

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR
AND BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION**

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
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
29 Sept	George & Hanada Rados	George & Hanada Rados

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, SEPTEMBER 1, 2019
ZONE 2 / EOTHINON 11

BEGINNING OF THE INDICATION: ECCLESIASTICAL NEW YEAR
RIGHTEOUS SIMEON THE STYLITE; SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS AT
MIASINAE

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (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 INDICATION (Tone 2)

O Maker of all creation, Who hast established the times and the seasons in Thine own power: Bless the crown of this year with Thy goodness, O Lord, and keep our rulers and Thy flock in peace, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, and save us.

APOLYTIKION OF THE SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS (Tone 7)

Rejoice, thou who art full of grace, O Virgin Theotokos, haven and protection of the race of man; for the Redeemer of the world became incarnate of thee; for thou alone art both mother and virgin, ever blessed and glorified. Intercede with Christ God that peace be granted unto all the world.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. SIMEON THE STYLITE (Tone 1)

Thou becamest a pillar of patience and didst emulate the Forefathers, O righteous one: Job in his sufferings, Joseph in temptations, and the life of the bodiless while in the body. O Simeon, our righteous Father, intercede with Christ God 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 FOR THE INDICATION IN (Tone 4)

*(**Thou Who wast raised up**)*

O God of all, Thou Who hast made all the ages, * O Sovereign Lord, truly transcendent in essence, * bestow Thy grace and blessing on the year to come; * and, O Most Compassionate, * in Thine infinite mercy * save all them that worship Thee, * Who alone art our Master, * and that with fear, O Savior, cry to Thee: * Grant unto all men a fruitful and godly year.

*M*ake your abode with the sheep, and flee from the wolves. Never depart from the Church.

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Who Is Raising the Children?

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

Violence and vandalism in the nation's public schools are approaching epidemic proportions-and nobody seems to know what to do about it. More than 30% of school-age children are living with parents who have been divorced at least once. Due to rising rates of divorce, desertion and illegitimacy, one sixth of all U.S. children under 18 live in one-parent families.

Who is raising the children? Six million pre-school children have working mothers. The "extended family"-in which grandparents and other adults once handled many child-rearing duties-is fast disappearing. Now we have what is called the nuclear family of just parents and children which is often dominated by what one psychologist calls the "flickering blue parent-television," serving as babysitter, educator, mind-former and electronic tranquilizer.

Who is raising the children? At least one million young Americans run away from home every year. Suicide is the second-leading cause of death for young Americans between the ages of 15 and 24. One out of nine youths ends up in juvenile court by age 18. Approximately 10% of all school-age children have moderate to severe mental and emotional problems. Drug abuse and alcoholism among teenagers are becoming serious public health problems.

Who is raising the children? An authority on family life says, "Television tends to help people run away from life. And TV constantly preaches materialism. Commercials say consumption of goods is the purpose of human existence. In many homes both parents have to work to supply the money to buy all these material goods. If both parents work eight hours a day, they don't have a lot left to give to themselves and to the kids." "Latchkey" children, who return to empty houses after school to await their parents' return from work, run into the millions.

Who is raising the children? Is secular society raising them? Are the movies raising them? Are porn magazines raising them? Where do our children receive their values? How do they learn to evaluate and judge for themselves the things they meet and hear? Many will ask, "Well, what's the church for? Isn't this the church's responsibility?" How much time do children spend in Sunday school and church? If they come regularly, 36 hours a year! That adds up to about a day and a half a year! In whose hands are they supposed to be the remainder of the time? The parents! And those parents who drop their children off for church school and church should not be surprised when the children follow in their footsteps and become what their parents are-drop-outs.

Who is raising the children? We hear much today about the subject of women priests. Why don't we ordain women as priests? Why should we? God has already ordained them into the sacred priesthood of motherhood. Who can ever be a more effective priest to her children than a dedicated Christian mother? We talk about the inequality of the sexes. It is not a matter of difference in equality of nature. It is a matter of difference in function. No one can ever take a mother's place in the home. No one is endowed by God as she is for the raising of children. We need to emphasize this point. For, we are trying to do everything we can today to take mothers out of homes, to destroy the sacred priesthood of motherhood, and leave the home front unattended. This, in itself, is producing so many problems that it could very well lead to the downfall of our nation.

A Harvard researcher discovered recently that "superkids"-outstanding achievers are reared in homes where parents talk a lot to their children and do not rely on television. They act as the children's "personal consultants," respond to their questions and discipline them firmly and effectively. The church can do nothing without the home. The most influential school in the world is not Oxford or Harvard or the Sorbonne or Yale or Cambridge. It is the home.

The question is not, "Is there a school under your roof?" The real question is, "How good is the school under your roof?" What are you teaching? What are you not teaching? If you think all of this talk about the home is putting a terrifying amount of responsibility on the home, you're right. Listen to what the Bible says about the home: "Hear O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when your rise." (Deut. 6:3-7). "And you shall teach them diligently to your children"-not in Sunday school, not in church, but "*in your house,*" says God's word.

If we do not learn to know and love God in the home, we shall be sent out to face life totally unprepared, with no inner braces. And when we have no *inner* braces, we go around looking for *outer* braces such as alcohol or drugs. The faithful Orthodox Christian parent does not ask, "Who is raising the children?" He knows this to be his/her most solemn and sacred God-given privilege and responsibility.

If the one hour a week spent in church and church school is to be effective, it must be supplemented in that greatest of all schools-the home-by informed, dedicated Christian parents who, by family discussions, family prayer, a special family evening, family Bible reading, and family devotions at the supper table will give their children the greatest gift possible: the knowledge of the One. True God in Christ Jesus Who will walk with them through life, strengthen them, heal them, guide them, give meaning to their life, grant them the peace of God and lead them ultimately to life eternal.

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 amal17m@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.

***Oct 12** *AWE Fall Retreat @ Holy Protection Monastery, White Haven, PA (see flyer in Narthex)

*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 (alexcoxsells@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 02 *Church Office closed/Labor Day

Sept 06 *Church Office Closed

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 12 *AWE Fall Retreat/Holy Protection Monastery, White Haven PA/see flyer in Narthex

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/Amada Ibrahim & Mathew Nakhleh-Riad/4p

Oct 23 *Professionals Gathering/5:30p-7p/email skorkor@gmail.com for more information.

THE EPISTLE

(For the Indiction)

Great is our Lord, and great is His power. Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (2:1-7)

Timothy, my son, first of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all men, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, godly and respectful in every way. This is good, and it is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, Who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, Who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony to which was borne at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Indiction)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (4:16-22)

At that time, Jesus came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and He went to the synagogue, as His custom was, on the Sabbath day. And He stood up to read; and there was given to Him the book of the prophet Isaiah. Jesus opened the book and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach good news to the poor and to heal the broken hearted. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." And Jesus closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke well of Him, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth.

OCMC BULLETIN UPDATE

OCMC News

- We sent \$44.00 to the Orthodox Christian Mission Center today from the box at the candle stand! Thank you everyone for your generosity and prayers for Orthodox missions and missionaries!
- Great news! Jesse Brandow, a long-term OCMC missionary based in Guatemala will be visiting Ss Peter and Paul on the Sunday of the Festival (9/22/19). He will speak briefly after the service, and will be available in the Nave to chat that afternoon, during the Festival! We hope everyone has opportunity to meet Jesse, an amazingly gifted missionary, embodying the joy of Christ! Over 40,000 people in northern Guatemala recently became Orthodox! Do plan to be in his presence September 22nd between food and fun at the Festival! His visit is surely a *special gift* to our parish.

CHURCH SCHOOL

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Samia Zolnerowich
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Jacob Azar
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Barbara Abraham
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Sam Khalil

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Zeina Manasseh

GIFT SHOP

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Gail Bailey
Meghan Zoto
George Zoto

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

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:
 Myriam Sakai & Family for the Health of Tomiko Sakai

FELLOWSHIP OFFERED BY:
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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
Isabel Thredek	Nabeeha Ayoub	Joyce Hamaty
Holly Dubois	Suad Shammass	Robert & Thelma Badwey
Sophie Neam	Miriam Yazge	Barbara Abraham
George & Joan Abraham	Lulu Brown	Douglas Kalesh
Michael Buchko, Sr.	Edward Rizkallah	Dorothy Marge
Leila Khoury	Shoke George	Assad & Patricia Khoury
Bob & Shirley Neri	Barbara Mullin	Rene Saah
George & Chris Brown	Kevin Pinkstaff	

LIVING

Ibtisam Toubaji	Nijmeh Zayed	Sami Korban
Yeorgos Lampathakis	Anastacia Lampathakis	Carol Laham
Fred & Sherric Zacharia	Ibrahim Mazen Saah	Ramona Dora
Allison Ayoub Egge	Brian Briggs	Joe Malooley
George & Hanada Rados & Family		Loma Malooley & Family
Geffen Franus	Paula Massouh	Halim & Hayat Barakat
Maurice & Foutni Naccache		Siham Ayoub & Family
Henry, Myriam, Emily, & Lilly Sakai		Tomiko Sakai
Darren, Elizabeth, Desmond, & Emerson West		
Chris & Mary Christakis & Family		
Sami & Megan (Fakhouri) Oudeh		

Welcome Fr. Thomas Galloway
 Today, Ss. Peter and Paul Church welcomes the V. Rev. Fr. Thomas Galloway, Pastor of St. Andrew Antiochian Orthodox Church of Lexington, KY. Fr. Thomas is visiting to serve at the wedding of Sami Oudeh and Megan Fakhouri.

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.

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
 Fr. Louis Mahshie
 Ibrahim Khoury
 Anthony Lamana
 Kamal Boullata
 Anthony Abraham
 George Rorke
 Mabel Ellis
 Nahida N. Barbari