

FELLOWSHIP HOUR AND BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION

	BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
12	Grace Malouf	
19	Tilev & Azat families	Tilev & Azat families
26	Ayoub family	Ayoub family
Nov 2		
9	Jamila Taweel	Family of Fadel Taweel
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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.

SS. PETER AND PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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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 8 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2014 EOTHINON 6
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& SECOND SUNDAY OF LUKE

Today we Commemorate: Holy Martyr Charitina of Amisos; John, bishop of Euchaïta; Eudokimos of Vatopedi monastery on Athos; uncovering of the relics of Peter, Alexis, Jonah, Philip and Hermogenes, metropolitans of Moscow

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.

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 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.

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THE CREATION AND FALL OF MAN

Part V and final in a series...

The Fall of Man (continued)

Having made the world into an object of his desires, it did not take long for man to turn against his fellow men. Thus, the second effect of sin is that it destroys our human relationships. It is no accident that the story of the Fall of man in chapter three of Genesis is immediately followed by the story of the first murder in chapter four. As a race, we are beset by envy, jealousy, hate, lust, greed, and all of the other things that prevent us from building and maintaining loving relationships with others. We witness this at every level of human life. We pride ourselves on our technological achievements, yet in this advanced and "enlightened" century more than 50 million people have been systematically executed by their *own* governments.

On the level of interpersonal relationships, the divorce rate and crime statistics speak for themselves. Our "civilized" society is filled with abused children and battered wives, with runaway teenagers and homeless adults. To be sure, our society has made great advances over the centuries. Medical science has enabled us to live longer-but for what? Can the quality of our lives be measured by the quality of our television reception?

The third major consequence of sin is that it alters our perception of the world in which we live. Instead of viewing the world as a gift of God, given for communion with Him, we have made of the world an object for the fulfillment of our desires. Just as we use one another as a means to achieve our desires, so we have turned the world into a tool used for our own ends. We are only now beginning to realize the damage that our greed has done to the environment. In our self-centeredness we have treated the world as if it were a disposable commodity. The problem is that this is the only world we have.

Consider, therefore, the horrible irony of our situation. We were created in the image of God to live in a perfect communion of love with God, with one another, and with the entire created order. Yet in our self-centeredness we have abandoned the only true source of life and love. We have sealed ourselves off from one another within the impregnable fortresses of our own egos. And we have turned a garden of delight into a toxic waste dump. We were born to be kings and queens, but instead we live as paupers in a slum of our own making, fighting each other for a few scraps of bread that will keep us alive for only a short while.

Jesus told a story about a young man, the son of a wealthy nobleman, who decided that life in his father's house was not for him. So, taking his share of the estate, he set out on his own. Things went pretty well for a while; he had a good time until the

money ran out. But then, he ended up working for a farmer, slopping pigs. While in the pigsty he "came to himself"-he remembered his noble birth and realized the depths to which he had sunk. At that moment he resolved to return to his father's house and beg to be taken back as a servant. If you think about it, a "pigsty" is a good description of the mess we have made of the world. The story of the prodigal son is the story of each one of us. As the Apostle Paul said, *all have sinned and come short of the glory of God* (Romans 3:23).

You should not despair, however, for the Good News that the Church proclaims is that you *can* go home again! The father received the prodigal son with open arms and restored him to his place of honor. So also will God the Father receive all who come to him in faith and love. Jesus Christ can raise you up out of the pigsty and lead you back to the house of the Father. *I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man cometh unto the Father but by me* (John 14:6). Let us now consider the person and work of Jesus Christ and learn how He is able to restore us to communion with God the Father.

²For the Lift of the World (Crestwood: SVS Press, 1973), p. 17.



Upcoming events...

Oct 5 - Baptism of Reid Hartman @ 1pm
Oct 8 - Wine & Cheese Reception OCN @ 7pm
Oct 11 - Baptism Xavier Atiyeh @ 2pm
Oct 11 - Arabic Liturgy @ 5pm
Oct 12 - General Assembly @12pm
Oct 14 - Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm
Oct 16 - Adult Ed Forum @ 7:15pm
Oct 25 - Wedding Ayoub/Davarparast @ 2pm
Oct 28 - Mens' Club Meeting @ 7:30pm
Oct 30 - Adult Ed Forum @ 7:15pm
Nov 1 - Arabic Liturgy @ 5pm
Nov 3-4 - Maryland State Senate and Maryland House of Delegates **General Election**, Statewide Ballot Measures, School Board Measures (11)
Kogok Hall 7am-8pm

Nov 15 - Nativity Fast begins

Nov 20 - Entrance Theotokos to the Temple @ 7pm

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YOUTH AND SEMINARY

October in the Antiochian Archdiocese is "Youth and Seminary Month." The church has a responsibility to support and subsidize the education of enthusiastic young adults who, God willing, will serve this Archdiocese as priests and lead us in the future. Although we do not yet have our own seminary in this Archdiocese, we have access to three seminaries here in the US as well as the highly esteemed Balamand seminary abroad which safely educate our future priests. Fourteen students are enrolled in seminaries in the United States. Each institution has its area of specialty and strength as does each student. A solid Orthodox education is imperative in order to provide the true and precise understanding of our ancient faith not only inside the church but also outside the church. To minister to the world about the one God in three persons, His love, the power of prayer and the comfort of hope which comes through a life in the church is one of the purposes for which we were created. We humbly beseech you to find a way to contribute to this ministry. With every gift you become a steward, returning the gifts God has given you back to His Holy Church. May the Lord continue to bless all your efforts in His name as well as those theological schools that train our men preparing for the Holy Priesthood. *Excerpted from a letter from...*

+Metropolitan JOSEPH
Archbishop of New York and
Metropolitan of all North America
Note: Please make your check payable to the "Antiochian Archdiocese" and earmark it "October Seminary Tray." Ss. Peter & Paul Church in Potomac has a minimum contribution of \$5500. "...the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch." ACTS 11:26

TEEN SOYO

During the month of October— as part of our commemoration of Youth Month—members of Teen SOYO will be reading the epistle, taking the collection and assisting the ushers during the Divine Liturgy. We thank our new Part-Time Youth Director Majd Akkawi and Teen SOYO Facilitators Phillip Allen, Reema Guegel, Stephen Zolnerowich and Anees Mokhiber for their commitment to Youth Ministry. May God bless and guide our young people in the service of the church.

AFTER FESTIVAL SALE

Thanks to all of you, the festival truly was Fabulous! We took the liberty in preparing extra, so you can bring the great time and food home.

Kibbie Balls 2.00 each units of 10
Kibbie Tray 45.00
Spinach Pies 2.00 each units of 6
Grape leaves (meat) 25/\$15.00

OCN RECEPTION WEDNESDAY

The Orthodox Christian Network cordially invites you to a reception in celebration of the 20th anniversary of their ministry on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Held here at Saints Peter and Paul Church, wine and light hors d'oeuvres will be served. Join us at the reception to learn more about and support this transformative ministry for the Church in the digital age, inspiring millions worldwide through modern media. For more information, call the OCN main office at 954-522-5567 or Pat Gogos at 202-333-0738. See the ministry in action at www.myocn.net.

ARABIC LITURGY

Please note change of date for our next Arabic Liturgy. It will be celebrated on the second Saturday of October, October 11th at 5pm.

BENEFIT GALA

The American Foundation for Saint George Hospital, Inc. invites you to the Fourth Annual Gala to Benefit Saint George Hospital on Saturday October 25, 2014. Cocktails will be served at 6:00pm; Dinner and Dancing at 7:30pm. Held at the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium, 1301 Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240, Black Tie is optional. See Caroline Emad for more information at theemads@gmail.com.

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."

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Samia Zolnerowich
Jennifer Buchko

Teachers

Jumana Misleh
Susan Kozlov
Michelle Zook
Razan Abdallah
Jena Peters
Lara Bellone
Caroline Jarboe
Saleem Mokhiber
Stephen Zolnerowich
Anees Mokhiber

Men's Club

Sam Khalil

Antiochian Women

Ann Marie Moses
Kate Niewenhous

Teen SOYO

Adviser:
Majd Akkawi
Facilitators:
Phillip Allen
Reema Guegel
Stephen Zolnerowich
Anees Mokhiber

Fellowship of St. John

Majd Akkawi
Christine & Samer Korkor
Christian & Zeina Manasseh

Adornment

Shams Akkawi
Jamil Hermes

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Nick Nahas
Bob Simon

Rental Coordinator

Barbara Abraham

Charities

Sam Sahouri Ghanem

Finance

Gary Farha

Stewardship

Lorna Malooley

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.

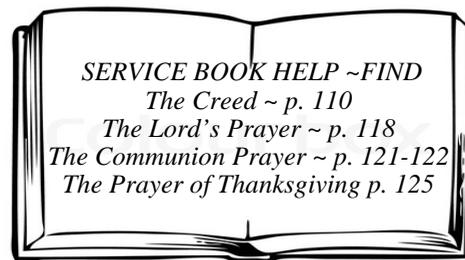
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- 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 Sam & Margo Sahouri-Ghanem

40-DAY MEMORIAL: for Nemer Masarweh

FELLOWSHIP HOUR: offered by Sam & Margo Sahouri-Ghanem

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 Shammass
Edmond Neam
Richie Kogok

Brian Briggs
Katherine Slanta
Nicholas Yanowsky
Barbara Abraham
Michael Younes
Abed George Sneig
Sharon Lampathakis

Sam, Margo, Hanneh, Osama & Miko Ghanem
Radi & Hala Paskalev
Joe & Olivet Ghanem & family

DEPARTED

Nemer Masarweh
Yousef & Afifa Yaquob
Wadeh, Saad Masarweh
Michael & Hannah Ghanem
Baby Michelle
Veilo & Ratka Chotov

Muriel Maffrige Sept 30
Grace Calis Sept 28
Michael Jacobs Sept 17
Joseph Khoury Sept 17
Suad Ramzi Azat Sept 15
Nidal Issa Akel Sept 5