

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
14 Oct	Lorna Malooley (HB & HW)	Sam & Margo Ghanem & Parish Council
21 Oct	Dorothy Marge	Parish Council Following Parish-wide General Assembly
28 Oct	Jamilee Belone & Family	Nassif Family & Amal Michael/ IMO Issa J. Michael (1yr)
04 Nov	Habib & Hind Debs/IMO Venise Yussif Kaffoury	Habib & Hind Debs/IMO Venise Yussif Kaffoury
11 Nov	open	Abe & Susan Fannoney/In honor of our Veterans

**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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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2018

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SUNDAY OF HOLY FATHERS OF SEVENTH ECUMENICAL
COUNCIL & FOURTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

MARTYRS NAZARIUS, GERVASIUS, PROTASIUS AND CELSUS OF MILAN;
COSMAS THE HYMNOGRAPHER, BISHOP OF MAÏUMA; VENERABLE PAR-
ASKEVA OF THE NEW OF THRACE

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 3)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF THE HOLY FATHERS (Tone 8)

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

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.

Why are we here on earth? To show our love for God, to learn to love God more than sin and to respond to the great love of God. We are given this brief life on earth as a school and an examination.

St. Nikolai Velimerovich

Finding One's Calling in Life

By Fr. Thomas Hopko

Everyone has a calling. God creates every human being in His image and likeness for everlasting life. There are no mistakes and no accidents. As the saying goes, "God makes no junk." Everyone (or, in Biblical language, the "many") is called. But not all are chosen. Some are rejected not because they have no vocation from God, but because they refuse to accept their calling.

Everyone has a vocation. And all vocations are "religious." This does not mean that everyone is called to serve the church in a professional manner — to be a bishop, priest, deacon, monk, nun, Psalm reader or church worker of one sort or another. Obviously, not all are called to these specifically ecclesiastical ministries. But everyone is called to serve God and their fellow human beings in some form of life, which God Himself wills. This "form of life" is not necessarily a job or profession. For example, some people may be called to suffer on this earth and to bear the results of fallen humanity in the most violent manner — to be victimized by disease, affliction, or both physical and mental disability; to be the objects of other people's cares or disdain. This is their vocation, and they are particularly blessed by God and loved by Christ in its acceptance and fulfillment.

In a word, there is a divine plan and purpose for everyone. There is a "predestination," not in the sense that God programs His creatures or forces His will upon them, but rather that God knows every person from before the foundation of the world and provides their unique life and the specific conditions of their earthly way that are literally the best possible conditions for them (however unacceptable this may seem to us creatures in our limited and fallen state). And God works together with each one of us so that by suffering what we must on this earth we may attain to life everlasting in the age to come.

Everyone has the same calling. In a certain sense, every person has the same vocation, which is to be a saint. We are all called to be saints, to be holy as God is holy, to be perfect as the Father in heaven is perfect. (Romans 1:7; 1 Corinthians 1:2; 1 Peter 1:15; Matthew 5:48). We are all made to fulfill ourselves as creatures made in God's image and likeness for eternal life. And we can do so because God not only creates us with this possibility, and indeed, this command, but because He also does everything in His power to guarantee its accomplishment by sending His Son and His Spirit to the world.

Since Christ has been glorified and the Holy Spirit has been poured out on all flesh, there is no excuse for those who know and believe this and experience it in the life of the Christian Church, not to be saints. Everything possible has been done to secure this. There is nothing more that God can do. All is given, and all is fulfilled. The rest is up to us. Whatever the Lord may be doing with other people in other places, some things are certain for Christians, and certainly us Orthodox. We can cooperate with God. We can share His holiness. We can become, as the saints themselves teach us, all that God Himself is by His gracious action in our lives. We can become loving, peaceful, joyful, good, wise, true, patient, kind, compassionate, powerful, pure and free. Or we can refuse to cooperate with God, never find our true selves, and perish.

Everyone has his or her unique calling. All are called to be saints, but each person is called to do so in his or her own unique way. No two persons are the same. Each one is different. All are called to partake of God's being and life. All are called to love as He loves, know as He knows, serve as He serves, live as He lives. But each will do it in his or her own specific manner, according to the concrete conditions and means that God provides.

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/GQ6uQSnltimwgvJW2>, 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/tlrhu>

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.

Officers for 2018—2019:

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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 amall7m@yahoo.com for more information.

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY REMINDER

Please remember to sign up to take your family/individual picture over the coming few Sundays. The pictures are taken right after the liturgy inside the church. Please check in with the bookstore across from the elevators. Please use the following link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945A4A823ABFF2-parish2>
Questions? email: FrLuke@peterpaulpotomac.org OR call: 301-765-3400 ext. 2.

The Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Learning & Media Center

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 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.

"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 25, 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, Fr. Luke at frluke@peterpaulpotomac.org or Kate Niewenhaus at 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 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.

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.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING COMMITTEE

We are beginning the planning stages for Christmas decorations at the Church. If you wish to participate or have any great ideas we would appreciate your participation. For more information contact Abe Fannoney at afannoney@aol.com or (301) 385-3397.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Oct 14	*Fr. George Memorial/1-yr. Sergei Malooley (13 years) Catherine & John Bolus (3 years)
	*Baptism/Suki Kushal/1:30p
Oct 20	*Jacqueline Ayoub-Ryan Monteiro Wedding/2:00p
Oct 21	*Parish-wide General Assembly immediately following services
Oct 25	*Adult Religious Education Forum/' Exploring our Faith/7:00p/Serge Malooley Conf. Rm.
Oct 27	*Becoming Truly Human/Small Group Ministry Leaders Training Workshop/10:30a-4:00p/Kogok Hall
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.
Nov 17	*Baptism/Chloe Issa/12p
Nov 20	*Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos/6:00p Matins, 7:00p Divine Liturgy
Nov 22	*Thanksgiving/offices closed
Nov 24	*Baptism/Zahi James Korkor Wright/12p
Dec 22	*Baptism/Aryana Sahouri/1:30p
Dec 25	*Offices Closed for Christmas

THE EPISTLE

(For the Holy Fathers)

*Blessed are Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.
For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to St. Titus. (3:8-15)

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissension, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Fourth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:5-15)

The Lord spoke this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when His Disciples asked Him what this parable meant, Jesus said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As Jesus said this, He called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

OCTOBER IS YOUTH MONTH/A Message from Teen SOYO

We had a great turnout this past Sunday from our teens, so thank you for helping! However, we need to keep up the work for the rest of the month. With that being said, we need seven collectors and one English Epistle reader every Sunday. The reader should be at church at 10:30 am. Also, we have our Special Olympics collection on October 21st, so we need lots of volunteers for next Sunday. It would be awesome if every teen participates in a least once.

Thank you again!
Julia Azar

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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

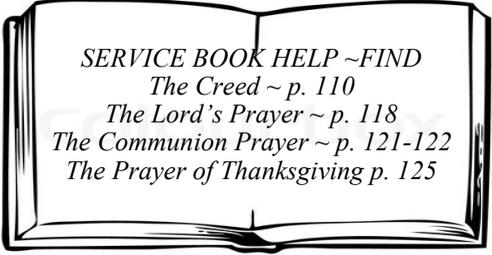
Orthodox Christians
Faithful Orthodox fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when they receive Holy Communion in fulfillment of Christ's command to eat His Body and drink His Blood. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, communicants should not be conscious of grave sin, 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
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Brian Briggs	Salah Family	Rene Saa
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Ances Mokhiber	Elizabeth Khalil	Dallas & Zoli Khalil
Shawn & Yosi Khalil	Piechocinski family	Ferial Rafeedie & Family
Loma Malooley	John & Alexandra Malooley Partridge	
Daniel Richard Martelli	Rose Saleh & the Family of Isa Saleh	
Sam & Margo Ghanem	Rados Family	

DEPARTED

Fr. George Rados
Venise Yussif Kaffoury
Radka Chotova
Dominick Basile
R. Sergei Malooley
John & Nymry (Ruby) Abdow
Katter & Mary Malooley
PJ Boyle
Michael Santora
Catherine & John Bolus
Isa Seleh
Richard Rafeedie
Naheel Qreitem
Sky Nguyen

MEMORIALS

Fr. George Rados (1-year)
R. Sergei Malooley (13 years)

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:
Loma Malooley/In Memory of Fr. George Rados
Alganesh Piechocinski & Sarah Abu-El-Hawa/In Memory of Fr. George Rados
Ferial Rafeedie/In Memory of Richard Rafeedie & Naheel Qreitem

MEMOIRIAL WHEAT:
Loma Malooley/In Memory of Fr. George Rados

FELLOWSHIP OFFERED BY:
Sam & Margo Ghanem & The Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Council



Orthodox Missions Update

—There is a Missions box at the candle stand to collect any change you may wish to donate to OCMC. Thank you!

—Hope you may have seen the poster at the Festival with Ss Peter and Paul parishioners who were short and long term missionaries. We can all be a part of spreading God's message.

—We anticipate news of 2019 short term mission trips in the coming month. Watch this space as soon as we hear!