

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
16 Sept	Jerry & Nelly Audi/IMO Issa Zayed	Silvia Tawil/IMO Issa Zayed
23 Sept	open	25th Annual Mediterranean Festival
30 Sept	open	open
07 Oct	Zurefa 'Fifi' Ellis/40-Day Memorial for Henry George David	Zurefa 'Fifi' Ellis/40-Day Memorial for Henry George David
14 Oct	Rados Family/IMO Fr. George	Rados Family/IMO Fr. George

**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, SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

TONE 7 / EOTHINON 5

SUNDAY AFTER THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

GREAT-MARTYR EUPHEMIA THE ALL-PRaised

MARTYRS VICTOR AND SOSTHENES OF CHALCEDON; MARTYR
MELITINA OF MARCIANOPOLIS

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 7)

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (Tone 1)

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thy commonwealth.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. EUPHEMIA (Tone 4) (Joseph was amazed**)**

O Lord Jesus, unto Thee Thy lamb doth cry with a great voice: * O my Bridegroom, Thee I love; and seeking Thee, I now contest, * and with Thy baptism am crucified and buried. * I suffer for Thy sake, that I may reign with Thee; * for Thy sake I die, that I may live in Thee: * accept me offered out of longing * to Thee as a spotless sacrifice. * Lord, save our souls through her intercessions, since Thou art great in mercy.

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 ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (Tone 4)

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

Do Thou, Who of Thine own good will was lifted up upon the Cross, O Christ our God, bestow Thy bounties upon the new Nation which is called by Thy Name; make glad in Thy might those who lawfully govern, that with them we may be led to victory over our adversaries, having in Thine aid a weapon of peace and a trophy invincible.

Seek God daily. But seek Him in you heart, not outside it.

St. Nectarios of Aegina

The Holy Angels: Our Guides and Guardians

Hieromonk Calinic (Berger)

There is not a single significant event recorded in the Holy Scriptures that does not include the presence and activity of angels. This includes the very creation of the material world (Job 38:7). Angels are present at all Old Testament turning points: at the garden of Eden, throughout the lives of the Patriarchs, the giving of the law to Moses, the worship in the temple, the taking possession of the promised land, etc. Similarly they accompany the entire life of Jesus Christ: angels address the Virgin Mary, announce His birth to shepherds, strengthen Him in fasting, are present at His Passion, Resurrection, Ascension, and according to Christ's own testimony, they will accompany Him when He returns in glory to judge the world (Mt 25:31). Angels guided the Church throughout the lives of the Holy Apostles as recorded in the Book of Acts. They are mentioned in early New Testament Creeds (e.g., 1 Tim 3:16). It is clear that the belief in angels is central to Orthodoxy as it is to any Biblical faith. For this reason the Nicene Creed confesses belief in "all things visible and invisible," which St. Cyril of Jerusalem refers to angels (Catech., IV.1). The life and destiny of mankind is inseparably interwoven with that of the angelic world. The same is true for each individual human being.

Hence, each and every Christian is given a "radiant angel" at baptism. According to Christ, "in heaven their angels do always behold the face of My Father" (Mt 18:10). In other words, the presence of an angel is a manifestation of personal holiness, of a person in our midst who is in unceasing communion and communication with God. Who are they? What is our relationship with them?

To begin, angels are not cute little baby-faced "cherubs," as they are depicted most frequently in Western art. On the contrary, from the Holy Scriptures we know that they are imposing, powerful, even intimidating. Even when they take a human form they retain these characteristics. They always manifest a commanding divine authority. Angels worship God, abide in His presence, receive His words directly, and are sent to reveal and at times even to effectuate His will.

Among the most important tasks of angels is to guide and protect men. This is a sign of blessing from God. St. Basil the Great refers to the guardian angel as a "protector" and "shepherd" of the believer entrusted to him. From the daily prayers and the various canons to angels read in the Orthodox Church, we learn that our guardian angels know us intimately, rejoice when we do well and sorrow when we do evil. They can even be embarrassed for us. Their vigilance is unflinching, so long as we do not "drive them away." An angel is a blessing from God, and as with all His blessings, it is also dependent upon our own behavior. For this reason the Church continually petitions for "an angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian" in all its services. The contingency of this blessing is most succinctly expressed in God's words to Moses: "Behold, I send an angel before you, to keep you in the way, and to bring you into the place which I have prepared. Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for My name is in him" (Ex 23:20-1). These words are applicable to all who have an angel with them.

Part 1 of 2

Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News and Events

CHURCH SCHOOL 2018-2019

Registration for Church School is ongoing using this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/GO6uQSnltimwgvjW2>, include your email as most Church school announcements go out to the entire parish. Please list all/allergies.

Check out our new online Church School Newsletter
<https://www.smore.com/t1rh>

**Sep 16 *Church School-Elevation of the Cross
*Staff meeting to follow classes.**

Sep 21-23 *Church School is sponsoring a children's tent with activities during the Festival.

Please help us by signing up for the Festival Children's Activities at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084ba9a23a2fd0-2018/57441455>.

(see flyer in Narthex for complete schedule of Church School classes and activities).

TEEN SOYO

Ss. Peter & Paul Teen SOYO youth group will hold its first meeting on Sunday, September 16 at 12:30p in the downstairs conference room. All the teens of the Parish are invited to attend. Please contact the Lay Advisors for more information.

Lay Advisors:

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Sep 16 *Teen SOYO Welcome Meeting following Services. Explain elections and how we are Helping with the Bazaar

Sep 21-23 *Teens will volunteer at the Bazaar. Lots of helping hands needed.

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 or Amal Michael at amal17m@yahoo.com for more information.

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

Sept. *Many of our Antiochian Women will be actively participating in Bazaar.

Oct *Antiochian Women Club Kickoff Luncheon Will be held in October/date TBA

Orthodox Christian Mission Center Box at Candle Stand for Donations

We have a box by the candle stand if you wish to donate toward mission outreach for the Orthodox Church.

—Many thanks to our Ss Peter and Paul parishioners as \$22.00 was collected this past week. The money goes to work of missions, spreading the love of Christ to those in need.

—The missions box is a great place for spare change, as small amounts make a difference over time.

—Some of the collection funds were used by Project Mexico to build houses for families in need. Several teens from Ss Peter and Paul participated in the building this summer!

Together, in small ways we can make a difference to spread the love and joy of Christ in the world!

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

"Exploring Our Faith" meets every other Thursday evening 7:00p to 8:30p in the lower level conference room. The next meeting is **Thursday, September 27, 2018**. Fr. Isaac facilitates the Forums using brief presentations as a springboard to open discussion on a variety of topics concerning our faith. ALL ARE WELCOME. Contact Fr. Isaac at frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org, Fr. Luke at frluke@peterpaulpotomac.org or Kate Niewenhaus at handmaidens20854@gmail.com.

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: George & Alma Jean Zaki at (georgezaki@gmail.com or ajmzaki@gmail.com), Alex Cox at (alexcoxells@gmail.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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

- Sep 16 *Procession of the Elevation of the Cross following Liturgy.
*Churching Georgette Mazen Saah & Beasanne Mazen Saah
*Chrismation/Julia, Jacob, Jady, Jacklyn Azar
*Church School Staff Mtg. to follow class
*Teen SOYO mtg. to follow services
- Sep 21-23 *Ss. Peter & Paul Mediterranean Festival (Bazaar)
- Sep 27 *Adult Religious Education Forum/Exploring our Faith 7:00p/Serge Malooley Conf. Rm.
- Sep 30 *Antiochian Village 'Camp-style' Liturgy sung by our young parishioners/10:30a
*Baptism/Gibran Anthony Sahouri/1:30p
- Oct 08 *Church Office Closed/Columbus Day
- Oct 09 *Parish Council Mtg./7p/Serge Malooley Conf. Rm.
- Oct 11 *Adult Religious Education Forum/Exploring our Faith 7:00p/Serge Malooley Conf. Rm.
- Oct 13 *Baptism/Samuel Christopher Saa/12p
- Nov 08 *Adult Religious Education Forum/Exploring our Faith 7:00p/Serge Malooley Conf. Rm.
- Nov 13 *Parish Council Mtg./7p/Serge Malooley Conf. Rm.

THE EPISTLE

(For Sunday after the Elevation of the Holy Cross)

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

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (2:16-20)

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. Even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the Law died to the Law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

THE GOSPEL

(For Sunday after the Elevation of the Holy Cross)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (8:34-9:1)

The Lord said, "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Kingdom of God come with power."

FEAST OF THE ELEVATION OF THE CROSS

In order for the Faithful to be present the Procession of the Elevation of the Cross will take place at the end of the Liturgy today.

"O Lord save thy people and bless thine inheritance, granting victory to the believers over all evil. And by the power of the cross preserve all those who follow Thee."

Troparian of the Elevation of the Cross

Antiochian Village "Camp" Liturgy

On Sunday, September 30, 2018, at 10:30am the teens and young people of our Parish will sing an Antiochian Village 'Camp' style Liturgy. Many of our young people are Village Alumni and are very familiar with this Byzantine style liturgy used at the camp. They will be led by Kh. Rezanne and our chanters. This project is part of our Parish effort to involve our young people in the Worship of the Church and to encourage them also to join the Choir.

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

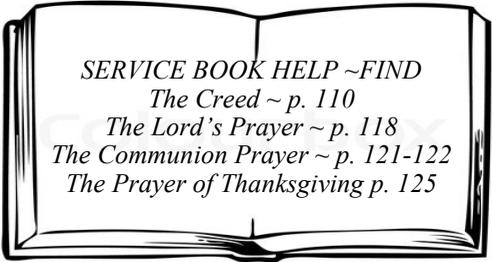
Orthodox Christians
Faithful Orthodox fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when they receive Holy Communion in fulfillment of Christ's command to eat His Body and drink His Blood. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, communicants should not be conscious of grave sin,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

Rt. Rev. Fr. Elias Bitar	Margaret Ashley	Mary Smith
Isabel Threddeh	George Brown	Nabeeha Ayoub
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Bob & Shirley Neri	Marie Hyder	Stephanie Hatmaker
Melinda & Emily Fannoney	Dean & Deena Gakos & Family & Baby Photini Alise Gakos	Zanayed Family
Tawil Family	Audi Family	Amin & Amal Barakat, Rana, Nadim, Zena & Family
Jimmy Kazaleh		Adrian, Gina & Ember Vasilescu
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Jack, Jumana, Julia, Jacob, Jady, Jacklyn Azar		

CHURCHING

Georgette Mazen Saah
Beasanne Mazen Saah

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, calls and special thoughts during our Dad's illness and following his death. We are thankful to be a part of the Ss. Peter & Paul Family.
God Bless,
Thomaseena and Alex

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:
Jerry & Nellie Audi/In Memory of Issa Zanayed
Amin & Amal Barakat, Rana, Nadim, Zena & Family

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