

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR
AND BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION**

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
06 Oct	The Saleh Family/IMO Isa Saleh (1 yr) Lorna Malooley/IMO Serge Malooley (14 yrs)	The Saleh Family/IMO Isa Saleh (1 yr)
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
03 Nov	Open	Open

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, OCTOBER 6, 2019

ONE TONE / EOTHINON 5

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

& THIRD SUNDAY OF LUKE

THOMAS THE APOSTLE CALLED "THE TWIN"

INNOCENT, APOSTLE TO THE AMERICAS;

VENERABLE KENDEAS OF CYPRUS;

VENERABLE-MARTYR MAKARIOS OF ST. ANNE SKETE ON ATHOS

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 7)

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. THOMAS (Tone 3)

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

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.

There is no confession of sins at any time except in this present life. By his own will each man is permitted, and has throughout his life, the freedom to choose repentance. But when we die we lose life and along with it the right to exercise our will.

St. Hilary of Poitiers

"THE FAITH: Understanding Orthodox Christianity"

God and Gender

By Clark Carlton

The use of "inclusive" or even gender-neutral language about God is an egregious violation of the integrity of the Scriptures and of the Liturgy. To call God "Mother" is nothing less than to introduce a *different* god. Inclusive language blurs the distinction between the Creator and creation, elevating the creation (that is, the female) to the place of God, and thereby returning us once again to the Original Sin.

From this it should be evident why it is impossible for the Church to have priestesses. The male, because he is a creature, can represent God only iconically. The female, however, *is* creation. The Church is essentially *female*. If, therefore, the priest — who is the image of Christ the Bridegroom — is a female, then what happens to the male principle? Once again, the distinction between Creator and creation is destroyed, and a new religion is born. Actually, it is an *old* religion that is reborn — the religion of pantheism, which Israel and the Church rejected.

The inherent dissexuality of human nature and its iconic relationship to Christ and the Church also explains the Church's attitude toward homosexual desire. Notice the context in which St. Paul addresses this issue:

Who changed the truth of God into the lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, Who is blessed for ever. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet (Romans 1:25-27).

For St. Paul, homosexual desire is not only a result of the Fall, it is actually paradigmatic of the Fall, much in the same way that marriage is paradigmatic of Christ's saving relationship to the Church. It is clear, therefore, that the Church cannot bless homosexual activity. Human sexuality can be rightly expressed only in Holy Matrimony or in celibacy.

Part 2 of 2

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 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.

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 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 21 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.

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 (alexcoxells@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

Oct *Orthodox Youth Month
Oct 6 *Antiochian Camp Liturgy
 *Antiochian Women Kick-Off Mtg/following Liturgy in the Serge Malooley Conf. Rm. (see below)
 *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 14 *Offices closed/Federal Holiday/Columbus Day
Oct 19 *Wedding/Amanda Ibrahim & Mathew Bannovra/4p
Oct 20 *Baptism/Jacob Younes/1:30p
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 box next page & flyer in Narthex)
 *International/Halloweenish Community Evening/ 5p-8p/Kogok Hall
Oct 27 *Parish-wide General Assembly following services
Nov 03 *Daylight Savings Time ends (fall back 1 hr.)
 *Antiochian Camp Liturgy

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SAINTS PETER AND PAUL ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
OCTOBER 6, 2019 IS OUR FALL KICK OFF MEETING
 FOLLOWING LITURGY IN THE DOWNSTAIRS SERGE MALOOLEY CONFERENCE ROOM
 WE HAVE A FULL CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS
 FRUIT AND DRINK WILL BE SERVED!
ALL WOMEN ARE MEMBERS AND WELCOME TO COME

THE EPISTLE

(For the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

The Lord will give strength to His people.

Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:1-10)

Brethren, working together with Him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For He says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Third Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (7:11-16)

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and many of His disciples and a great crowd went with Him. As He drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And He came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you: arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited His people!"

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.

OCMC NEWS

We were thankful to welcome long-term missionary Jesse Brandow to Ss Peter and Paul two weeks ago.

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. 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.

If you did not have opportunity to speak with Jesse Brandow, missionary in Guatemala when he was here at our Festival, there is one more opportunity this afternoon after church... Jesse will be at the St. Katherine's Greek Orthodox Festival on Glen Carlyn Road in Falls Church.

CHURCH SCHOOL

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 Meghan Zoto

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	
Ann Marie Moses	Kevin Pinkstaff	Nijmeh Zayed
Isabel Thredeh	Nabeeha Ayoub	Joyce Hamaty
Holly Dubois	Suad Shammas	Robert & Thelma Badwey
Sophie Neam	Miriam Yazge	Barbara Abraham
George & Joan Abraham	Lulu Brown	Douglas Kalesh
Michael Buchko, Sr.	Edward Rizkallah	Dorothy Marge
Leila Khoury	Shoke George	Assad & Patricia Khoury
Bob & Shirley Neri	Barbara Mullin	George & Chris Brown
Ibtisam Toubaji		

LIVING

Archpriest Isaac & Kh. Dolly	Archpriest Joseph	Khouriya Rebecca Alford
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Ricky M. Ayoub	Mona Ayoub & Family	Malik Gillani
Joanna Khoury	Jamil Khoury	Jamileh Fadel Khoury
Vilma Bellone	George Bellone	Edward, Ritamarie, Emilia & Viviana Saa
Lidia, Ghassan, Adeeb, Farah & Hiba & their families	Alex Pereira & family	Susan & David Kozlov & Family
Natalie Pereira & family	Odette Saleh	Nicola Saleh & family
Elias Saleh & family	Genie Saleh	Ellen Saleh
Rose Saleh	Steven & Melissa Sanchez & family	Jorge, Mirna, Isa & Nicolas Saleh
Rick, Hanan & Cristiano Pereira		Fadi, Claudia, Isabella & Isadora Rabie
Alvaro & Nancy Sanchez		
Marlon & Deborah Perez & family		
Milad & Mary Ghanem & family	Joseph & Olivet Ghanem & family	
Michael & Helia Ghanem		

MEMORIAL SERVICE
Isa Saleh (1 yr)
David Hanna Saah (1 yr)

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!

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Lorna Malooley/IMO Serge Malooley (14 yrs)

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