

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
02 Oct	Siham Ayoub	Ss. Peter & Paul Churchj
09 Oct	Bolus Family/1-yr Memorial for Catherine Bolus The Family of Nahida Barbari/40 Day Memorial	Bolus Family/1-yr Memorial for Catherine Bolus
16 Oct	The Parish Council for H.E. Metropolitan JOSEPH	The Parish Council for H.E. Metropolitan JOSEPH
23 Oct	John & Dina Saah & Fahad & Christine Nazer/40-day Memorial for Adib Saah	John & Dina Saah & Fahad & Christine Nazer/40-day Memorial for Adib Saah
30 Oct	Joyce Kogok/5-yr Memorial for Dick & 40-Day Memorial for Rich	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 vestibule.

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All Things Are Possible to Him Who Believes

Matins: Sundays 9:30am

Divine Liturgy: Sundays 10:30am

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2016

TONE 6/EOTHINON 4

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & SECOND SUNDAY OF LUKE

HIEROMARTYR CYPRIAN THE CONFESSOR

VIRGIN-MARTYR JUSTINA; THEOPHILOS THE CONFESSOR; NEW-MARTYR GEORGE AT
KARATZASOU; ANDREW OF CONSTANTINOPLE, FOOL-FOR-CHRIST; DAVID AND
CONSTANTINE, PRINCE-MARTYRS OF GEORGIA;
ANNA, PRINCESS OF KASHIN

APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRECTION (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 ST. CYPRIAN THE CONFESSOR (Tone 4)

By choosing the Apostles' way of life, thou hast succeeded to their throne. Inspired by God, thou didst find the way to divine contemplation through the practice of virtue. After teaching the Word of Truth without error, thou didst defend the Faith to the very shedding of thy blood, O Hieromartyr Cyprian. Entreat the Lord our 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.

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.

VISIT OF H.E. Metropolitan JOSEPH

On Sunday, October 16, 2016, Ss. Peter and Paul Church will be blessed by the visit of our Father and chief shepherd in Christ H.E. Metropolitan JOSEPH, Primate of our church in North America.

His Eminence will preside at the Hierarchal Divine Liturgy at 10:30am followed by a special luncheon hosted by the Parish Council for all the Parish in the Church hall.

All the faithful are asked to be in attendance that day and to receive the blessing of our Metropolitan Primate.

The Organization of the Divine Liturgy

V. Rev. Patrick B. O'Grady

THE THREE SECTIONS OF THE CHURCH

We must say something about the shape of the Orthodox church temple, so that we may enter it properly and know our place within it.

The Narthex

We enter the narthex from the noisy world outside and there prepare for prayer: taking off our coats, turning off our cell phones, taking a breath and warming up or cooling down as needed. Then, after leaving an offering of money in support of the parish and of the good causes sponsored by the parish, we take tapers (candles) and any printed aids available for the divine *services*. If icons are provided in the narthex, we can venerate these before entering the nave.

The Nave

We stand before the doors (or colonnade) leading from the narthex into the central area of the church, the nave. This word comes from the Latin *navis*, or "ship." We may think of the nave as the "hold" of Christ's Church, in which His precious cargo, men, women, and children, are carried into the harbor of the kingdom of heaven.

Opening the door (or passing through the colonnade), we make a *metania* (bow) and reverently enter the nave. In the nave, we may light candles and place them by the icons. The lighting of a candle as an act of prayer provides a concrete way to beseech the Lord in behalf of others, both the living and the departed. It is not proper to venerate the icons or light tapers during the procession of the Gospel Entrance, the reading of the Apostle or Gospel, the homily, the procession of the Great Entrance, or during the *Anaphora* (the central prayer of the Eucharist).

If we are present when Orthros (or the Hours) concludes, we notice the Holy Doors being opened just prior to the beginning of the Divine Liturgy.?

The Altar (Bema, or Sanctuary)

The Holy Doors both separate and conjoin the nave with the holy altar or the *bema*, the "high place," where the Holy Table is centered. Here, only the clergy and their assistants enter in order to fulfill their work.

We all face east; we are properly *oriented*, both literally and metaphorically.

Now let us take a closer look at the Liturgy. With a copy of the Divine Liturgy in our hands, let us walk through it, seeking to understand what we are doing. The emphasis here falls on a practical way of understanding that will yield more active and more attentive participation in the movement of the Liturgy as prayer. We begin with the priest's opening exclamation of the Divine Liturgy as a whole, "Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Let us attend!

Part 4

MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish General Assembly meeting will take place on Sunday, October 9, 2016 immediately following the Liturgy in the sanctuary to elect 4 new members to the Parish Council and to approve the proposed budget for 2017 (both will be sent via email prior to the elections and copies will be available on the round table in the Narthex). The agenda is as follows:

1. Chair's Welcome and Summary
2. Pastor's Remarks
3. Parish Council Elections
4. Review and Approval of Proposed 2017 Budget
5. Committee Reports
6. Adjournment

Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News and Events

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We have classes for children 3 years old (must be potty trained) through 12th grade. Classes meet following Communion until 12:30. We ask each family to contribute snacks and drinks for the students throughout the year. All registrations are handled online at <http://tinyurl.com/registerSunSchool>.

TEEN SOYO

All teenagers of the Parish are invited to join Ss. Peter & Paul Teen SOYO which will begin its new year on **Sunday, October 2 with a meeting at 12:30p to elect new officers in the Lower Level Conference Room** Please contact Jamilee Khoury-Bellone, Teen SOYO Lay Advisor for more information at jamiliebell@yahoo.com.
October, 2016 Youth Month—Teen SOYO will serve as greeters, read the Epistle, and collect offerings.
Special Olympics Awareness Day Sunday, Oct. 16 — the teens will collect money for the annual Special Olympics program held at the Antiochian Village.

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

All young adults in the parish (20-40 years of age) are encouraged to participate in this important ministry of the church. The fellowship is planning a number of activities for the new year including resumption of its study group meetings, potluck dinners, and Orthodoxy-on-Tap get togethers. **In addition, a spiritual retreat is being planned for Saturday, October 22 at the Monastery of St. Nina in Union Bridge, MD.** For more information contact Jad Ibrahim Jr. at jad.ibrahim.jr@gmail.com, Amber Bennett at bennett.amberrose@gmail.com, Lizzy Cassar or Dn. Christian Manasseh at dchristian@peterpaulpotomac.org.

"EXPLORING OUR FAITH"

THE SS. PETER AND PAUL ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORUM

In an effort to better understand and discover the rich spiritual, historical, doctrinal and scriptural tradition of our Holy Orthodox Faith, the Adult Religious Education Forum "Exploring Our Faith" will resume meeting every other Thursday evening from **7:15pm to 8:30pm** in the lower level conference room. Our first meeting for this season is **Thursday, October 6, 2016**. Fr. Isaac facilitates the meetings in an informal setting 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 Niewenhous at handmaidens20854@gmail.com for more information. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

ANNUAL GALA OF THE AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR SAINT GEORGE HOSPITAL

The Foundation will hold its Sixth Annual Gala and honor **Mr. Edward Ameen** and **Ms. Diane Rehm** at the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium in Washington, DC on Saturday **November 5, 2016**. The evening will feature a performance by world-renowned **Bassam Saba Ensemble**.

For further information and reservations: www.stgeorgefoundation.org/gala2016 or contact Lama Najjar at 703-385-2182/info@stgeorgefoundation.org
Reservation Deadline: October 24, 2016

PASTORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Effective June 1, 2016, the Faithful of the Ss. Peter and Paul Parish Community are kindly requested to direct all Pastoral communications to Fr. Isaac our new Pastor. These include all day-to-day parish visitations, sick calls, prayers and sacraments, Pastoral consultations, and Parish Ministries and ongoing parish events and projects. Fr. Isaac can be reached at the following: cell (401) 300-8238, office (301) 765-3400/prompt 1, or FrIsaac@peterpaulpotomac.org.

SS. PETER & PAUL OUTREACH VISITATION MINISTRY

Our Parish is starting a new outreach ministry 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 (georgezaki@gmail.com or ajmzaki@gmail.com), Alex Cox (alexcoxseells@gmail.com) or Fr. Isaac (frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org). Our Parish is grateful for this ministry remembering that when we visit the sick and the infirm we visit Christ himself.

Upcoming events...

Oct 2	*Teen SOYO/mtg to elect new officers following Liturgy in the LL Conf. Rm *Helou/Alkhourri Wedding/3p
Oct 06	*Adult Ed Forum/7:15p-8:30p/LL Conf. Rm.
Oct 09	*Parish General Assembly (to follow the Liturgy)
Oct 11	*Parish Council Meeting
Oct 16	*Hierarchical Divine Liturgy & Parish Luncheon with Met. JOSEPH
Oct 20	*Adult Ed Forum/7:15p-8:30p/LL Conf. Rm.
Oct 22	*Teen SOYO—Spiritual Retreat (see above for more info.)
Oct 23	*40-Day Memorial for Adib Saah
Oct. 30	*5-Year Memorial for Richard Kogok and 40-Day Richie Kogok
Nov 01	*Election Day/Kogok Hall
Nov 05	*Misleh/Koksal Wedding/3p
Nov 08	*Parish Council Meeting

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 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. For 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 selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

Walk before God in simplicity, and not in subtleties of the mind. Simplicity brings faith; but subtle and intricate speculations bring conceit; and conceit brings withdrawal from God.

St. Isaac the Syrian

HOLY LAND CHRISTIAN ECUMENICAL FOUNDATION

The Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation (H.C.E.F.) is an Ecumenical Christian Foundation based in Washington D.C. which has worked for many years to support the Christian Communities of the Middle East. This year the H.C.E.F. will honor the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdioceses of North America with the "Living Stones Solidarity Award" at its 18th International Conference to be held at the Georgetown Washington Marriott hotel. His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH will be accepting the award on behalf of the Archdioceses on Friday, October 14 and will be the keynote speaker at the conference on Saturday, October 15. All those interested in attending the conference please speak to Fr. Isaac. For more information see hcef.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Samia Zolnerowich
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Gary Farha

Stewardship

Lina Eid

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.

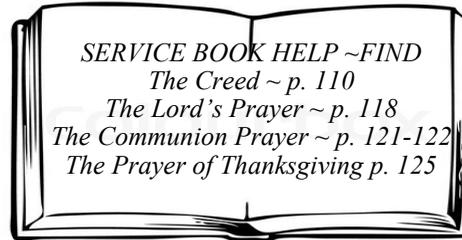
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- 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:

Siham Ayoub

FELLOWSHIP HOUR OFFERED BY:

Ss. Peter & Paul Church

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

Margaret Ashley
 Brian Briggs
 Isabel Threddeh
 Edmond & Sophie Neam

May Fillah
 Helen White
 Holly Dubois

LIVING

Archpriest George & Family
 Nabecha Ayoub
 Everett Alvarez
 Tesia Yonkers
 Melinda Fannoney
 Jackie Bottash
 John Saah & Family
 The Family of Nicholas White
 Richard & Janie Ayoub
 Kristopher & Danielle Reese

Raymond Ayoub
 Susan Ibrahim Ayoub
 Victor Joubran
 Thelma Badwey
 George & Joanna Khoury
 Kathy & Gabriel Habib
 Richie & Siham Ayoub & Family
 Adrianna Ayoub
 Ziad Al Khouri & Diane Helou

DEPARTED

Annette Lusby
 Yvonne Hyder
 Nahida Barbari
 Samia Tannous
 Hillery Harvey
 Adib Saah
 Richie Kogok
 Nicholas White

Well Done Ss. Peter & Paul Church

Fr. Isaac and the Parish Council offer their sincere and joyful thanks and congratulations to all our parish community at the wonderful job done at our Annual Bazaar. The Bazaar was very successful and well run, and brought together our entire community working together with great joy and dedication.

Many thanks are offered to our generous benefactors and donors, and to our amazing tireless volunteers. Special thanks are offered to our super co-chairs Mrs. Barbara Abraham and Mr. Wayne Parr. God bless them for their hard work and non-stop efforts.

May God bless our Parish Community and may we continue to work together for his Glory.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Theology of Giving Series – Week 40 – October 2, 2016

Deuteronomy 14:23 ... "And you shall eat before the Lord your God, in the place where He chooses to make His name abide, the tithe of your grain and your new wine and your oil, of the firstborn of your herds and your flocks, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always."

What does this message from God require from me, His loyal and obedient servant?
 What must I change in my life to be able to follow this teaching in both word and in deed?

Select the link to read the entire *Theology of Giving* series on our website blog: <https://www.peterpaulpotomac.org/stewardship-corner>