

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
01 Oct	Bashar & Rana, Callas & Family The Alvarez and Badwey Families	The Alvarez & Badwey Families
08 Oct	Jerry Audi & Family	Jerry Audi & Family
15 Oct	OPEN	OPEN
22 Oct	OPEN	Parish Council for the visit of H.B. Patriarch JOHN X of Antioch
29 Oct		

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

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017

TONE 8 / EOTHINON 6

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & SECOND SUNDAY OF LUKE

APOSTLE ANANIAS OF THE SEVENTY, FIRST BISHOP OF DAMASCUS

& RIGHTEOUS FATHER ROMANOS THE MELODIST

MARTYR DOMNINOS OF THESSALONICA; VENERABLE JOHN KOUKOUZELIS & GREGORY THE DOMESTIKOS OF THE GREAT LAVRA ON ATHOS; VENERABLE SABBAS OF VISHERA IN RUSSIA

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 8)

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. ANANIAS (Tone 3)

O holy Apostle Ananias, intercede with our merciful God to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. ROMANOS (Tone 8)

Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O father Romanos; for thou didst carry the cross and follow Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body, because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels.

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 FOR ORDINARY SUNDAYS (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.

In all cases let us hasten to humility; for the humble one lies on the ground, and where can one fall who lies on the ground? But it is evident that one who is in a high place easily falls.

Sts. Barsanuphius and John

PREACHING THE GOSPEL IN A PLURALISTIC SOCIETY

If the Christian message seems not to be reaching the people of our time we should ask ourselves: Are we offering answers to questions that no one is asking? And perhaps more importantly: Are we willing to engage honestly the many vital questions that people *are* asking? People want to know if the Christian Gospel has anything to contribute to our time. We believe that it does, and the missionary task before us will not be an easy one.

We presently live in a world that has been shaped by the principles of the Enlightenment, but this worldview has reached the limits of its possibilities. The Church must detach the Gospel from this worldview. We live in a period of cultural transition. If we are to avoid being marginalized, we need to learn a lesson from the Patristic period and enter into a deep dialogue with the surrounding culture. People long to know God. They are searching for the truth. If we do not help them with their search, others certainly will be stepping into the breach.

The Church has followed certain principles in Her encounter with different cultures. The first is that every people, in every time period, is constantly being called by God. We are being called not only as persons, but as a 'nation' to embody those virtues that befit creatures created in the image of God. What flows from this is the belief that every people and indeed every culture is able to be transformed and sanctified. We should not despise the people around us. Our vocation, as those who are called to proclaim the Good News, is to help distinguish between that which is good and helpful in a culture or society, and that which is false, leading to ruin. St. Paul's advice to Timothy can be a guide for us: "For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving; for then it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer" (1 Timothy 4:4-5).

The second principle to keep in mind is that God is directly present in creation in a real and vital way. St. Gregory Palamas articulated this when he spoke about the difference between God's "essence" and His "energies." He used the image of the sun and its rays. Like the sun, God's inner reality is inaccessible to us; but like the rays of the sun, He is constantly giving us light and warmth. God who is totally different from us, is still present through His life-giving energies that surround and permeate the whole creation.

Similarly, St. Maximos the Confessor spoke of the Logos of God (the Word of God, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity) having seeded the whole of creation so that all created things have within themselves an inner rationale (a "logos" proper to itself) that was placed there to testify to the Creator. This concept, which had been present in pagan philosophy as the "spermatic Logos," was also used by the earliest Christian writers. They based this connection to Christian thought on the first chapter of John's Gospel where he speaks about Jesus Christ, the Word of God.

Most of us are not accustomed to thinking in these theological and philosophical categories. It might make more sense if we spoke of the "DNA of salvation." When God created the world through His Son, He embedded within the "DNA" of everything the sign of His wisdom. This is what the Psalmist expresses when he says: "O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all" (Psalms 104:24). God's mark is everywhere. Those who pursue the truth, be they scientists or philosophers, believers or agnostics, will come upon the same Wisdom present even in the most minute corner of the universe.

The third important principle is that salvation involves more than human beings and human societies. There is a cosmic dimension to mission. The Lord spoke of a world, indeed a universe, that is shaped and transfigured by His saving love. We say in the hymns of Theophany (Epiphany) that our Lord's first act of salvation was to cleanse and restore the water — which stands for the whole of creation. St. Paul speaks about the creation waiting with eager longing for the liberation of the children of God (cf. Romans 8:19). We must not be narrowly anthropocentric as we proclaim the Gospel.

From a Pastoral Letter for the Third Millennium
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Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News and Events

CHURCH SCHOOL 2017-2018

Church School had a great start with 73 children! Registration is ongoing using this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/GQ6uQSnItimwgvJW2> Also, please make sure to register with the church, including your email as most Church school announcements go out to the entire parish. School calendars are now available. We are also in need of snacks/drinks for the children--small and reg. juice boxes, juice pouches, small waters, individually wrapped snacks (PEANUT & TREE NUT FREE).

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN 2017-2018

All women are invited to the new year's Antiochian Women's Club **kick off meeting today in the downstairs hall after church.** There are many exciting events planned for the Saint's Peter and Paul community. Please contact Carol Laham or Donna Gavin at crazygavins@verizon.net with any questions. See flyer located in the Narthex.

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 recipients who would benefit from the Angel Fund, which provides grocery gift cards to parishioners in need to help them with some of their food needs. Financial contributions to this fund are welcomed, and checks should be made out to: Ss. Peter & Paul Antiochian Women and earmarked "Angel Fund." For more information contact Fr. Isaac at: frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org.

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 Niewenhaus for more information.

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

"Exploring Our Faith" will meet every other Thursday evening from **7:00pm to 8:30pm** in the lower level conference room. **The next meeting is Thursday, October 12 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 or Kate Niewenhaus at handmaidens20854@gmail.com for more information. ALL ARE WELCOME. (please note new start time)

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 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

October	*Youth Month
Oct 01	*Ladies Auxillary Meeting/LL Hall/noon—3p
	*Teen SOYO Mtg./LL Conf. Rm/12:30p
	*Andrew Hinton Hartman Baptism/1:30
Oct 08	*Jaydin Saa Baptism/2:00p
Oct 09	*Office Closed
Oct 10	*Parish Council Mtg/7p
Oct 12	*Adult Education Forum "Exploring Our Faith"/7p-8:30p (please note new start time)
Oct 14	*Bahou/Alhabib Wedding/3p
Oct 15	*Annual General Assembly following Liturgy. Fellowship will follow in Kogok Hall
Oct 21	*Great Vespers/5:30p/H.B. Patriarch JOHN X in attendance. Concert to follow
	*Nicholas/Mufarrij Wedding/2p
Oct 22	*Patriarchal Divine Liturgy followed by a ...Parish luncheon
Nov 04	*Nessim/Garadah Wedding/2p
Nov 05	*Leo Robles/Baptism/1:30p
Nov 10	*office closed
Nov 12	*Awad/Norman Wedding 4p

THE EPISTLE

(For the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost)

Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.

God is known in Judah; His Name is great in Israel.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:16-7:1)

Brethren, we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Therefore, come out from them, and be separate from them," says the Lord, "and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear 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 selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

VISIT OF H.B. PATRIARCH JOHN X OF ANTIOCH

On Saturday, October 21 and Sunday, October 22, 2017, Ss. Peter and Paul Church will receive the great blessing of the visit of our Patriarch John X along with Metropolitan JOSEPH and their delegation to our Parish and to Washington D.C.

Please put this important event on your calendars and plan on being in attendance.

Ss. Peter and Paul Teen SOYO 2017-2018

Congratulations on the election of the new 2017-2018 Teen SOYO officers:

President - Kinda Callas Vice President: - Julia Allen
Treasurer - Joud Al-Kallas Recording Secretary: - Josian Azar

Corresponding Secretary: - Tia Saah

Teen SOYO will meet today October 1 at 12:30pm.

God Bless our teens this year and their Lay Advisors;

Zaid Sharafudin / zaid343@yahoo.com

and Anees Mokhiber / aneesmokhiber@gmail.com

October is Youth Month

CHURCH SCHOOL

Directors

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Michelle Zook

Dina Saah

Dara Potter

Claudia Rabie

Christine Morin

Jennifer Montgomery

Caroline Jarboe

Stephen Zolnerowich

Anees Mokhiber

AJ Wood

Philip Allen

MENS CLUB

Sam Khalil

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

Carol Laham

TEEN SOYO

Lay Advisors

Zaid Sharafudin

Anees Mokhiber

Officers

Kinda Callas

Julia Allen

Joud Al-Kallas

Josian Azar

Tia Saah

YOUNG ADULT

FELLOWSHIP

Wayne Parr

ADORNMENT

Shams Akkawi

Jamil Hermes

FACILITY

MANAGEMENT

Sam Berberian

Nick Nahas

Bob Simon

RENTAL

COORDINATOR

Barbara Abraham

CHARITIES

Sam Sahouri Ghanem

FINANCE

Salim Habayeb

STEWARDSHIP

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	Holly Dubois	Robert & Thelma Badwey
Everett Alvarez	Grace Malouf	Barbara Abraham
Edmond & Sophie Neam	Lulu Brown	Tania Mufarrrij
George & Joan Abraham	Mary Bazargan	
Suad Shammass		

DEPARTED

Sammy Audi
 Elaine Buchko
 Salem Audi
 Salloum Amine Matar
 Marge Khorey
 Afeefy Khorey
 Shakir T. Ilyas
 Roujina K. Ilyas
 Sally Alvarez
 Everett Alvarez, Sr.
 Sam Badwey
 Julie Badwey
 Donald Shaheen
 Yvonne Shaheen
 Sergei Malooley
 Khalil Kallas

LIVING

Leena Haddad	Andrew Gavin
Mariam Yazge	Leila Khoury
Deborah Brown	Bob Petrossian
Richard Ayoub	Louise Magelli
Julia Fayad	Derek Gilliam
George Tannous	The Badwey Family
James Nimey, Jr.	Michael Buchko, Sr.
Everett & Thomasine Alvarez & family	Robert & Thelma Badwey & family
James Bailey & family	Espinoza family
Eugene & Edward Khorey & family	Adele & Abraham Khorey & family
Lesoon family	Shaheen family
Lorna Malooley & family	John Bashorian
Bashar Callas	Rana Callas
Kinda Callas	Yazan Callas
Nadeem Callas	Christopher, Kera, & Summer Tomlin & Family
Michael & Stephanie Rafeedie	Joshua, Eva, & Andrew Hinton & Family

THE PARISH GIFT SHOP

The Ss. Peter and Paul Parish Gift Shop (formally the Parish Bookstore) is now open in its new location on the right side of the Narthex (entrance hall) opposite the elevator. The Gift Shop is newly stocked with books, bibles, Icons, CDs and all kinds of hand-made religious items with many items for children. The Gift Shop will open every Sunday following Liturgy. For information contact Alma Jean Zaki at (703) 283-9338 or ajmzaki@gmail.com

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.

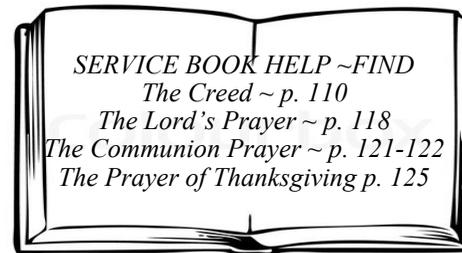
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- 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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 The Alvarez and Badwey Families

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