Martyr, that our souls be saved.

**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.

Shelter the sinner if it brings you no harm. Through this you will encourage him toward repentance and reform—and attract the Lord's mercy to yourself. With a kind word and all possible means, fortify the infirm and the sorrowful and that Right Arm that controls everything, will also support you. With prayers and sorrow of your heart, share you lot with the aggrieved and the source of God's mercy will open to your entreaties.

*St. Isaac the Syrian*

**VIRGIN AND MOTHER**

*Hieromonk Calinic (Berger)*

Thus, as *Theotokos* and *Panagia*, as Mother and as Virgin, Mary uniquely combines in her own person all of the tenderness, depth of feeling, infinite concern and spiritual sensitivity of motherhood, with all the fortitude, dispassion, self-control and uncompromising determination of monasticism. She is at once the epitome of humility and devotion to her Son, and the supreme spiritual warrior and hesychast, pondering all her thoughts in her heart. She is thus the model for all Christians in whichever path they choose.

As she was in her lifetime, the Virgin Mary remains even now close to her Son, as interested, engaged and inseparable from Him and His ministry. The flesh of Christ is always the flesh taken from the Virgin, with her free-will consent. Her words "Let it be to me according to your word" (Lk 1:38) did not cease at the Incarnation of the Word but are indispensable at each of His manifestations in the flesh. The Virgin's consent is foundational for the formation of Christ's Body. For this reason it is to the Virgin alone that the priest adds the prayer as he commemorates her in the Liturgy's *Proskomedias*: "Through whose intercessions, O Lord, accept this sacrifice upon your heavenly altar." The Virgin Mary is organically linked to each Eucharist celebration. This also means that as Mother of Christ she is also Mother of the Church, which is His Body, and thus *Mother of us all*, since we through baptism "have put on Christ," become adopted sons and members of His Body. We could even say that if Christ is the Head of the Church, His Mother is the heart, standing at the center of believers, sympathizing with all, nurturing all, orienting everyone to her Son, whom she never abandoned — even at His Cross, which she shared to the end (Lk 2:35) — and so likewise, she never abandons us.

The Orthodox veneration of the Birth-giver of God cannot be taken for granted. It is a delicate balance, a wonderful interweaving of dogma and life, of theology and prayer, of her exalted status as *Theotokos* and her place among the faithful as *Panagia*. It never separates her from her Son and it never separates her from the faithful in the Church. In this it stands in distinction to the teachings which separate her from us (e.g., the Immaculate Conception — that she had no ancestral sin; and the Assumption — if this implies that she did not die), and from the Protestant approach which does not offer her veneration, since it has also rejected the Church. But for the Orthodox, she is the glory of the Church, its foremost representative among the community of the saved, the "holiest of all the Saints," Mother of God, and Mother of us all.

## 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/GQ6uQSNltimwJW2>. Please make sure to register with the church, including your email as most Church school announcements go out to the entire parish.

**Sep 9 \*Start of Church School**  
**Check out our new online Church School Newsletter** <https://www.smores.com/tlru>

### TEEN SOYO

**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](mailto:wayneparr@gmail.com) or Amal Michael at [amall7m@yahoo.com](mailto:amall7m@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.  
**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](http://ocmc.org) or call at 1-877-463-6787, extension 142 for more information.

### 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](mailto:georgezaki@gmail.com) or [ajmzaki@gmail.com](mailto:ajmzaki@gmail.com)), Alex Cox at ([alexcoxells@gmail.com](mailto:alexcoxells@gmail.com)) or Fr. Isaac at ([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.

### 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](mailto:ajmzaki@gmail.com)

### CHURCH CALENDAR

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 09 \*Start of Church School  
Sep 11 \*Parish Council Mtg./7p/Serge Malooley Conf. Rm.  
Sep 13 \*Feast of the Elevation of the Cross/6p Matins, 7p Divine Liturgy  
Sep 15 \*Complete Kibbeh/10a-2:30p  
\*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 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

*O Lord, how marvelous are Thy works. In wisdom hast Thou made them all.*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul!*

**The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (16:13-24)**

Brethren, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, and be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If anyone has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

## THE GOSPEL

(For the Thirteenth Sunday of Matthew)

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (21:33-42)**

The Lord spoke this parable: "There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?'"

### 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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# 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

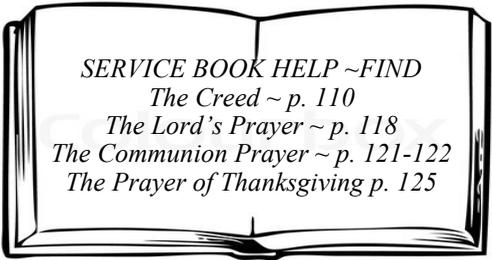
**Orthodox Christians**  
 Faithful Orthodox fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when they receive Holy Communion in fulfillment of Christ's command to eat His Body and drink His Blood. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, communicants should not be conscious of grave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



**Parishioners who remain in our prayers continually**

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Isabel Threddeh	George Brown	Nabeeha Ayoub
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Suad Shammas		

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 Charles Tom Cox  
 Richard (Richie) John Ayoub  
 Peter J. Boyle  
 Henry George David  
 Issa A. Daoud

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**HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:**  
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**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.