

FELLOWSHIP HOUR AND BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION

	BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
Oct 26	Ayoub family	Ayoub family
Nov 2		
9	Jamila Taweel	Family of Fadel Taweel
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Dec 7		
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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 2 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2014 EOTHINON 8
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& THIRD SUNDAY OF LUKE

Today we Commemorate: The Holy Prophet Joel; Martyr Varos and seven martyrs with him; Mother Cleopatra of Palestine; Venerable John of Rila; Prochoros of Pchinja; Archpriest John of Kronstadt, the wonderworker

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 2)

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, 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.

Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News

Nothing darkens it except sin', claims a saying ascribed to St Anthony the Great." It is precisely through the intellect that we can come into contact with God and pray to him. It is with the intellect, too, that we can hear God's 'answer' to our prayer.

The notion of 'heart' also holds a special position for the Fathers. For them, it is not simply an organ of the body but also the centre of our spiritual and mystical life, the seat of divine presence and inner grace. Hence the term 'heart' is almost synonymous with 'soul' and 'mind'. In the following text from the Macarian Homilies, the mind is understood as being located in the heart (rather than in the brain, as one might expect):

...Divine grace writes on the tables of the heart the laws of the Spirit and the heavenly mysteries. For the heart directs and governs all the other organs of the body. And when grace pastures the heart, it rules over all the members and the thoughts. For there, in the heart, the mind abides as well as all the thoughts of the soul and its hopes."

The biblical tradition has always held an exceptionally elevated view of the human being as a totality of spirit and matter. What is a human being from the point of view of an atheist? An ape, only with more developed abilities. For a Buddhist or Hindu the soul exists quite independently of the body in which it is incarnated, and may pass through many incarnations, animal as well as human.

The Christian tradition, however, presents an exalted image of the human being. Each one of us is regarded as a person created in the image of God, an icon of the Creator. Humans are not lower than the angels. As the Psalms say: 'What is man that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that thou dost care for him? Yet thou hast made him little less than God, and dost crown him with honour and glory. Thou hast given him dominion over the works of thy hands' (Ps. 8:4-6).

The ancient Greek philosophers, as well as some Church Fathers, speak of a human being as a microcosm, a small universe which unites within itself the totality of created being. However, as Gregory of Nyssa emphasises, the concept of microcosm does not really dignify the human being: 'What great thing is there in the human person's being accounted a representation and likeness of the world — of the heaven that passes away, of the

earth that changes?' According to St Gregory, our true dignity consists in our 'being in the image of the nature of the Creator'. We are commensurable, almost 'identical' to God:

Man is more precious than all the rest of the cosmos. Man, completed and perfected, is wondrous, even as God is wondrous. He is immortal and supracosmic. He is more than a microcosm — he is a micro-theos. For the eternal Logos of the Father to be made flesh in the likeness of man" means that, with the gift of his love, man in turn may become God, even to identity. Between God and man there is and must be commensurability in spite of all that is non-commensurable ... If man by the nature of his spirit is not 'like unto God', then neither could God have been made man.

When God created human nature, he created it not only for us but also for himself, since he knew that one day he would himself become a human being. Thus, he fashioned something adequate to himself; something possessing infinite potential. Gregory Nazianzen calls each person a 'created god'. The notion of humanity's commensurability with God 'does not remove the ontological distance between God the Creator and man the created'. Yet in spite of this distance every person is called to become 'god'. In his potential, man is a *god-man*.

Upcoming events...

Oct 22 - Evening w/The Fathers @ 8pm @ the homes of the Korkors and Manassehs
Oct 25 - Wedding Ayoub/Davarparast @ 3pm
Oct 28 - Mens' Club Meeting @ 7:30pm
Oct 29 - Adult Ed Forum @ 7:15pm *note change To Wednesday (not Thursday)*
Nov 1 - Arabic Liturgy @ 5pm
Nov 4 - Maryland State Senate and Maryland House of Delegates **General Election**, Statewide Ballot Measures, School Board Measures (11) Kogok Hall 7am-8pm
Nov 9 - Antiochian Women Luncheon @ 12:15pm
Nov 11 - Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm
Nov 13 - Adult Ed Forum @ 7:15pm
Nov 15 - Nativity Fast begins
Nov 20 - Entrance Theotokos to the Temple @ 7pm

Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News

PARISH COUNCIL

Congratulations to newly elected members of the Parish Council: Paul Debs, Lina Taweel Eid, Suzanne Hermes and Tony Moussa. They along with newly appointed member Richard Mahan will begin their service on January 1, 2015. We thank them for their willingness to serve the parish of Ss. Peter & Paul in this capacity. God bless them as they prepare to assume their term—may God bless the ministry of *all* the council—both those continuing to serve and the newly elected and appointed members.

TEEN SOYO

SPECIAL OLYMPICS AWARENESS DAY

Today our teens will solicit your financial donations to enable them to sponsor the 34th Annual Special Olympics Sports Camp held at the Antiochian Village in summer of 2015. Teens need to raise over \$60,000 to run this worthwhile ministry. To thank you for your support, you will receive a bookmark commemorating the 100th anniversary of the falling asleep of St. Raphael of Brooklyn. Please make checks payable to *Ss. Peter & Paul Church* and note "Teen SOYO Special Olympics" in the memo line.

Congratulations to the new officers of our TEEN SOYO as they begin their new term. May God bless and guide our young people in the service of the church.

President	Nick Zolnerowich
Vice President	Rashid Haddad
Secretary	Thomas Zook
Treasurer	Robert Bridenhagen
Communications	Danielle Bellone

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Sunday school needs two (2) CO-teachers for the 2nd and 3rd grade classroom and one (1) CO-teacher in the 4th and 5th grade classroom. For more information please contact Sunday school directors Samia Zolnerowich and Jennifer Buchko at SundaySchool@peterpaulpotomac.org

ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE

Antiochian Women will host a bake sale Election Day, Tuesday, November 4th. Can you bake and deliver a batch of Arab pastries, or any kind of cookies or brownies and deliver them to the church Sunday, November 2nd? For more information, please contact Zakieh Jweied at zjweied@comcast.net.

FSJD EVENT

Join us to study the teachings of St. Dorotheos of Gaza *this* Wednesday, October 22nd at 8pm. Come to the home of the Korkors in DC or the Manassehs in VA which will be linked via video conferencing.

For those who can't make it, log in to the video conference from your location. For more information contact majd@peterpaulpotomac.org.

SAINT GEORGE HOSPITAL BENEFIT GALA

The American Foundation for Saint George Hospital, Inc.

cordially invites you to the Fourth Annual Gala on

Saturday October 25, 2014

honoring

Mr. JOSEPH J. CICIPPIO and Mrs. DOLORES NASSER SUMMERS at the historic

Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium in Washington, D.C.

Cocktails: 6:00pm Dinner: 7:30pm

Featuring renowned Lebanese singer

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For Tickets, Sponsorships and Auction List, go to www.stgeorgefoundation.org/gala2014

You can also contact Lama Najjar at (703) 385-2182 or info@stgeorgefoundation.org

RSVP deadline is October 14, 2014

All proceeds from this event will be used to support women's and children's services at Saint George Hospital, and the Children's Endowment Fund for needy patients.

CATECHISM

Part II in a series

From an Essay entitled *The Mystery of Faith* by Bishop HILARION (Alfeyev)

SOUL AND BODY

Besides the soul, each person has a higher spiritual principle called 'spirit' or 'intellect'. The word 'spirit' (in Hebrew *ruah*, and in Greek *pneuma*) is of biblical origin and its first meaning is 'breath', or 'wind'. The term 'intellect' (*nous*) comes from classical philosophy, and does not occur at all in the Septuagint. St Paul, on the other hand, uses it frequently, while for the Church Fathers it is this word (and not 'spirit') that becomes the fundamental anthropological concept. The intellect differs in kind from all else that is within a person. It has the ability to comprehend the meaning of things, to penetrate their essence. 'The intellect sees all things, even the celestial.

THE EPISTLE

(For the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me severely.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (11:31-12:9)

Brethren, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, He Who is blessed forever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who 14 years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

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!"

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Jennifer Buchko

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Jumana Misleh
Susan Kozlov
Michelle Zook
Razan Abdallah
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Caroline Jarboe
Saleem Mokhiber
Stephen Zolnerowich
Anees Mokhiber

Men's Club

Sam Khalil

Antiochian Women

Kate Niewenhous

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Christian & Zeina Manasseh

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Bob Simon

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Barbara Abraham

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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.

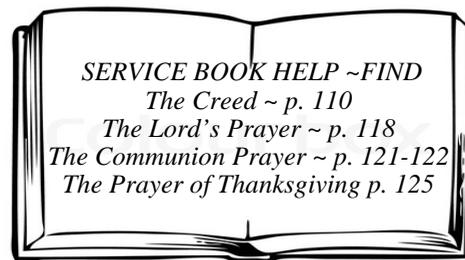
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- 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 the Tilev and Azat families

6 Month Memorial for Ivanka Tileva

40-Day Memorial for Souad Ramzi Azat

FELLOWSHIP HOUR: offered by the Tilev and Azat families

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
 Sharon Lampathakis
 Fred Zacharia
 Metody, Juliana, Matthew & Tony Tilev
 Patricia & Jack Bottash
 Ramzi Azat
 John, Sahar Azat & family
 Jack, Beth Azat & family
 Norma Azat Dimsey
 Nabeeha Ayoub & family
 Najwa Azat & family
 Siham, Richard Ayoub & family
 Joe, Olivet Ghanem & family

DEPARTED

Ivanka Tileva
 Suad Ramzi Azat
 Sergei Malooley

Joanne Husson Oct 8
 Muriel Maffrige Sept 30
 Grace Calis Sept 28
 Michael Jacobs Sept 17
 Joseph Khoury Sept 17

Evelyn Baxley