

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
16 Oct	Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Council In Honor of H. E. Metropolitan JOSEPH	Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Council In Honor of 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 Kogok & 40-Day Memorial for Richie Kogok	open
06 Nov	open	open
13 Nov	Jamila Taweel & Family	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.

SS. PETER AND PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

All Things Are Possible to Him Who Believes

Matins: Sundays 9:30am

Divine Liturgy: Sundays 10:30am

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2016

TONE 8/EOTHINON 6

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

MARTYR LONGINOS THE CENTURION WHO STOOD AT THE CROSS OF THE
LORD;
GALL, ENLIGHTENER OF SWITZERLAND

APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRECTION (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 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.

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.

Do you know what a great gift it is that God gave us the right to speak to Him every hour and moment, wherever we are? He always listens to us. This is the greatest honor we have. For this reason we must love God.

St. Porphyrios the Kapsokalyvite

Welcome to His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH

The Ss. Peter and Paul Parish Community joyfully welcomes today the Archpastoral visit of our Father and Chief Shepherd in Christ H.E. Metropolitan JOSEPH Primate of our Church in North America. Directly following the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy the Parish Council is hosting a special luncheon in honor of His Eminence in the Church hall for all the Parish. All the faithful are welcome to attend and to receive the blessing of our Metropolitan Primate.

H.E. Metropolitan Joseph Receives Award for the Antiochian Archdiocese and Presents Keynote Address at HCEF Conference in Washington DC



Being hailed as “an ardent advocate for human rights, social justice, and peace throughout the Middle East,” His Eminence Metropolitan Joseph will serve as the keynote speaker this weekend for the 18th International Conference of the Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation (HCEF) in Washington, D.C. He will also accept an award in behalf of the Antiochian Archdiocese.

On Friday night, October 14, 2016, His Eminence will receive the “[Living Stones Solidarity Award](#)” for the Antiochian Archdiocese, which HCEF has deemed a prime example of giving “its full support to Christians throughout the Middle East” and serving “as a home to many Palestinian Christians in North America seeking spiritual support and a place to belong.” In his keynote address on Saturday afternoon, October 15, Sayidna Joseph will share “the important steps needed and tremendous advances being made for improving the climate for Christians in the Middle East.” His perspective is of key importance as our Mother Church, the Orthodox Christian Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East, struggles to help her children survive in the Syrian war and constantly prays for the release from captivity of two hierarchs from Aleppo: Metropolitan Paul Yazigi, the brother of His Beatitude, Patriarch John X; and the Syriac Archbishop John Ibrahim. Sayidna Joseph says he is honored to serve as the keynote speaker and thankful that HCEF is recognizing the Archdiocese for its work in behalf of Middle Eastern Christians. For more information about the 18th International Conference, visit the Conference website.

Excerpt from the speech of His Eminence JOSEPH at his Enthronement as Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of All North America

“I shall use this staff to bring the spiritual, ethical, and moral authority of the Church of Ss. Peter & Paul, “the first to be called Christians,” to restore American society and culture as a whole. We of the holy Church of Antioch hold a special understanding of the diversity of North America. Antioch's diversity is even more diverse than America's! In our ancient great city, we lived for centuries with a great multi-cultural life. Roman, Greek, Arab, Aramaic/Syriac, and Islamic cultures lived side by side informing and supporting each other. From the beginning our Church has consisted of people from diverse cultures. Over the centuries, we have lived together in relative harmony with a few noteworthy exceptions. Antiochian Orthodox have held a Christian conscience embracing those who are different from us. We lived considering “our neighbor as our life.” We bring this, our rich experience, to our lives here with all of the peoples of North America of whom we count ourselves a part. We North Americans are a people who want to make a difference; who love our land, and our distinctive heritages. We are not content to be isolated on the world stage, but rather to be present and make a difference for the good. With guidance, and a full witness of the sacred and transfiguring teaching and guidance of the Church, Antiochian Orthodox Christians have a vision and will incarnate it.”

H.E. Metropolitan JOSEPH

Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News and Events

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We have classes for children 3 years old through 12th grade. Classes meet following Communion. All registrations are handled online at <http://tinyurl.com/registerSunSchool>. We are in need of snacks & drinks for the kids. Individually wrapped snacks, juice pouches, flavored water pouches in the 4oz-6oz & small 8oz bottles for water. We ask each family to contribute throughout the year.

Sun. Oct. 16

No Sunday school due to the honor of having Metropolitan JOSEPH visit for the Hierarchical Liturgy and luncheon.

Sun. Dec. 11

The Christmas Sunday school play & St. Ignatius Luncheon. Carol Pappas will provide her beautiful costumes for our children. Parents can get a form to reserve a costume from a teacher.. Form + \$5.00 fee is due by Nov. 5th.

TEEN SOYO

October, 2016 Youth Month—Teen SOYO will serve as greeters, read the Epistle, and collect offerings.

Oct. 23

***Blessing of the new 2016-2017 Teen SOYO officers.**

President — Danielle Bellone
Vice President — Kinda Callas
Treasurer — Maya Saah
Recording Secretary — Joud Al-Kallas
Corresponding Secretary — Juliana Natour

***Special Olympics Awareness Day** — the teens will collect money for the annual Special Olympics program held at the Antiochian Village.

Oct 29

***Halloween Fright Night** at Cox Farms in Centerville, VA
Details to follow

Oct 30

***Teen SOYO monthly meeting**

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 ben-nett.amberrose@gmail.com, Lizzy Cassar or Dn. Christian Manasseh at dncristian@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. The next meeting is **Thursday, October 20, 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..

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 (alexcoxells@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...

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| Oct 16 | *Hierarchical Divine Liturgy & Parish Luncheon with H.E. Metropolitan. JOSEPH |
| Oct 19 | *Post Bazaar Mtg./7p/LL Conf. Rm. |
| Oct 20 | *Adult Ed Forum/7:15p-8:30p/LL Conf. Rm. |
| Oct 22 | *Baptism Joshua Goitom Jones/2:30p
*Young Adult Fellowship/Spiritual Retreat (see above for more info) |
| Oct 23 | *Blessing of the new Teen SOYO officers (see above for more info)
*Special Olympics Awareness Day/Teen SOY (see above for more info)
*40-Day Memorial for Adib Saah |
| Oct 28 | *Baptism-Soleil Noirreete/1:30p |
| Oct 29 | *Teen SOYO Fright Night (see above for more info)
*Baptism-Lucas Issa/1p |
| Oct. 30 | *5-Year Memorial for Richard Kogok and 40-Day Richie Kogok
*Teen SOYO monthly mtg
*Misleh/Koksal Wedding/3p |
| Nov 05 | *Election Day/Kogok Hall |
| Nov 08 | *Parish offices closed/Federal Holiday |
| Nov 11 | *Parish Council Meeting/7p |

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."

Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Council 2016-2017

Blessing and congratulations are offered to the newly elected and appointed members of the Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Council who will assume their terms of service in January, 2017. They are: (elected) Roy Abdo, Phillip Allen, Abraham Fannoney, & Bassem Haddad and (appointed) Salim Habayeb and John Abraham. May God Bless them and keep them in their service to the Holy Church.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Directors

Samia Zolnerowich
Jennifer Buchko

Teachers

Jumana Misleh
Susan Kozlov
Michelle Zook
Christine Morin
Lizzy Cassar
Caroline Jarboe
Chrissy Mackoul
Anees Mokhiber
Philip Allen
AJ Wood
Jennifer Montgomery
Dina Saah
Alexis Yazge
Stephen Zolnerowich
Rula Nassar

Men's Club

Sam Khalil

Antiochian Women

Carol Laham

Teen SOYO

Advisor

Jamilee Bellone

Officers

Danielle Bellone
Kinda Callas
Maya Saah
Joud Al-Kallas
Juliana Natour

Young Adult Fellowship

Jad Ibrahim, Jr.
Amber Bennett
Lizzy Cassar

Adornment

Shams Akkawi
Jamil Hermes

Facility Management

Nick Nahas
Bob Simon

Rental Coordinator

Barbara Abraham

Charities

Sam Sahouri Ghanem

Finance

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.

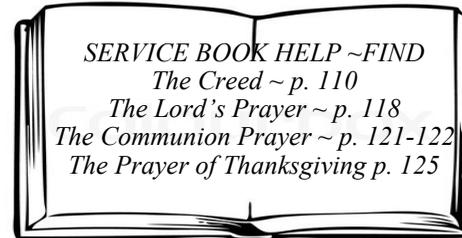
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- 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:

Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Council in Honor of H. E. Metropolitan JOSEPH

LUNCHEON: TO FOLLOW LITURGY

A luncheon will follow the Liturgy in honor of H.E. Metropolitan JOSEPH offered by Ss. Peter and Paul Parish Council for all Parish to attend

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
 George & Joan Abraham

May Fillah
 Helen White
 Holly Dubois
 Tesia Yonkers
 Lulu Brown

DEPARTED

Adib Saah
 Richie Kogok
 Nicholas White
 Fred Ayoub

LIVING

Archpriest George & Family

Everett Alvarez

Thelma Badwey

Marie Hyder

Mary Smith

Leena Haddad

Victor Joubran

Kathy & Gabriel Habib

The Family of Nicholas White

Hillery Harvey

Debbie Brown

On behalf of the family of Nicholas White, we would like to thank you all for the love, prayers, support, kind words and notes. Sharing memories of him makes us smile and keeps him in our hearts forever. Our family is truly blessed to have all of you.

Helen, Stephanie, & Lynn

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Theology of Giving Series – Week 42 – October 16, 2016

Luke 11:42 ... "But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass by justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone."

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>