	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
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	Everett & Tammy Alvarez	Abe & Susan Fannoney/In honor of our Veterans
18 Nov	Open	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 Kogok Hall.

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Matins: Sundays 9:30am Divine Liturgy: Sundays 10:30am

# SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2018 TONE 4 / EOTHINON 10 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & SIXTH SUNDAY OF LUKE VENERABLE HILARION THE GREAT OF PALESTINE

CHRISTODOULOS OF PATMOS THE WONDERWORKER; MARTYRS SOCRATES AND THEODOTA AT ANCYRA; VENERABLE-CONFESSORS VISSARION & SOPHRONIOS OF CIORARA, & MARTYR OPREA OF SALISTIE IN ROMANIA

#### RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone)

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

#### **APOLYTIKION OF ST. HILARION THE GREAT (Tone 8)**

The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundred-fold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father Hilarion, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

#### **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.

 $\boldsymbol{\mathcal{W}}$  here there is simplicity there are 100 angels, but where there is cunning there is not even one.

St. Ambrose of Optina

## Finding One's Calling in Life

By Fr. Thomas Hopko

Some will sanctify their lives being married; others will be single. Some will do it in clerical orders; others as lay people. Some will be monastic; most will live in the everyday secular world. Some will work primarily in a physical way, others will work intellectually. Some will be artists, scientists, business people, or professionals. Others may have no particular job or profession. Some may be called simply to suffer, while others, in terms of this world, will hardly suffer at all. Some will have many temptations and will bear heavy burdens because of the sins of the world and their particular inheritance of a fallen, broken, distorted humanity. Some may have to fight destructive memories, imaginations, and passions that seem at times impossible to bear, while others will be greatly blessed by receiving a highly purified humanity, for which they will especially have to answer before God. For, as Jesus taught, "to whom much is given, of him much will be required." (Luke 12:48). But each person will have his or her own life to sanctify. And each will answer for what he or she has done. In the eyes of God none is better than the other. None is higher or more praiseworthy. But each must find his or her own way and glorify God through it. Ultimately, this is all that matters. The rest is detail.

The will to find God's will is essential. All that is needed to discover the will of God and to do it is the pure desire to see, to hear, to understand and to obey. God does the rest. When people saw Jesus on earth and yet did not accept and obey Him in love, the Lord Himself gave the reason, quoting the Prophet Isaiah. He said that the people had eyes but did not see; had ears but did not want to hear; had minds but refused to understand and be saved (Isaiah 6:9-10; Matthew 13:13-14; Mark 8:18; John 12:36-41).

To find one's vocation demands that one really wants to do so. It sounds simple. And it is. But, to quote the Lord once more, "few there be who find it" (Matthew 7:14). The reason is that it takes courage to allow the Lord to speak, or rather, to hear the Lord when He speaks, and to follow Him. It is also quite painful. Our own will has to go. Our egocentric desires have to be denied. Our ideas about ourselves have to be abandoned. Our personal plans and projects have to be discarded. Our agendas of action have to be thrown away. We have to say to God: *Speak Lord, your servant is ready!* We have to respond to God: *Let it be to me according to Your word!* And, we have to mean it. If we do, we will find our way. But if we fight it, and keep craving the things that we want, we will be miserable and unhappy. For the heart of the human person is made for God -- for truth, for love, for life itself, and not for mere "existence" -- and is inevitably unsatisfied, frustrated, confused, distressed, angered, and bored until it comes to rest in Him.

We need help on the way. To will God's will is essential. Without this, nothing can happen. With it, everything can happen. One saint of the desert even dared to say that if a person would will God's will without wavering from sunrise to sunset, by the end of the day he would be "to the measure of God." But to will God's will we need help. We need, first of all, the help of God Himself. This means that we have to pray and to participate in the mystical life of God's Church. Jesus said, "Ask, and you will receive" (Matthew 7:7). And the apostle James reminds us that if we do not ask rightly, we will not receive. "You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and you do not receive because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions" (James 4:2-3). To find our vocation in life we have to pray to God to show it to us, and to guide us into it for His Name's sake, and ultimately, for our own.

Part 2 of 3



#### Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News and Events



#### CHURCH SCHOOL 2018-2019

Registration for Church School is ongoing using this link: <a href="https://goo.gl/forms/GQ6uQSnftimwgwJW2">https://goo.gl/forms/GQ6uQSnftimwgwJW2</a>, include your email as most Church school announcements go out to the entire parish. Please list all/any allergies.

Check out our new online Church School Newsletter

https://www.smore.com/t1rhu

#### 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:

President Joud Al-Kallas Vice President Tia Saah Treasurer Jacob Azar Secretary Julia Azar

#### Lay Advisors:

Zaid Sharafudin/Zaid.sharafudin@gmail.com (412) 708-6726 and Marian Azar/azaremarian@gmail.com (703) 297-9638

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 amal17m@yahoo.com for more information.

#### ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

- \*Please pay your annual dues of \$25 to help support our outreach and charitable projects. Checks can be given to Janet Metz.
- \*Please note that we have been invited to St. George for a luncheon on November 3. RSVP required.
- \*Please provide your email address to Carol Laham @ claham@wleyrein.com for future notices.
- \*Please prepare baked goods for our Election Day bake sale. See Bette Adam for details.
- \*If you have a child in college, please provide their name and college address to Carol Laham at the above email address. The ladies are planning a new outreach to college students.
- \*PLEASE volunteer to help!

#### PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY REMINDER

## 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 <a href="mailto:frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org">frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org</a>, Fr. Luke at <a href="mailto:friuke@peterpaulpotomac.org">frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org</a>, or

Kate Niewenhous at <a href="https://handle.com/handle.c

#### 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 (<a href="mailto:georgezaki@gmail.com">georgezaki@gmail.com</a> or ajmzaki@gmail.com), Alex Cox at (<a href="mailto:alexoxsells@gmail.com">alexox at (alexoxsells@gmail.com</a>) or Fr. Isaac at(<a href="mailto:frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org">frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org</a>). 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 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	
	*Vespers @5:00p/following Becoming Truly Human Workshop	
Nov 04	*Antiochian Village "Camp" Liturgy(every 1st Sunday of the month)	
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 23 \*Baptism/Lydia Michael/1:00p
- Nov 24 \*Baptism/Zahi James Korkor Wright/12p
- Dec 01 \*Baptism/Remington Buell/12:00p
- Dec 16 \*Choir Christmas Concert/following Liturgy
  \*The Order of St. Ignatius dinner following the Choir Concert
- Dec 22 \*Baptism/Aryana Sahouri/1:30p
- Dec 24 \*Feast of the Nativity/6:00p Matins & 7:00p Divine Liturgy
- Dec 25 \*Offices Closed for Christmas
- Dec 30 \*Baptism/Elijah T. Mitchell/1:30p

#### THE EPISTLE

(For the Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost)

O Lord, how magnified are Thy works. In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (2:16-20)

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the Law but through faith in Jesus Christ. Even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the Law, because by works of the Law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the Law died to the Law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

#### **THE GOSPEL**

(For the Sixth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:26-39)

At that time, Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as He stepped out on land, there met Him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What hast Thou to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech Thee, do not torment me." For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. [For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.] Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged Jesus not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged Jesus to let them enter these. So He gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled. and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked Jesus to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so He got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Jesus; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare all that God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.

#### Antiochian Village "Camp" Liturgy

On Sunday, November 4, 2018, 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.

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**Bob Simon** 

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> FINANCE Salim Habayeb

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Zeina Manasseh

#### **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

SERVICE BOOK HELP ~FIND
The Creed ~ p. 110
The Lord's Prayer ~ p. 118
The Communion Prayer ~ p. 121-122
The Prayer of Thanksgiving p. 125



## FELLOWSHIP OFFERED BY:

Parish Council following General Assembly Meeting

## 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

## Parishioners who remain in our prayers continually

Rt. Rev. Fr. Elias Bítar Isabel Thredeh Everett Alvarez Edmond & Sophie Neam George & Joan Abraham Míchael Buchko, Sr. Leila Khoury Assad & Patricía Khoury

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Mary Smith
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Síham Ayoub & All Members of this Congregation

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Clemance Nassar & Family

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

#### DEPARTED Fr. George Rados

Rev. Alister Anderson Venise Yussif Kaffoury Dominick Basile John & Nymry (Ruby) Abdow Isa Seleh David H. Saah Georgette Issa Shihadeh Issa Shihadeh Jamila Shihadeh Helen & John Kunsevich Victoria, Khalil, George, Elias, & Delores Marge William, Mary & Walter Hladke Ann Peters 7 ina & Fdward Mike & Family Helen Thomas & Family

The Arwady Family

Jack Bottash

On Sunday, November 4, 2018 there will be a 40-day Memorial Service for Venise Yussif Kaffoury followed by a Memorial Fellowship Lunch offered by Mr. & Mrs. Habib Debs and family.



#### Orthodox Missions Update

--Thank you to everyone! Our church mailed \$39.55 this week to OCMC (Orthodox Christian Mission Center) from change collected in our mission box. (That is from change collected from September 2<sup>nd</sup> until October 14<sup>th</sup>!) The Missions Box is located at the candle stand, and is making a difference. For example, some of the extra money collected is going toward purchase of a centrifuge and diabetes kits for the health center in Guatemala where our parishioners Mike Bosworth and Betty Slanta go soon for their short term mission trip November 9-18. Thank you!

Siham Ayoub & Family

--Keep watching this section for news of 2019 short term mission trips. We have some Ss Peter and Paul parishioners interested! Prayerfully consider a mission trip in your lifetime!