

FELLOWSHIP HOUR AND BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION

	BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
Sep 28	31st Annual Middle Eastern	Cultural Festival
Oct 5	Sam & Margo Sahouri-Ghanem	Sam & Margo Sahouri-Ghanem
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19	Metody Tilev	Metody Tilev
26	Ayoub family	Ayoub family
Nov 2		
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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

Confessions: call to schedule

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TONE 6

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2014 EOTHINON 4

Leave-taking (Apodosis) of Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Today we Commemorate: Apostle Quadratos of the Seventy; Prophet Jonah; uncovering of the relics of Demetrios, bishop of Rostov

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 6)

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION of the Exaltation 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.

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 of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Tone 4)

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.

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CHARITY COLLECTION

In accordance with our mission to support local, national, and international charities, this month we are supporting an international charity, ANERA. "American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA) advances the well-being of people in the West Bank, Gaza, Lebanon and Jordan. Through partnerships and close consultation with local groups and communities, ANERA responds to economic, health and educational needs with sustainable solutions and also delivers humanitarian aid during emergencies." ANERA is one of the largest American non-profits working solely in the Middle East for 40 years. Please be generous with your contributions. We hope and pray that you will support this project and remember that your donations are tax deductible. The collection will be taken on September 28, but you may submit a check before then, especially since many of you will be busy making our Festival a huge success.

THE CREATION AND FALL OF MAN

Part III in a series...

As creatures of God, then, our most basic relationships with the One Who created us. But the book of Genesis goes on to tell us that God looked upon the man He had created and said, It is not good that man should be alone (Genesis 2:18). Thus, Eve was created that Adam's life might be complete. As persons created in the image of God, we were created not only for communion with God, but with one another as well. In fact, we cannot be fully human apart from our relationships with others.

Human relationships are important because our lives are deeply bound up with the lives of other people. All human beings, regardless of sex, race, or background, share the same basic human nature. You might say that under the skin" we are all just alike. Yet each one of us expresses our humanity in a way that is uniquely our own. To love another person is to discover what is unique about that person and to express our own uniqueness, while at the same time affirming our common humanity. This helps us to understand the commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves. This does not mean that we should love other people to the extent that we love ourselves; rather it is in loving others that we discover our own selves. On the other hand, to hate another person is an act of suicide; it is a denial of our common humanity.

In addition to our relationships with God and with one another, the Genesis narrative tells us about a third relationship that defines us as persons created in the image of God: our relationship with the physical world. Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth (Genesis 1:26). We were created to "rule" the earth, not in a tyrannical way, but rather as images of God. In other words, we

are to govern the earth in love, to take care of the physical world that God has given to us.

We are to enter into a personal relationship with the world and bring it into our relationship with God. Out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every fowl of the air, and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them. And whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof (Genesis 2:19). In the Bible, a name is much more than a tag to distinguish one thing from another. A name reveals something about the very essence of a thing. Thus, to name something implies a deep, personal knowledge of that thing. This may be difficult to understand, so let us take a common example from daily life: the family pet. Now the family pet is not like an ordinary dog or cat. We give it a personal name. Although it is not a person, we somehow personalize it through our love for it. In this way, it is no longer simply something we own; it is a part of the family. Similarly, we are to personalize all of creation, including the rocks and rivers, and to bring it into our "family"-our relationship of love with God and with one another.

These relationships, then, are what define us as persons created in the image of God. The more we live out our humanity in the way in which God intended, the more like God we become. Fr. Dimitri Staniloae, a Romanian priest, sums up our vocation as human beings quite well: "The glory to which man is called is that he should grow more godlike by growing ever more human."

In spite of all of your flaws and all of your problems, you also are a person created in the image of God. You also have been given the freedom to realize your personal uniqueness through a relationship of love with God, with other people, and with the world. You also are called to become a child of God.

Upcoming events...

Sep 21 - Baptism of Nader Tawil @ 1pm
Sep 22-26 - Festival Cooking & Preparation
Sep 26-28 - Festival 3-10pm•11am-10pm•12-4pm
Sep 30 - Men's Club Meeting @ 7:30pm
Oct 2 - Adult Ed Forum @ 7:15pm
Oct 4 - Arabic Liturgy @ 5pm
Oct 5 - Baptism of Reid Hartman @ 1pm
Oct 8 - Wine & Cheese Reception OCN @ 7pm
Oct 11 - Baptism Xavier Atiyeh @ 2pm
Oct 12 - General Assembly @12pm
Oct 14 - Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm
Oct 16 - Adult Ed Forum @ 7:15pm

Nov 15 - Nativity Fast begins

Nov 20 - Entrance Theotokos to the Temple @ 7pm

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31ST ANNUAL Middle Eastern Cultural Festival September 26, 27 & 28

Friday, September 26 (3-10pm)
Saturday, September 27 (11am-10pm)
or Sunday, September 28 (12-4pm)

The festival countdown begins and we need all of you!

For **Wednesday** at **10am** we need 5 people to assist with the Lubieh and hummus & baba prep. Please contact Sam S Ghannem @ ssg@afg-inc.com.

For **Thursday** at **10am** we need 8-10 people to assist with the potato salad, tabouleh salad, packaging of hummus, baba, lebane and potato salad. Please contact Sam S Ghannem @ ssg@afg-inc.com.

For **Thursday** at **Noon** we need 6-8 men to setup the hall, cooking tent and hospitality tent. Please contact Danny Khammar @ dannykhammar@hotmail.com.

Friday the official work schedule begins. For all of you that signed on to work, THANK YOU.

**We are expecting a record turnout so
whether you're working or not,
pitch in whenever you can.**

**Thanks to all of you,
the 31st Annual Middle Eastern
Cultural Festival Ad Book reached
over 100 ads!**

FROM THE BAKERY

Thank you to those who have donated money and/or time to help make this year's bakery a success. With less than two weeks remaining, we have one more request-- "Home Made" Baked Items! *We do NOT need: mamoul, baklava, ghrabee, birds' nests, custard triangles and knafee* but **other types of Arabic pastries made and donated would be great.** We also need non-Arabic items such as brownies, cookies, cupcakes, pecan tarts, etc. that do not need refrigeration, have a list of all ingredients used provided, and are NOT cut. We will cut and price your items for sale. Sugar free and/or gluten free items are most welcome. Contact Mary Misleh at marymisleh@aol.com or Denise Bolus at dbolus@gmail.com with what you plan to bring. Drop your donation off on Thursday, Friday or Saturday.

WE NEED YOU! During Fellowship Hour we will have final the work schedules with positions that need to be filled. The 31st Annual Middle Eastern Cultural Festival is going to be one of the biggest and that even with the scheduled positions will need people to pitch in on demand to accommodate the unprecedented attendance!

TEEN SOYO FESTIVAL RAFFLE

Festival Raffle Tickets (\$10) are on sale now. Enter to win one of three exciting cash prizes. See Majd Akkawi for more information.

CHILDREN AGE 9 TO 18

Plan to attend the Antiochian Village Program "Village at Home" Retreat October 4th at Ss. Peter & Paul Church. Come see what camp is like without having to travel to Bolivar, PA! Join us for morning and afternoon programs, games, activities, services and more.

WINE AND CHEESE RECEPTION

Plan to attend the reception Wednesday, October 8, from 7-9pm in Kogok Hall in support of the Orthodox Christian Network. More information to come.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

On Sunday, October 12th, the Annual Parish General Assembly will be held in the sanctuary immediately following Liturgy. Do not miss this important meeting to include reports, election, budget presentation and more.

THE EPISTLE

(For Sunday after the Exaltation 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 Exaltation 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."

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Samia Zolnerowich
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Nicole Kyriakos
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Kate Niewenhous

Teen SOYO

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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.

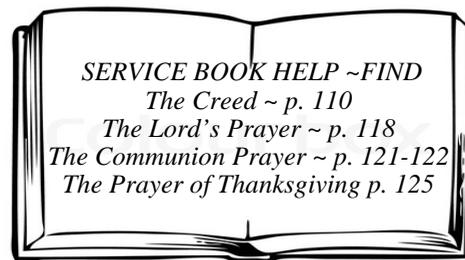
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- 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 JJ Coury & family

40-DAY MEMORIAL: for Walter Coury

9-DAY MEMORIAL: for Suad Ramzi Azat

FELLOWSHIP HOUR: offered by JJ Coury & family & the Azat family

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

LIVING

Parishioners who remain in our prayers continually

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

Claude Capro
Jamil & Salwa Gabro
Ramzi Azat
John & Sahar Azat & family
Jack & Beth Azat & family
Norma Azat Dimsey
Nabeeha Ayoub & family
Ramza Saah & family
Adla Kash & family
Siham & Richard Ayoub & family

Sister Gaviella
Brian Briggs
Bertha Aed
Katherine Slanta
Nicholas Yanowsky
Siham Ayoub
Asma (Amy) Trey
Gregory Nurantzis
Abe & Susan Fannoney
Yasmin Courtright, Sophia Courtright, Andrew Gavin and Doreen Moses

DEPARTED

Joseph Khoury Sept 17

Walter & Evelyn Coury

Suad Ramzi Azat Sept 15

Nemer Massarweh Aug 17
Helen Hawa Aug 17

Michael Jacobs Sept 17

Ann Kalill

Albert 'Butch' Moses
Michael Moses