

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
30 Sept	Michelle Boyle/IMO Peter (PJ) Boyle	Michelle Boyle/IMO Peter (PJ) Boyle
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
28 Oct	Open	Nassif Family & Amal Michael/IMO Issa J. Michael (1yr)
04 Nov	Open	Open

**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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HIEROMARTYR GREGORY, ENLIGHTENER OF GREATER ARMENIA  
MARTYRS RHIPSIME AND GAIANA AND COMPANIONS OF ARMENIA; MICHAEL THE  
WONDERWORKER, FIRST METROPOLITAN OF KIEV; VENERABLE GREGORY OF THE  
PELSHMA RIVER

**RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 1)**

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

**APOLYTIKION OF ST. GREGORY OF ARMENIA (Tone 4)**

Thou hast become like the Apostles in their states, a successor to their throne, finding indeed the intelligential ladder, O thou God-inspired. Therefore, thou hast followed the Word of God in righteousness, and striven unto blood for the Faith. O Hieromartyr Gregory, 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.

**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.

Our prayer is public and common. When we pray, we pray not for one, but for the whole people, because we the whole people are one.

*St. Cyprian of Carthage***Mercy**

The word occurs in most prayers and supplications: Have mercy O God, according to Your great mercy, we ask You, hear us and have mercy! Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy great mercy: according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out mine iniquity. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

Here we also recall our favorite constant prayer, the Jesus Prayer: “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.” Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

All of these petitions, and especially the command “Be merciful even as your heavenly Father is merciful,” describe God as merciful and call on us to imitate His great mercy.

Divine mercy is nothing other than God's expansive, infinite love, which resembles the expansive womb that accept, embraces and nourishes the fetus.

This great divine mercy always strives for all people to be saved from sin and from death so that they may receive eternal life.

This mercy extends to even embracing enemies, to cooperating with people and loving them without waiting for anything from them in return.

Therefore in the Gospel (Luke 6:35-36), the Lord Jesus commands, “Love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.”

In the Parable of the Good Samaritan, mercy is connected to the neighbor. The Lord Jesus asks, “Which of these three (i.e., the priest, the Levite, or the Samaritan) do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?” And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." (Luke 10:36-37).

When Peter asked Jesus, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven” (Matthew 18:21-22). This is mercy tied to forgiveness.

Likewise, when Jesus visited Matthew the Publican in his home and spoke with the Pharisees, mercy is tied to compassion for publicans, for sinners, and for the sick: And when the Pharisees saw *it*, they said to His disciples, “Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” When Jesus heard that, He said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice.’ For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance” (Matthew 9:11-13).

Last but not least, mercy is connected to love, which first of all means control of selfishness. In the end, this requires sacrifice and looking to what benefits the other, to that which secures the establishment of a life of communion between people and real sympathy for others.

**+Ephrem****Metropolitan of Tripoli, al-Koura and their Dependencies**

## 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/GQ6uQSnltimwggJW2>, 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.smores.com/t1rhu>

### 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:

Zaid Sharafudin / Zaid.sharafudin@gmail.com  
Anees Mokhiber / anees\_mokhiber@hotmail.com

Sept 30 \*Teen SOYO Mtg./ Election of Officers to follow Liturgy/LL Serge Malooley conf. room  
Oct \*October is Youth Month. More information to follow.

### 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

Oct 13 \*Antiochian Women, Opening Meeting for 2018-2019 at the home of Donna Gavin:  
**Saturday, October 13**, at Noon  
Donna Gavin  
1441 N. Longfellow St.  
Arlington, VA 22205  
703-533-0924 home

### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Oct 07 \*Men's Fellowship Mtg./following coffee hour @1:00p. Men urged to participate.

### STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES 2018

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 Alex Cox, Parish Council Chairman, Fr. Isaac, Fr. Luke, or Zeina Manasseh, Stewardship Chairman.

### "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, October 11, 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](mailto:frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org), Fr. Luke at [frluke@peterpaulpotomac.org](mailto:frluke@peterpaulpotomac.org) or Kate Niewenhaus at [handmaidens20854@gmail.com](mailto: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](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.

### CHURCH CALENDAR

Sep 30 \*Antiochian Village 'Camp-style' Liturgy sung by our young parishioners/10:30a  
\*His Grace Bishop Antoun/1-year Memorial  
Oct 08 \*Baptism/Gibran Anthony Sahouri/1:30p  
Oct 10 \*Church Office Closed/Columbus Day  
Oct 11 \*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  
\*Antiochian Women, Opening Mtg. (see AW box For more info)  
Oct 21 \*Parish-wide General Assembly immediately following services  
Oct 25 \*Adult Religious Education Forum/Exploring our Faith/7:00p/Serge Malooley Conf. Rm.  
Nov 08 \*Adult Religious Education Forum/Exploring our Faith/7:00p/Serge Malooley Conf. Rm.  
Nov 12 \*Church Office Closed/Veteran's Day  
Nov 13 \*Parish Council Mtg./7p/Serge Malooley Conf. Rm.

### THE EPISTLE

(For the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

*Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.*

**The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (9:6-11)**

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to 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 selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

### Ss. Peter & Paul Monthly Extra Charity Tray Collection

This month our extra charity tray will be offered to benefit the American Cancer Society.

### Antiochian Village "Camp" Liturgy

Today 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.

### **CHURCH SCHOOL**

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Zeina Manasseh

# 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

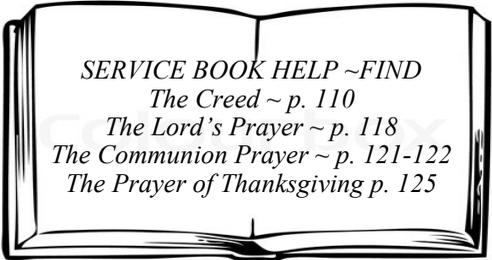
**Orthodox Christians**  
Faithful Orthodox fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when they receive Holy Communion in fulfillment of Christ's command to eat His Body and drink His Blood. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, communicants should not be conscious of grave 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
Everett Alvarez	Holly Dubois	Robert & Thelma Badwey
Edmond & Sophie Neam	Miriam Yazge	Barbara Abraham
George & Joan Abraham	Lula Brown	Douglas Kalesh
Michael Buchko, Sr.	Edward Rizkallah	Dorothy Marge
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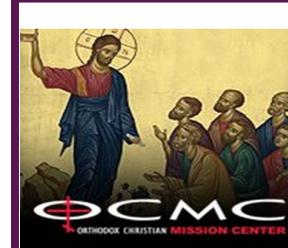
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Stephanie Hatmaker	Siham Ayoub	Michelle, George & Erin Boyle
The Boyle Family	The Howie Family	The George Family
The Dowd Family	Michael, Diana & Gibran Sahouri	

**DEPARTED**  
His Grace Bishop ANTOUN  
Fr. George Rados  
Henry George David  
Venise Yussif Kaffoury  
Radka Chotova  
Peter (P.J) Boyle  
Thomas, Kathryn, Tom, Ann, Robert, & William Boyle  
Jamiel & Dorothy Howie  
Dave & Simone Dowd  
Frank & Adele George  
Departed Members of the Boyle, Howie, George, & Dowd Families

**MEMORIAL SERVICES**  
His Grace Bishop ANTOUN (1-year)  
Peter J. Boyle (40-Day)

**2018 Ss. Peter & Paul Festival**  
Fr. Isaac and Fr. Luke join with the Ss. Peter and Paul Parish Council in offering sincere and joyful thanks to all our Parish Community for the success of our annual Festival last weekend. May God Bless all the dedicated and hard working participants and volunteers who labored in this wonderful outreach event of our Church. Special thanks are offered to Jerry Audi and the Bazaar Committee and the booth event chairs for their good work.

**HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:**  
Michelle Boyle/In Memory of Peter (P.J) Boyle  
**MEMOIRIAL WHEAT:**  
Michelle Boyle/In Memory of Peter (P.J) Boyle  
**FELLOWSHIP OFFERED BY:**  
Michelle Boyle/In Memory of Peter (P.J) Boyle



**MISSION IMPOSSIBLE? NOT!!!** "Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." -Matthew 28: 19. OCMC witnesses in Guatemala, Albania, Kenya, Indonesia, South Korea, Mongolia, and Romania and has a presence witnessing to Christ and the Orthodox Christian Faith in over 30 countries through the ministries OCMC. Join us today as Betty Slanta and Michael Bosworth share Orthodox Missions around the world, and news of their upcoming medical mission to Guatemala from November 9-18, 2018. Pray for Mike and Betty's healthcare mission to Aguacate, Guatemala, in November.