

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR
AND BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION**

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
29 Sept	Khoury, Rados & Salman Families/ IMO Ibrahim Khoury	Khoury, Rados & Salman Families/IMO Ibrahim Khoury
06 Oct	Open	Open
13 Oct	Rida Boulous/IMO Edmond Neam	Rida Boulous/IMO Edmond Neam
20 Oct	Open	Open
27 Oct	Joyce Kogok/IMO Richard & Richie Kogok	Joyce Kogok/IMO Richard & Richie Kogok

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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All Things Are Possible to Him Who Believes

Matins: Sundays 9:30am

Divine Liturgy: Sundays 10:30am

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

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**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& SECOND SUNDAY OF LUKE**

VENERABLE KYRIAKOS THE HERMIT OF PALESTINE
MARTYR PETRONIA AND THOSE WITH HER IN PALESTINE;
MOTHER MARY THE HERMIT OF PALESTINE;

MARTYRS GUDELIA, CASDOUS, CASDOA, GARGALUS, DADA AND GOBDELAAS OF PERSIA

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 FOR ST. KYRIAKOS OF PALESTINE (Tone 1)

Thou didst prove to be a citizen of the desert, an angel in the flesh, and a wonderworker, O Kyriakos, our God-bearing Father. By fasting, vigil, and prayer thou didst obtain heavenly gifts, and thou healest the sick and the souls of them that have recourse to thee with faith. Glory to Him that hath given thee strength; glory to Him that hath crowned thee; glory to Him that worketh healings for all through thee.

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.

ORDINARY KONTAKION (Tone 2)

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

“Today man believes that there is nothing in him (for example the image of God or the indwelling of the Holy Spirit). So he is willing to accept anything, even if he knows it to be harmful, in order to find himself at one with others, to belong to something, and not be alone”.

Czslaw Milosz

“THE FAITH: Understanding Orthodox Christianity”

God and Gender

By Clark Carlton

Few issues are as explosive in our society as those involving gender and religion. The Orthodox Christian addresses these issues within the framework of the Church’s self-understanding as the Bride of Christ. Whether the issue at hand is “inclusive language,” the role of women in the Church, or homosexual desire, the answer lies in the great mystery: Christ and the Church.

The peoples of the ancient world frequently worshipped female deities, accepted priestesses, and thought nothing of homosexual behavior. Israel, however, stood alone in rejecting all of these practices. The reason for this lies in God’s revelation of Himself as being radically distinct from His creation.

We have said that the world was created *ex nihilo*. Between the being of God and the being of the world there is an irreducible gulf. The world is not God, has never been God, and will never be God. The fact that God has united creation to Himself in the Incarnation in no way destroys the distinction between the Uncreated and the created. In Christ we participate in the uncreated grace of God, becoming by that grace what He is by nature, yet we never cease being creatures; our created nature is *never* transformed into the divine nature.

This difference between God and the world is expressed iconically by the dissexuality of human nature. In the Divine Scriptures, God is *always* represented by the male and creation by the female. God is the Bridegroom, and the world — or more precisely, the Church, which is the world recreated in Christ — is the Bride.

God, of course, is neither male nor female; He is beyond all such created concepts. Nevertheless, He has given us certain images and concepts whereby we have come to know Him. Though these concepts can never fully describe or define the indescribable God, we are nonetheless bound by them.

It is true that the Scriptures occasionally use female imagery in regard to God. For example, Christ said of Jerusalem: *O Jerusalem, Jerusalem . . . how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not* (Matthew 23:37). This is, however, a simile. Christ called God “Father,” not “Mother.” Christ is the “Son” of God, not the “Daughter” of God.

Part 1 of 2

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. 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.

Sept 29 *Church School Open House/visit classrooms
From 12:15p—12:30p
October *Orthodox Youth Month

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.

Oct *Orthodox Youth Month
Oct 5 *Camp at Home/Community Retreat Teens to help out
With babysitting duties
Oct 6 *Antiochian Camp Liturgy
*Teen SOYO Mtg/12:30p/LL Hall/Elections

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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 *AW of the East Retreat & Gathering @ Holy Protection Monastery, White Haven, PA (see flyer in Narthex)
Oct 26 *Ss. Peter & Paul AW Fall Spiritual Retreat/ Union Bridge, MD/Sacred Monastery of St. Nina. (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.

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN FALL RETREAT

On October 26, 2019, the Ss. Peter and Paul Antiochian women are holding a spiritual retreat (8:45a—3:00p) at St. Nina Monastery in Union Bridge, MD. All the women of the Parish are welcome to attend. For information please contact Zeina Manasseh at Zeina.maalouf@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: 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 29 *Church School Open House/12:15p—12:30p
Oct *Orthodox Youth Month
Oct 5 *Community Retreat on Marriage & Parenting
Babysitting for younger children 3rd grade & up
Oct 6 *Antiochian Camp Liturgy
*Antiochian Women Kick-Off Mtg./following Liturgy in the Serge Malooley Conf. Rm.
*Teen SOYO Mtg./12:30p/LL Hall/Elections
Oct 8 *Parish Council Mtg./7:30p/Serge Malooley Conf. Rm.
Oct 12 *Baptism/Eliana Victoria Ghareeb/12p
*AWE Fall Retreat/Holy Protection Monastery, White Haven, PA/see flyer in Narthex
Oct 13 *Wedding/Raya Jarawan & Tyler Baldwin/4p
Oct 19 *Wedding/Amanda Ibrahim & Mathew Bannovra/4p
Oct 23 *Professionals Gathering/5:30p-7p/email skorkor@gmail.com for more information.
Oct 26 *Ss. Peter & Paul AW Fall Spiritual Retreat/ Union Bridge, MD/Sacred Monastery of St. Nina. (see below & flyer in Narthex)
*International/Halloweenish Community Evening/ 5p-8p/Kogok Hall
Oct 27 *Parish-wide General Assembly following services

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THE EPISTLE

(For the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

*O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.
Unto Thee have I cried, O Lord my God.*

The Reading is from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (4:6-15)

Brethren, it is the God Who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," Who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. While we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believe, and so we speak, knowing that He Who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Second Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (6:31-36)

The Lord said: "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and the self-ish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

OCMC NEWS

•What joy to have welcomed missionary Jesse Brandow to Ss Peter and Paul last Sunday and learn about how tens of thousands of people in Guatemala are coming to Orthodoxy! Jesse said, "Through your life, find time to pray for missionaries. Through your life, find time to support missionaries."

•We thank everyone for great kindnesses to support OCMC with donations to the box at the candle stand. We sent \$79.25 to OCMC this week! Thank you!

•Something many of us learned definitely from Jesse is to pray for those in the mission field. Something else is that the best support for individual missionaries is a recurring monthly gift. (This was surprising, as most of us thought a one-time gift is good, however unequivocally, we know now the monthly designation of support is more valuable.) With many of us praying, and offering, even \$5-10 per month designated to Jesse Brandow (or another missionary), this is truly a meaningful way to spread the word of Christ. (If you decide, go to ocmc.org, click on "OCMC missionaries" on the left side; see alphabetical listing by country, and prayerfully designate your recurring gift, however small. Selecting Jesse Brandow (or another missionary) could be a beautiful way for a family to pray together for Jesse, for missions, read the missionary blog and discover more about this work. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

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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 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

Parishioners who remain in our prayers continually

Rt. Rev. Fr. Elias Bitar	Rt. Rev. Daniel Griffith	Kevin Pinkstaff
Margaret Ashley	Ann Marie Moses	Joyce Hamaty
Isabel Thredek	Nabecha Ayoub	Robert & Thelma Badwey
Holly Dubois	Suad Shammis	Barbara Abraham
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Michael Buchko, Sr.	Edward Rizkallah	Assad & Patricia Khoury
Leila Khoury	Shoke George	George & Chris Brown
Bob & Shirley Neri	Barbara Mullin	
Ibtisam Toubaji	Nijmeh Zayed	

DEPARTED
Fr. George Rados
Fr. Louis Mahshie
Ibrahim Khoury
Anthony Abraham
George Rorke
Renée Saah
Albert (Butch) Moses
Michael Moses

LIVING

Archpriest Joseph	Khouriya Rebecca Alford	Carol Laham
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Geffen Franus	Paula Massouh	Audree Yacoub
George & Marie Hyder	Sarah Abdow	Mona Ayoub & Family
Suzanne Kozlov & Family	Ricky M. Ayoub	George & Hanada Rados & Family
Siham Ayoub	Leila Khoury & Family	Jon, Jihan, Aurora, Julian, & Serene Storm Farmand
Emil & Selwa Salman & Family	Joanna Khoury	Jamil Khoury
Malik Gillani	George Ballone	Ann Marie Moses
Jamileh Fadel Khoury	Sophia Courtright	Doreen Moses
Yasmin Courtright		
Janet Metz		
Edward, Ritamarie, Emilia & Viviana Saa		
Lidia, Ghassan, Adeeb, Farah & Hiba & their families		

MEMORIAL SERVICE
Ibrahim Khoury

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:
Khoury, Rados & Salman Families/AMO Ibrahim Khoury

MEMORIAL WHEAT:
Khoury, Rados & Salman Families/AMO Ibrahim Khoury

FELLOWSHIP OFFERED BY:
Khoury, Rados & Salman Families/AMO Ibrahim Khoury

CHARITY OF THE MONTH/SOME (So Others Might Eat)
SOME supports the poor and homeless of our nation's capital. Your contribution advances SOME's mission to fight poverty and homelessness in the D.C. area.

Teen SOYO 2019 — 2020
The Ss. Peter and Paul Teen SOYO year will begin on Sunday, October 6 with the start of Orthodox Youth Month and a meeting at 12:30p in the Lower Level Hall. Elections will take place.
ALL TEENS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE!

MARRIAGE & PARENTING: Paths to the Kingdom
On Saturday, October 5, 2019 from 10:00a—4:00p, Ss. Peter and Paul Church will host a mini-retreat on marriage, parenting, and the Christian family presented by Dr. Philip Mamalakis of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. Lunch will be provided and there will be activities for children. All are welcome. For more information please contact Fr. Isaac or Fr. Luke.