

AUGUST 31, 2014



ST. JOHN

THE BAPTIST

THE KINGDOM
OF GOD IS
AT HAND
REPENT YE
AND BELIEVE
THE GOSPEL

SS. PETER AND PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

All Things Are Possible to Him Who Believes

Matins: Sundays 9:30am

Divine Liturgy: Sundays 10:30am

Confessions: call to schedule

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TONE 3

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2014

EOTHINON 1

PLACING OF THE SASH OF THE THEOTOKOS IN HALKOPRATEIA AND TWELFTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

TODAY WE COMMEMORATE: GENNADIUS, PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE; HIEROMARTYR CYPRIAN, BISHOP OF CARTHAGE; JOHN, METROPOLITAN OF KIEV; AIDAN, BISHOP OF LINDISFARNE

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 3)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and became the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION for placing of the Virgin's sash (Tone 8)

Thou hast bestowed upon thy city, O ever-virgin Theotokos and shelter of mankind, the robe and the belt of thy pure body, as a secure mantle, which by thy seedless birth-giving have remained without corruption; for by thee are nature and time regenerated. Wherefore, we implore thee to grant thy city safety, and our souls the Great Mercy.

TROPARION of Ss. Peter & 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 for placing of the Virgin's sash (Tone 4)

O pure Virgin, the Church joyously celebrates the placing of thy divine belt and cries out to thee in supplication: Save us all from powerful enemies, crush the arrogance of unbelievers, and direct our lives to the doing of the divine will of the Lord.

THE EPISTLE

(For the Placing of the Sash of the Theotokos)

*My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit doth rejoice in God my Savior.
For He hath regarded the lowliness of His servant.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (9:1-7)

Brethren, even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lamp stand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Twelfth Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (19:16-26)

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, "Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to Him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness, honor your father and mother, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to Him, "All these I have observed; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this, he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

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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 enter the sanctuary quietly during the Divine Liturgy.

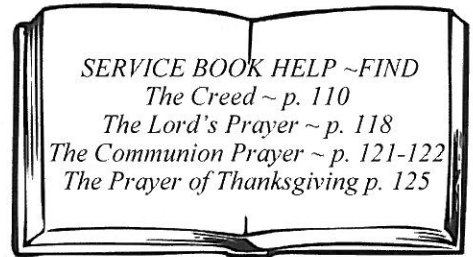
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- 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 the Daoud family

FELLOWSHIP HOUR: offered by the Daoud family in memory of Issa Daoud

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

LIVING

Parishioners who remain
in our prayers continually

Margaret Ashley
Lulu & George Brown
Issa & Suad Shammas
Edmond Neam
Richie Kogok
Rick Badwey

Sister Gavriella
Brian Briggs
Bertha Aed
Katherine Slanta
Nicholas Yanowsky
V. Rev. Fr. George Rados

Hanneh Daoud
Abdallah & family
Abeer & family
Riham & family
Rami & family

Lindsay Zobenica & 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

DEPARTED

Nimer Massarweh Aug 17
Helen Hawa Aug 17
Walter Coury Aug 8
Victoria Curtin Aug 4

Issa Daoud
Mariam, Abdallah, Hilweh & Badi

Rev. Fr. Milan Zobenica

Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News

31ST ANNUAL MIDDLE EASTERN CULTURAL FESTIVAL September 26, 27 & 28 FESTIVAL AD BOOK

Sure to be one of the best ad books ever hosted by Ss Peter and Paul, complete with Social Media coverage and website Patron Page, don't miss the opportunity to be a part of it! Submit your ad to adbook@peterpaulpotomac.org today. Find sponsor sheets on the table in the vestibule.

Confirm your ad with Tony Moussa at tonymoussa@aol.com or 301-379-0350.

PRE ORDERS OF OUR DELICIOUS FOOD

Kibbie Balls • \$2 each • Units of 6
Kibbie Trays (9 x 13) • \$45 Each
Spinach Pies • \$2 each • Units of 6
See form in vestibule

FOOD LINE

We are looking for a head food server. Volunteers have filled all the slots for the food line. However, since Janet Metz won't be at the bazaar, we need someone to be "in charge." If you can do this, please contact Janet Metz at titajzm@yahoo.com or 703-821-2628.

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

Get updates for Festival news, cooking class, baking sessions, and other preparations at www.facebook.com and paste into the search bar *Ss. Peter & Paul Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church*.

NOT GETTING EMAIL?

If you are not receiving email from the Parish Office, you're missing a lot! Service times, upcoming events, notes from Father, notices of death and other updates. To be added to the Parish Email List, please update your contact information at the Fellowship Hour immediately following Liturgy. Find forms and drop yours in the box labeled "Parishioner Contact Update."

EASTERN ORTHODOXY ON THE EASTERN SHORE

WHAT: A meeting of Orthodox Christians to begin a Mission Community

WHERE: St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 100 Peach Blossom Road, Easton, MD

WHEN: Thursday, September 11th, at 7pm

WHY: To welcome all interested in Orthodox spirituality, prayer, study, and liturgical worship

WHO: Dr. George Cody, (443) 385-0702, easternshoreorthodoxy@gmail.com

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN KICK-OFF MEETING Sunday, September 14th

The ministry of the Antiochian Women of Ss. Peter and Paul are here to help you engage both spiritually and communally with our parish. Our new group of officers cordially invite all women of the church to opening Sunday—September 14th—at 12:30pm in Malooley hall, found on the Lower Level of the church building. Your new officers are: President, Kate Niewenhous; Vice President, Mary Misleh; Treasurer, Roxanne Reid-Bennett; Recording Secretary, Donna Gavin; Corresponding Secretary, Barbara Bosworth. Contact us at handmaidens20854@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you then!

EXPLORING OUR FAITH Adult Religious Education Forum [A Ministry of the Fellowship of St. John the Divine]

A new season of the Adult Religious Education Forum at Ss. Peter & Paul begins September 18th from 7:15-8:30pm in the lower level Conference Room. You are invited to join us to better understand and discover the rich spiritual, historical, doctrinal and Scriptural Tradition of our Holy Orthodox faith. Meetings are held every other week on Thursdays. Contact Fr. Isaac for more information.

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FELLOWSHIP HOUR SIGN UP—PLEASE

Saints Peter & Paul Church is your church. We care for one another. One of the ways we do that is to take turns providing refreshments Sundays after Liturgy in Kogok Hall for members and visitors alike.

It is our service to God. We either bring refreshments we have made or purchased, purchase them from the church office, or hire a caterer to provide them. We set up and clean up. It is a great way to practice Christian fellowship among our fellow parishioners. September and October need volunteers to lead this great act of hospitality. See the signup sheet in the vestibule as you leave the sanctuary and enter the hall.

ANGELS

Angels are invisible spirits which are usually represented with wings to indicate the speed with which they carry messages from God to man.

Angels are also sometimes depicted as small children to indicate that they are without sin and that they possess eternal youth.

The number of angels is probably beyond count but only three of them - Michael, Raphael and Gabriel - are known by name. The Scriptures frequently refer to multitudes of angels and there is a personal guardian angel for everyone.

In types there is a wide variation in angels; there are nine classes or choirs of them. Included are Angels, Archangels, Princedoms, Powers, Virtues, Dominations, Thrones, Seraphim and Cherubim.

Angels are endowed with knowledge far superior to that of man; they know all things that happen on earth. They are also endowed with great strength as indicated by the angel who slew 185,000 Assyrians in the Scriptures and the ease with which the angel at the Resurrection rolled away the huge stone sealing the sepulcher of Christ.

There are also evil angels who, headed by Lucifer, do the bidding of Satan.

From "Faith of Our Fathers", the Eastern Orthodox Religion by Carlson and Soroka

Submitted by the Stewardship Committee

CHARITY COLLECTION TODAY

Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter
This month we are supporting those less fortunate in our own local community, the Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter. Located in Falls Church, Fairfax County, Virginia, Volunteers of America Chesapeake's Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter is a 50-bed, emergency homeless shelter for adult men and women. The average stay at the shelter is 90 days and may include medical care, mental health services, substance abuse counseling, education and training for homeless individuals. As the community's primary emergency homeless shelter since 1994, the center also provides a Drop In program 7 days a week. This program offers homeless individuals the opportunity to bathe, receive a nutritious meal and wash their clothes.

Please be generous in your support for this worthy cause.



CHESAPEAKE

LOOKING AHEAD *Upcoming events...*

- Sep 6 - Wedding Danny Boulos/Karen Lesh@1:30p
- Sep 6 - Arabic Liturgy
- Sep 7 - Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos
- Sep 9-11 - IDC Summit Conference
- Sep 9 - Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm
- Sep 13 - Wedding Constantine/Donoho @ 2pm
- Sep 14 - Feast of the Elevation of the Cross
- Sep 14 - Antiochian Women Meeting @ 12:30pm
- Sep 18 - Adult Education Forum @ 7:15pm
- Sep 20 - Wedding Rita Morad/Jack Zegeer @ 3pm
- Sep 21 - Antiochian Women's Luncheon @ 12:30p
- Sep 21 - Baptism of Nader Tawil @ 1pm
- Sep 22-26 Festival Cooking & Preparation
- Sep 26-28 - 31st Annual Middle Eastern Cultural Festival, 3-10pm, 11am-10pm, 12-4pm
- Sep 30 - Men's Club Meeting @ 7:30pm

AN EARTHLY ANGEL AND A HEAVENLY MAN

There is no disputing that **ST. JOHN** was a great teacher of nations. Far and wide he preached the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. Because of this, a series of names are associated with him. These are not arbitrary designations, for they are taken from the Sacred Scriptures and hymnology of the Church. Consider these:

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST – This is his best known name, for he is the one who baptized our Lord in the waters of the Jordan. St. Matthew writes: “Then came Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.”

ST. JOHN THE FORERUNNER – He came to announce and prepare the people for the Saviour. St. Matthew quotes Malachi: “Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way before thee.”

ST. JOHN THE PROPHET – Again St. Matthew: “What went you out to see? A prophet? Yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet.”

ST. JOHN, ANGEL IN THE FLESH – Hymns use this term, proclaiming of him: “Angel, for you have led an incorporeal life . . .”

ST. JOHN THE MARTYR – Again, hymns of the ritual say of John: “Martyr, for you have been beheaded for Christ.”

Let us not forget St. John’s **HUMILITY** when he proclaims of Christ: “Behold the Lamb of God . . . The latchet of Whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloosen.”

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FELLOWSHIP HOUR AND BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION

	BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
Sep 7	Donna Gavin	
14	Ed & Eleanor Husson	
21	JJ Coury & family	JJ Coury & family
28		
Oct 5		
12		
19		
26		

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.