

	BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
18 Oct	Joanne Demchok 1-year Memorial for Suad Peter	Joanne Demchok 1-year Memorial for Suad Peter
25 Oct	Joyce Kogok 4-year Memorial for Dick Kogok	Roula Qaqish Knowlton 4-month Memorial for her mother Evangelia
01– Nov	FSJD 40-day Memorial for Renee Moorad	FSJD 40-day Memorial for Renee Moorad
8 Nov	Assaf Family	Assaf Family
15 Nov	Debi Abdow-Addis	George & Calema Abdow & Family

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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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 18, 2015 **THE HOLY APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST LUKE** **tone 3 / EOTHINON 9**

MARTYR MARINOS THE ELDER AT ANAZARBOS; VENERABLE THEODORE,
SIMEON AND EUPHROSYNE;
NEW-MARTYRS GABRIEL AND KYRMIDOLES OF EGYPT; VENERABLE PETER
OF CETINJE

APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRECTION (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 ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST (TONE 3)

O holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke, intercede with the 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.

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.

The Fellowship Hour will begin at approximately 1:00pm following the General Assembly meeting in the Church.

THE WITNESS OF THE CHURCH IN A PLURALISTIC WORLD: THEOLOGICAL RENAISSANCE IN THE CHURCH OF ANTIOCH

NICOLAS ABOU MRAD

It is not fortuitous that the followers of Jesus were first called 'Christians' in Antioch (Acts 11:19-26). It was only natural for a city that gathered believers from both Jewish and Gentile backgrounds in one eucharistic community to be linked to the very nature of Christianity. Referring to Antioch, the apostle Paul stresses in Galatians 2 the importance of the uni-versality of the gospel of Christ, its ability to address Jews and Greeks alike, as a *sine qua non* for the veracity and credibility of his mission.

This 'pluralistic dimension' has always characterised the Orthodox Church of Antioch and shaped its theological discourse. From its first years, Antioch has had a unique experience of multiplicity and diversity; it has always represented a rich human and cultural tapestry, resulting from the encounter of the civilisations of the ancient Near East with Greek and Roman cultures. Later in its history Antioch co-existed with Islam, experiencing both the tolerant openness of the early Islamic rulers and the strict control of the Ottomans. Due to cultural and historical circumstances, the Christians of Antioch did not experience the triumphant dominance of an established Christianity such as we see in both the Byzantine world and medieval Western Europe.

ANTIOCH IN MODERN HISTORY: EMERGENCE FROM GREEK DOMINATION

The Antiochian schism in 1724, which resulted in the rise of the 'Greek Catholic' or 'Melkite' Church, led to intensive involvement by the Ecumenical Patriarch in the affairs of the Orthodox Antiochian Church. For well over a century, Orthodox patriarchs of Antioch and several other bishops were chosen from the ranks of Greek-speaking clergy from Constantinople, Jerusalem or Cyprus. In the second half of the nineteenth century, however, the Antiochian Church experienced an educational revival, thanks largely to Russian support. In 1848 the tsar dedicated a special budget to finance the education of the Antiochian clergy, and the Palestinian Imperial Russian Society (founded 1882) supported education in the Church of Antioch in addition to Russian pilgrim-age to the Holy Land.

Crucial to the modern renaissance of the Church of Antioch was its emergence from Greek domination, when at the end of the nineteenth century Meletius Al-Doumani (*sed.* 1899-1906) was elected as the first Arab patriarch since 1724. This emergence coincided with the increasing weakness of the Ottoman state, and the rise, towards the end of the nineteenth century, of the Arab renaissance movement, within which Antiochian Christians played a leading role. Many of these Christians were prominent advocates of a secular state, secularists with important cultural ideas, who were active in the fields of literature, poetry and journalism, championed the Arab cause and resisted Western forms of colonisation.

Once Antioch was free to elect its own hierarchs, religious life witnessed a remarkable flowering. Church leaders saw the need for an educational movement to make believers more aware of their religious and cultural identity. Feeling the importance of having a theological educational institution like other Christian denominations in the region, in 1901 Patriarch Meletius founded the Balamand seminary, though it later had to close temporarily because of the First World War. Several other institutions for theological education were opened in monasteries such as St George's Monastery in Humeira (Syria) and the Monastery of Our Lady of Bkefine (Lebanon). Publications have been issued in the form of magazines and newspapers, which were edited by some of the most prominent theologians of the Antiochian Church.

Meletius's successor Gregorius IV (*sed.* 1906-28) focused his activity on pastoral issues, including the establishment of 'denomination councils', consisting mainly of laypersons, to support the bishops in their work. These councils even had the right to participate in the election of the patriarch and the bishops.

The Church of Antioch suffered immensely during the Second World War and in its aftermath, as the re-drawing of national boundaries in the Middle Eastern region divided its flock between Syria, Lebanon and Turkey. However, the emergence of the Orthodox Youth Movement in 1942 breathed fresh life into the Church, bringing a serious commitment to ecclesial life and openness towards the challenges of the modern age.

Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News & Events

"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" meets every other Thursday evening from 7:15pm to 8:30pm in the lower level conference room. 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. The next meeting is Thursday, October 22. ALL ARE WELCOME

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S UPDATE

Nov. 8

* **Antiochian Women's Pot Luck Luncheon @12:30.** Our guest speaker will be photographer Rania Razek. Please be prompt.

Nov 14

* **"Mini Retreat" Open to All, The Art of Spiritual Letter Writing from 1p -3p, LL Hall.** Child Care provided for 10--ages 3+. Please RSVP Kate Niewenhaus at handmaidens20854@gmail.com

Oct 18-Nov 1

* **The Antiochian Women will be collecting recipes for an updated "Traditions" section of cookbook.** We would like to expand recipe selection to include all the cultural backgrounds which compose and enrich Ss. Peter and Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church. If you have a traditional recipe from your family's background and culture, we invite you to submit it. Many thanks to Suzanne Hermes, who provided an online format for recipe submission, which we include here. Please submit to handmaidens20854@gmail.com. **Recipes will be taken during the two week period between October 18th to November 1st ONLY.** We are excited about the cookbook and will keep you informed about progress toward publication. We are also looking for someone who would like to guide this endeavor. We do have an editor and artwork. Please let Kate know if you are interested at handmaidens20854@gmail.com.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Calling all Church members...

Stop by our Membership table, which will be up every second Sunday of each month after Church in the Fellowship hour hall to:

Drop off your business card

Smile for our cameras

Fill out your membership form

Fill out your annual pledge form

Sign up to work with us!

The Stewardship Committee's mission is to inspire our Parish members to give of their time, talent and resources.

"Give and it will be given to you" Luke 6:38

SIMON SHAHEEN & THE QANTARA ENSEMBLE

October 24, 2015 at 7:00pm, our Parish will host a benefit concert for the children of Gaza and Palestine organized by the non-profit organization United Palestinian Appeal. The concert will feature Simon Shaheen and the Qantara Ensemble (the leading classical Arabic music group in America) and is entitled "Music for Healing." Following the concert in the Church, a reception will follow in the Church Hall from 8:30pm - 9:30pm which will feature a children's art exhibit. Tickets for this charity fund raising event are available from helpu-concert (\$50.00/adult and \$25.00/student).

Upcoming events...

- Oct 18— Suad J. Peter/1-yr Memorial to follow Liturgy Annual Parish Assembly to follow Memorial in Sanctuary. Fellowship hour will follow. Catherine Hamaty Bolus/Wake 3p-6p/Funeral 6p/ Mercy Meal to follow
- Oct 22— Adult Ed Forum/Exploring our Faith/LL Conf. Rm/7:15pm
- Oct 24— Arabic Language Class/10a-12:30p/LL Conf. Rm. Simon Shaheen Ensemble/7:00pm/reception to follow.
- Oct 25— Memorial Service/Richard Kogok to follow Liturgy
- Oct 27— Men's Club Mtg/7:30pm/LL Conf. Rm.
- Oct 31— Arabic Language Class/10a-12:30p/LL Conf. Rm.
- Nov 01— 40-Day Memorial for Renee Moorad
- Nov 05 — Adult Ed Forum/Exploring our Faith/LL Conf. Rm/7:15pm
- Nov 6-8 — YES (Youth Equipped to Serve) is coming to DC @St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church
- Nov 7 — Arabic Language Class/10a-12:30p/LL Conf. Rm. Arabic Liturgy @5:00pm
- Nov 8— Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon/LL Hall/12:30p
- Nov. 10 —Parish Council mtg/7pm/LL Conf. Rm.
- Nov 11— Church offices closed for Veteran's Day
- Nov 14 —Arabic Language Class/10a-12:30p/LL Conf. Rm. Antiochian Women Mini Retreat/1p-3p/LL Hall/ The Art of Spiritual Writing
- Nov 19 — Adult Ed Forum/Exploring our Faith/LL Conf. Rm/7:15pm
- Nov 20 — Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos @7:00pm

THE EISTLE

His voice has gone out into all the earth. The heavens declare the glory of God.
The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians. (4:5-11, 14-18)

Brethren, conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer everyone. Tychicus will tell you all about my affairs; he is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, and with him Onesimus, the faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you of everything that has taken place. Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions—if he comes to you, receive him), and Jesus who is called Justus. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. Luke the beloved physician and Demas greet you. Give my greetings to the brethren at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. And when this letter has been read among you, have it read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you read also the letter from Laodicea. And say to Archippus, "See that you fulfill the ministry which you have received in the Lord." I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my fetters. Grace be with you. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (10:16-21)

The Lord said, "He who hears you hears Me, and he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me." The Seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Thy Name!" And Jesus said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." In that same hour Jesus rejoiced in the spirit and said, "I thank Thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that Thou hast hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes; yea, Father, for such was Thy gracious will."

CHEERFULNESS CONSISTS IN NOT REGARDING THINGS AS OUR OWN, BUT AS ENTRUSTED TO US BY GOD FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR FELLOW SERVANTS. IT CONSISTS IN SCATTERING THEM ABROAD GENEROUSLY WITH THE JOY AND MAGNANIMITY, NOT RELUCTANTLY OR UNDER COMPULSION.

ST. SYMEON THE NEW THEOLOGIAN

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Lina Eid

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 al-
 ways: now and ever, and unto ages
 of ages

LIVING

Parishioners who remain in our prayers continually

Margaret Ashley	Edmond Neam
May Fillah	Richie Kogok
Issa & Suad Shammass	Brian Briggs
Lulu & George Brown	Robert Simon
Bertha Aed	Isabel Threddeh
Thelma & Bob Badwey	Holly Dubois

Josephine Lofgren	Salwa Gabro
Elia Ghanem	Sally Ruffin
Nouha Aramouni	Joan Lanciani
Bill Dora, Jr.	Linda Dora Elkanich
Joe, Donna & Alexandra Gavin	Richie Ayoub
Robert Dubois	
The Friends & Family of Renee Moorad	
Amy Trey	
Marie Hyder	
The Family of Catherine Hamaty Bolus	

DEPARTED

Fr. John Tavarides
 Renee Moorad
 Alex Swidonvich
 Evelyn Baxley
 Suad Peters
 Catherine Hamaty Bolus
 Jack Neam

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

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.

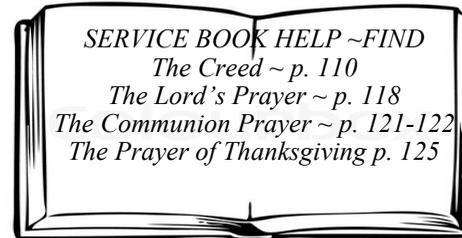
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- 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:

Joanne Demchok

1-year Memorial for Suad Peter

FELLOWSHIP HOUR OFFERED BY:

Joanne Demchok

1-year Memorial for Suad Peter

Funeral Arrangements for Catherine Hamaty Bolus Today Sunday, October 18

Wake is 3p-6p, the Funeral is at 6p and a Mercy Meal will follow the Funeral in Kogok Hall

YES (Youth Equipped to Serve) is Coming to Washington DC

On November 6-8, 2015, YES which is the Youth Program of FOCUS America is coming to Washington DC. It is open to 13 years olds to college students. We will meet at 5pm on Friday @St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral located at 2815 36th Street, NW, WDC 2007. The service learning weekend will come to a close following Liturgy on Sunday. You can register at www.yesnorthamerica.org. For questions contact Ranya Eid at eid.ranya@gmail.com or Jamilee Bellone at jamiliebell@yahoo.com. Flyers for this event are located on the round table in the Narthex.