

	<b>BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION</b>	<b>FELLOWSHIP HOUR</b>
<b>28 Aug</b>	Dr. Ziad & Leila Deeb	Dr. Ziad & Leila Deeb
<b>04 Sep</b>	Open	Open
<b>11 Sep</b>	Open	Open
<b>18 Sep</b>	Open	Open
<b>25 Sep</b>	1-year Memorial for Renee Moorad	Ss. Peter & Paul 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 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 28, 2016**

**TONE 1 / EOTHINON 10**

**TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**&**

**TENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

**RIGHTEOUS FATHER MOSES OF ETHIOPIA**

MARTYRS DIOMEDES, DAMON AND LAURENCE; MARTYR SUSANNA OF GEORGIA;  
UNCOVERING OF THE RELICS OF VENERABLE JOB OF POCHAEV

### APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRECTION (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 OF ST. MOSES THE ETHIOPIAN (Tone 1)

Thou didst prove to be a citizen of the desert, an angel in the flesh, and a wonderworker, O Moses, our God-bearing Father. By fasting, vigil, and prayer thou didst obtain heavenly gifts, and thou healest the sick and the souls of them that have recourse to thee with faith. Glory to Him that hath given thee strength. Glory to Him that hath crowned thee. Glory to Him that worketh healings for all through thee.

### 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.

*Do* not ask for love from your neighbor, for if you ask and he does not respond, you will be troubled. Instead show your love for your neighbor and you will be at rest, and so will bring your neighbour to love.

*St. Dorotheos of Gaza*

## MISSIONARY SPIRITUALITY

Orthodoxy is a missionary Church. It always has been, and it always will be. The Byzantine Church converted half of Europe to Christ. The Russian Church converted most of northern Eurasia all the way down through Alaska even into northern California. Today, there are Orthodox Christian missionaries throughout the world working to establish the Church in many cultures where it has never existed: Madagascar, central Africa, India, the far East, Indonesia, and the list goes on and on. The missionaries take Christ's imperative seriously, to go into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature, baptizing and teaching people to follow God's commandments. The work is then carried on not only by clergy but the laity—the real workers in the field of mission.

We have a fundamental task to follow in the Footsteps of these great pioneers of our faith who struggled to fulfill the Gospel and bring those around us to faith in Christ. To do this, we have to have a clear idea of what the Gospel is. This means we need a clear understanding, both on a rational and practical level, of what it means to be an Orthodox Christian. And especially, we need clarity in our own lives so that our own personal agendas do not get in the way of the Gospel of Christ.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the good news of the Kingdom of God. It is a message of hope, of redemption, of forgiveness and cleansing of sins. It is what gives meaning to our lives and to our struggles. It breaks down the barriers between people, giving a common vision and purpose, uniting one to another in a bond of love that transcends culture, ethnicity; language and all other human barriers. The message of the Gospel is the very breath of the Church, inspiring and vivifying each member. We come to a living encounter with the Living God through the Gospel, through the Church, through the sacraments. It is nothing less than that living encounter with Christ that is the essence of our message of salvation. And not only the encounter, but incorporation into His very life.

Our task, as Orthodox Christians in the West, is essentially missionary. We may not personally be called to the apostolic labor of the conversion of a whole nation (or perhaps we are?). But each one of us is called to bear witness to Christ and His Kingdom with our lives and by our faith. We must ask ourselves how we are conducting that missionary task the Lord has given us, both personally and in our parishes. We need to ask ourselves if we have a clear understanding of the message of the Gospel, and how clearly we are expressing it by our words, and incarnating it in our lives.

### HOLY LAND CHRISTIAN ECUMENICAL FOUNDATION

The Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation (H.C.E.F.) is an Ecumenical Christian Foundation based in Washington D.C. which has worked for many years to support the Christian Communities of the Middle East. This year the H.C.E.F. will honor the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdioceses of North America with the "Living Stones Solidarity Award" at its 18<sup>th</sup> International Conference to be held at the Georgetown Washington Marriott hotel. His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH will be accepting the award on behalf of the Archdioceses on Friday, October 14 and will be the keynote speaker at the conference on Saturday, October 15. All those interested in attending the conference please speak to Fr. Isaac. For more information see hcef.org.

# Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News and Events

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

It is time to register for our Children's Sunday School Program. All Registration will be online this year. 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 11th. We will have an Open House on Sunday, August 28th 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](mailto:SundaySchool@peterpaulpotomac.org).

## YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

The Ss. Peter & Paul YAF will be holding a meeting to elect its new officers on Sunday, August 28, 2016 following fellowship hour. All young adults in the parish (20-40 years of age) are encouraged to participate in this important ministry of the church. The fellowship is planning a number of activities for the new year including resumption of its study group meetings, potluck dinners, and Orthodoxy-on-Tap get togethers. In addition, a spiritual retreat is being planned. For more information contact Samar Korkor at [skorkor@gmail.com](mailto:skorkor@gmail.com), Dn Christian at [dchristian@peterpaulpotomac.org](mailto:dchristian@peterpaulpotomac.org), or Fr. Isaac at [frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org](mailto:frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org).

## IOCC NEWS

### *(International Orthodox Christian Charities)* **2016 Baltimore Running Festival** **RACE TO RESPOND**

Do you want to make a difference in the lives of vulnerable families around the world? Come join our IOCC Team at the Baltimore Running Festival on October 15, 2016 and help raise money for those in need in places like Syria, Greece, and Ethiopia! For the past four years at the Baltimore Running Festival, IOCC's team has included a wide range of participants, from kindergartners to an Orthodox priest and retired grandmothers! All abilities of walkers and runners are welcome, as there is a range of participation options: Kids' Fun Run, 5K, Team Relay, Half Marathon, and Full Marathon. Signing up is easy at [www.iocc.org/baltimore](http://www.iocc.org/baltimore).

## PASTORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Effective June 1, 2016, the Faithful of the Ss. Peter and Paul Parish Community are kindly requested to direct all Pastoral communications to Fr. Isaac our new Pastor. These include all day-to-day parish visitations, sick calls, prayers and sacraments, Pastoral consultations, and Parish Ministries and ongoing parish events and projects. Fr. Isaac can be reached at the following: cell (401) 300-8238, office (301) 765-3400/prompt 1, or [FrIsaac@peterpaulpotomac.org](mailto:FrIsaac@peterpaulpotomac.org).

## SS. PETER & PAUL OUTREACH VISITATION MINISTRY

Our Parish is starting a new outreach ministry 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 ([georgezaki@gmail.com](mailto:georgezaki@gmail.com) or [ajmzaki@gmail.com](mailto:ajmzaki@gmail.com)), Alex Cox ([alexcoxells@gmail.com](mailto:alexcoxells@gmail.com)) or Fr. Isaac ([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.

## Upcoming events...

Aug 28	*Sunday School Open House to follow Liturgy *Sunday School Staff Meeting/LL Conf. Rm. to Follow Fellowship Hour *Young Adult Fellowship Mtg. 12:30p
Sep 05	*Offices closed for Labor Day Holiday
Sep 06	*Baking Session 10a (see Bazaar insert)
Sep 08	*Baking Session 10a (see Bazaar insert)
Sep 10	*Baking Session 1p (see Bazaar insert)
Sep 11	*Blessing of the Children for the start of Sunday School classes *Ladies Auxillary Luncheon to follow Liturgy
Sep 13	*Parish Council Mtg/LL Conf. Rm/7:00p
Sep 14	*Feast of the Elevation of the Cross *Baking Session @10a (see Bazaar insert)
Sep 15	*Baking Session @10a (see Bazaar insert)
Sep 16	*Baking Session @10a (see Bazaar insert)
Sep 17	*Baking Session @9a (see Bazaar insert)
Sep 18	*Procession of the Cross to follow the Liturgy *Teen SOYO Meeting 12:30p
Sep19-22	*Bazaar Prep
Sep 23-25	*Ss. Peter & Paul Middle Eastern Bazaar
Sep 25	*1-year Memorial for Renee Moorad

## 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."

## Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos

The Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos falls on September 8th. This year on Wednesday, September 7 we will celebrate the Feast with our sister parish St. Mary (Nativity of the Theotokos) Antiochian Orthodox Church, of Cockeysville, MD. The Feast will start with Great Vespers at 4:30pm followed by Orthros and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy. St. Mary's Church is located at 909 Shawan Road, Cockeysville, MD 21030(just north of Baltimore). All are welcome.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Directors

Samia Zolnerowich  
Jennifer Buchko

### Teachers

Jumana Misleh  
Susan Kozlov  
Michelle Zook  
Christine Morin  
Layla Najjar  
Lizzy Cassar  
Lara Bellone  
Andrew Salem  
Caroline Jarboe  
Chrissy Mackoul  
Anees Mokhiber  
Philip Allen

### Men's Club

Sam Khalil

### Antiochian Women

Carol Laham

### Teen SOYO

#### Advisor

Jamilee Bellone

#### Officers

Rashid Haddad  
Julia Allen  
Danielle Bellone  
Kinda Callas  
Nick Guegel

### Fellowship of St. John

Christine & Samar Korkor  
Dn. Christian & Zeina  
Manasseh

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Shams Akkawi  
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### Facility Management

Nick Nahas  
Bob Simon

### Rental Coordinator

Barbara Abraham

### Charities

Sam Sahouri Ghanem

### Finance

Gary Farha

### Stewardship

Lina Eid

**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 Creed ~ p. 110  
 The Lord's Prayer ~ p. 118  
 The Communion Prayer ~ p. 121-122  
 The Prayer of Thanksgiving p. 125

**HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:**

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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

**Parishioners who remain in our prayers continually**

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| Margaret Ashley      | May Fillah             |
| Richie Kogok         | Brian Briggs           |
| Isabel Threddeh      | Holly Dubois           |
| Edmond & Sophie Neam | Nicholas & Helen White |

## LIVING

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| Archpriest George & Family      | Raymond Ayoub         |
| Nabeeha Ayoub                   | Susan Ibrahim Ayoub   |
| Everett Alvarez                 | Victor Joubran        |
| Tesia Yonkers                   | Melinda Fannoney      |
| Greg, Maria, Zeid, Rami Wallace | Laura Schutz & Family |
| Thelma Badway                   | Elias Deeb            |
| Dr. Ziad & Leila Deeb           | Dr. Tarek Deeb        |
| Gabriel, Deeb                   | Damian & Samar Pierre |
| Nailah Deeb Batch & Family      |                       |

- DEPARTED**  
 Archpriest Boniface Black  
 Frances Huenemann  
 Marita Boulatta  
 Lina Khoury  
 Fred Schutz  
 Marie Moses  
 Judy Haje  
 Catherine Shama  
 Nelson Haje

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

*Theology of Giving Series* – Week 35 – August 28, 2016

**Weeks 32 to 36 come from Again, Fall, 2005, "The Trial of the Tithe," Fr. Thomas Zell From St. John Cassian, The Conferences, Chapter XXIX ... "He who retains his goods of this world, or, bound by the rules of the old law, distributes the tithe of his produce, and his first fruits, or a portion of his income, although he may to a considerable degree quench the fire of his sins by this dew of almsgiving, yet, however generously he gives away his wealth, it is impossible for him altogether to rid himself of the dominion of sin, unless perhaps by the grace of the Savior, together with his substance he gets rid of all love of possessing."**

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>