

	<b>Bread of Holy Oblation</b>	<b>Fellowship Hour</b>
<b>03 Sept</b>	Paul & Jamileh Mogin	Paul & Jamileh Mogin
<b>10 Sept</b>	Saah Family—1-yr Memorial Adib Saah & Barbari Family 1-year Memorial for Nahida	Saah Family—1-yr Memorial Adib Saah & Barbari Family 1-year Memorial for Nahida
<b>17 Sept</b>	Joyce Kogok— IMO Richard & son Richard Kogok	Parish Council hosting the Fellowship Hour for Fr. George
<b>24 Sept</b>	Abraham & Susan Fannoney	<b>BAZAAR</b>
<b>01 Oct</b>	Rana Callas	<b>OPEN</b>

**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.

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*All Things Are Possible to Him Who Believes*

**Matins:** Sundays 9:30am

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

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2017**

**TONE 4 / EOTHINON 2**

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**& THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

**HIEROMARTYR ANTHIMOS OF NICOMEDIA & VENERABLE**

**THEOKTISTOS, FELLOW ASCETIC WITH EUTHYMIOS THE GREAT**

MARTYR CHARITON; NEW-MARTYR POLYDOROS OF CYPRUS; PHOEBE THE DEACONESS OF CENCHRAE;  
RIGHTEOUS BASILISSA OF NICOMEDIA; IOANIKIOS I, PATRIARCH OF SERBIA

### APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRECTION (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 FOR ST. ANTHIMOS (Tone 1) (\*\*While Gabriel was saying\*\*)

O godly-minded Anthimos, as a staunch defender \* of thy flock, thou eagerly sheddest thy blood for its protection. \* Unbending and wholly unafraid \* of all thine adversaries' fearful threats, \* thou rejoicest now in Heaven, standing before \* the throne of the Three-Sun Godhead. \* Glory to Christ Who hath given thee strength. \* Glory to thy manly bravery. \* Glory to thy patient endurance in martyrdom.

### APOLYTIKION FOR ST. THEOKTISTOS (Tone 8)

The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundredfold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father Theoktistos, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

### 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.

**D**o you know what a great gift it is that God gave us the right to speak to Him every hour and moment, wherever we are? He always listens to us. This is the greatest honor we have. For this reason we must love God.

*St. Porphyrios the Kapsokalyvite*

## *The Joy Of Our Witness*

Practically speaking, how does one do this? We have many examples in the holy men and women who have preceded us. St. Isaac the Syrian describes the compassionate heart of the person of true faith: "What can one say of a soul, of a heart, filled with compassion? It is a heart which burns with love for every creature: for human beings, birds, and animals, for serpents and for demons. The thought of them and the sight of them make the tears of the saint flow. And this immense and intense compassion which flows from the heart of the saints, makes them unable to bear the sight of the smallest, most insignificant wound in any creature. Thus they pray ceaselessly, with tears, even for animals, for enemies of the truth and for those who do them wrong."

The greatest gift we have to offer our nation is the rich spiritual tradition of Orthodox Christianity. This tradition is grounded in the real difficulties presented by life, but it also points to a way in which we might understand and transcend these difficulties. It is a profound commentary on human psychology and behavior, and also shows how we might overcome the demons that tempt our souls. It presents the world we see around us as real and good, while lifting us up to another, even more glorious reality.

One of the most effective missionary tools we have is the worship of our Church, especially the Divine Liturgy, the Eucharist. In Eastern Europe and the Middle East, during the 400 years of Ottoman Turkish rule, the liturgy was one of the primary methods of preserving and proclaiming the faith. People who were illiterate learned the Holy Scriptures and teachings of our faith by listening to the readings and hymns of the services. During the over 70 years of Communist persecution in Russia, Ukraine, and Belarus, and the over 50 years in the other nations of Eastern Europe, our Christian faith was literally saved by the liturgy. When it was impossible, on pain of imprisonment and even death, to preach the Gospel, the Word of God was made known through the liturgy. Countless martyrs were educated in the school of faith, love and joy that is the Divine Liturgy. The suffering and death accepted for Christ by the hundreds of thousands of Orthodox Christians was a true "martyria," a true witness to the death and resurrection of Christ.

In this country, we have a different challenge. Among the forms of "persecution" that we face is complacency and self-satisfaction. We must pay careful attention to the way in which we conduct worship, and especially the Divine Liturgy. The Eucharist is the summing up of the whole reality of the salvation of the world. The Church of Christ gathers to remember the saving acts of God so that She can become the agent for the transformation of the world. In the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom we ask that the Holy Spirit come down upon us and upon the Gifts. We must take care that the celebration does not become a mechanistic ritual, but remains a living action, an active prayer of the entire assembly that at once changes both us and all those around us.

**From a Pastoral Letter for the Third Millennium  
Part 3 of 4**

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# Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News and Events

## CHURCH SCHOOL 2017-2018

It is time to register for our Children's Church School Program. All Registration is online and now open. Please go to:

<https://goo.gl/forms/GQ6uOSnltimwgvJW2>

All new and returning students should register each year to provide us with the most current information. Our first day of Church School will be September 10th. Students will line up for communion first and proceed to the downstairs area for a snack and class. We ask families to donate snacks and drinks throughout the year. Donations can be dropped off in the Church School office on Sundays. What can you donate? Small water bottles, juice boxes, small juice boxes, and individually packaged snacks. Please make sure all snacks are NUT AND PEANUT FREE. Please contact us at [pe-terpaulsundaysschool@gmail.com](mailto:pe-terpaulsundaysschool@gmail.com) with any questions.

## 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 Antiochian Women "Angel Fund"

The Ss. Peter & Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church "Angel Fund" an outreach of the Antiochian Women provides support to parishioners in need. Our Pastor designates confidentially recipients who would benefit from the Angel Fund.

The Angel Fund provides grocery gift cards to parishioners in need to help them with some of their food needs. Donations and financial contributions toward this fund are welcomed, and should be made out to: Ss. Peter & Paul Antiochian Women and earmarked "Angel Fund." For more information contact Fr. Isaac at: [frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org](mailto:frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org).

## TEEN SOYO

Teen SOYO will hold its first meeting for the 2017-2018 season on Sunday, September 10, 2017 at 12:30pm in the LL Conference room.

## "EXPLORING OUR FAITH" THE SS. PETER AND PAUL ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORUM

"Exploring Our Faith" will meet every other Thursday evening from **7:15pm to 8:30pm** in the lower level conference room. **The next meeting is Thursday, September 28, 2017.** Fr. Isaac facilitates the meetings using brief presentations as a springboard to open discussion on a wide range of topics concerning our Faith. Please contact Fr. Isaac at [frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org](mailto:frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org) or Kate Niewenhous at [handmaidens20854@gmail.com](mailto:handmaidens20854@gmail.com) for more information. ALL ARE WELCOME..

## SS. PETER & PAUL CHURCH LEARNING & MEDIA CENTER

Donations are welcomed in support of the establishment of the new Church Learning and Media Center. Please send all donations to Ss. Peter and Paul Church earmarked "Library Fund". In addition, donation of books on topics related to the Orthodox Faith, Doctrine, Church History, Liturgy, and Scripture will be gratefully accepted. Please contact Fr. Isaac, Dn. Christian, or Kate Niewenhous for more information.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

- Sep 04 \*Church office closed for Labor Day
- Sep 07 \*Evening Divine Liturgy for the Nativity of the Theotokos @7p
- Sep 10 \*Start of the Church School  
\*Saah Family/1-Year Memorial for Adib Saah  
\*Barbari Family/1-Year Memorial for Nahida Barbari  
\*Teen SOYO Mtg/12:30p, LL Conf. Rm.  
\*Helia Bahmaei Baptism/1:00p
- Sep 12 \*Parish Council Mtg./7p
- Sep 13 \*Evening Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Elevation of the Cross
- Sep 22-24 \*Ss. Peter & Paul Church Bazaar
- Sep 17 \*Procession of the Cross  
\*Joyce Kogok In Memory of Richard & son Richard Kogok/Memorial Wheat & Bread  
\*Fellowship in honor of Fr. George Rados
- Sep 28 \*Exploring our Faith/7:15p/LL Conf. Rm.
- Sep 30 \*Summer Tomlin/Baptism/11:00a  
\*Rafeedie/Erzo Wedding/4p
- Oct 01 \*Andrew Hinton Hartman Baptism/1:30
- Oct 10 \*Parish Council Mtg/7p
- Oct 14 \*Bahou/Alhabib Wedding/3p

## 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.

## 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?'"

## In Honor of Fr. George Rados

On Sunday, **September 17, 2017**, the Ss. Peter and Paul Parish Council is hosting a Fellowship Hour in honor and appreciation of our Pastor Emeritus The V. Rev. Fr. George. Also on that day, a special plaque will be dedicated in the Narthex (entrance hall) of the Church in honor and in gratitude of Fr. George's service and dedication to our Parish. Please plan on attending this event and coming to the fellowship Hour in the Church Hall.

## CHURCH SCHOOL

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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

Archpriest George Rados	Brian Briggs	Mary Smith
Margaret Ashley	Isabel Threddeh	George Brown
Helen White	Thelma Badwey	Everett Alvarez
Holly Dubois	Grace Malouf	Barbara Abraham
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George & Joan Abraham	Mary Bazargan	
Suad Shammass		

## LIVING

Leena Haddad	Yasmin Courtright
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Deborah Brown	Bob Petrossian
Richard Ayoub	Louise Magelli
Julia Fayad	Derek Gilliam
Andrew Gavin	Sharen Zacharia
Anise Mokhiber	Mark & Jennifer Buchko & Family
Elizabeth Khalil	Elias & Taylor Saroufim
Rose & Manny Ramirez	Paul & Jamileh & Family
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## DEPARTED

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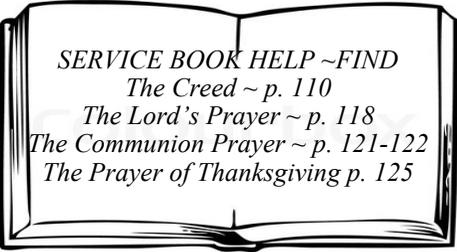
**Orthodox Christians**  
 Faithful Orthodox fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when they receive Holy Communion in fulfillment of Christ's command to eat His Body and drink His Blood. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, communicants should not be conscious of grave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



HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:  
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**Stewardship Corner/Theology of Giving Series – Week 31**  
*Week #31 – 2 Thessalonians 2: 15-17 ... “Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle. Now may your Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace, comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work.”*  
 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>