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All Things Are Possible to Him Who Believes

Matins: Sundays 9:30am

Divine Liturgy: Sundays 10:30am

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2017

TONE 3 / EOTHINON 9

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & SIXTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

AVERKIOS THE WONDERWORKER, EQUAL-TO-THE-APOSTLES AND BISHOP OF HIER-
APOLIS;
THE SEVEN HOLY YOUTHS (“SEVEN SLEEPERS”) MARTYRED IN EPHESUS; BISHOP
EULALIOS

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 ST. AVERKIOS (Tone 4)

Thy works of justice did reveal thee to thy community as a canon of faith, the likeness of humility and teacher of abstinence, O Father Bishop Averkios. Wherefore, by humility thou hast achieved exaltation, and by thy meekness wealth. Intercede, therefore, with Christ God to save our souls.

APOLYTIKION OF THE SEVEN EPHESIAN YOUTHS (Tone 4)

*(**Be quick to anticipate**)*

Thy Martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee * received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. * For since they possessed Thy strength, they cast down the tyrants * and wholly destroyed the demons’ strengthless presumption. * O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

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.

Nowadays, humankind is in dire need of an authentic dialogue and encounter that go beyond the obstacles and sins of narrow-minded politics. It lacks a political humane approach based on reconciliation and consensus, an approach that leaves behind rigid ideologies and prejudice, and that breaks the obstacles, masks and complications of history. Isn’t it now the right time to confess that the political schemes and ostensible dialogues led by many only render sterile the efforts in a barren land, abused by materialistic and arrivistic motives and perverse models self-imposed by the societies of men?

We must stand against the absurd exploitation and political subjugation of religion in our days. Hence, from this tribune, I stand, urging the religious leaders from all denominations in every country to raise loud the motto: “Faith for Peace”. Thus, we shall be messengers of peace in a world that badly needs it.

H.B. Patriarch JOHN X of Antioch

PREACHING THE GOSPEL IN A PLURALISTIC SOCIETY

To transform our culture we must be prepared to enter into a dialogue especially with those of other faiths. Such a dialogue must be constructive. It must be based on religious conviction. This will require that we strengthen and deepen our own theological understanding. Dialogue is more than tolerance. In dialogue we recognize that while different than I, the “other” does not exist simply to exist. Rather he or she exists as a person who has something to say to me. I am obliged to listen respectfully to what that person has to say. I need to relate what he or she says to my own convictions and evaluate it in the light of my own beliefs.

This is not syncretism. Religious syncretism rests on the assumption that each of the participating parties has a positive contribution to make, and that these when collected and collated constitute a whole. New Age religions contain many syncretistic elements, but there are also varying degrees of syncretism in other popular philosophies and ideologies. For us, dialogue means that while we may recognize positive elements in another religion or even philosophy, these are always to be judged against our own beliefs. We have no interest in forming another religion. But we do have a great deal to say to one another.

Sometimes we forget that religion is not about “religion,” but about our relationship to God, to one another, and to creation. A dialogue with those around us can begin with the obvious challenges of the new millennium. The technology which we created has taken on a life of its own. We should weigh its best uses, while ameliorating its dehumanizing aspects. The ecological crisis, in some ways a child of our technology, poses one of the greatest threats to the environment and to our human existence. There is little debate about this. The causes of the crisis may be technological, but the source of the problem is spiritual. We need to talk with one another about the best ways of improving life for all human beings while preserving the biosphere. The advances in medicine, genetics, and other biological sciences pose new concerns to which we must respond. We are in need of serious theological reflection on the nature and meaning of life.

The reality of a pluralistic society means that there is religious, racial, and ethnic intermingling. We know how prejudice eats away at the fabric of society. We have experienced how it can lead to violence and war. As we begin to engage in dialogue with our society in this new millennium, we need to learn how to talk with one another, to dialogue with the other, in mutual respect and love.

The holy Church includes many people, men, women and children without number. They are all quite different from one another in birth, in size, in nationality and language, in style of living and age, in trades and opinions, in clothes and customs, in knowledge and rank, in welfare and in appearance. They are nonetheless all of them in the selfsame Church. Thanks to her, they are all reborn, newly created in the Spirit. The Church grants to all of them without distinction the grace of belonging to Christ and of taking his name by calling themselves Christians.

Faith, moreover, puts us in a position which is extremely simple, and incapable of separation, in such a way that the differences between us seem not to exist, because everything is gathered together into the Church and reconciled in her.

No one lives alone any more, no one is separated from the others, but all are mutually joined together as brothers and sisters in the simple and indivisible power of faith.

Of the first Church, Scripture says: “The company of those who believed were of one heart and soul”, (Acts 4:32) in such a way that all the many members looked like a single body, truly worthy of Christ himself, our true Head. And speaking of the action of Christ in the Church, the Apostle asserts: “There is neither male nor female, neither Jew nor Greek, neither circumcised nor uncircumcised, neither barbarian nor Scythian, neither slave nor freeman, but Christ is all and in all.” (cf. Galatians 3:28; Colossians 3:11) Christ with the unique power of goodness and with infinite wisdom reunites everything in himself as the center from which the rays go out.

*Maximus the Confessor
Mystagogia, 1(PG91, 664)*

**From a Pastoral Letter for the Third Millennium
Part 6 of 6**

Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News and Events

CHURCH SCHOOL 2017-2018

Registration for Church School is ongoing using this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/GO6uQSNltimwgvJW2>. Also, please make sure to register with the church, including your email as most Church school announcements go out to the entire parish. School calendars are now available. We are also in need of snacks/drinks for the children--small and reg. juice boxes, juice pouches, small waters, individually wrapped snacks (PEANUT & TREE NUT FREE). **Please note that due to the Hierarchical Liturgy on Sunday, October 22 we will not have Church School. We encourage families to attend with their children.**

Teen SOYO

October is Youth Month

Teen SOYO thanks all that donated to the 37th Annual Special Olympics Sports camp next August, 2018. The teens collected over \$900.00 in support of this premier outreach program.

Lay Advisors: Zaid Sharafudin/zaid343@yahoo.com and Anees Mokhiber / aneesmokhiber@gmail.com

Oct. 28 Attending St. George Teen SOYO Fall Hafli (flyers located in the Narthex)

Nov 05 Teen SOYO Za'atar Sale/during Fellowship

SS. PETER & PAUL CHURCH LEARNING & MEDIA CENTER

Donations are welcomed in support of the establishment of the new Church Learning and Media Center. Please send all donations to Ss. Peter and Paul Church earmarked "Library Fund". In addition, donation of books on topics related to the Orthodox Faith, Doctrine, Church History, Liturgy, and Scripture will be gratefully accepted. Please contact Fr. Isaac, Dn. Christian, or Kate Niewenhous for more information.

THE ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN "ANGEL FUND"

The Ss. Peter & Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church "Angel Fund", an outreach of the Antiochian Women, provides support to parishioners in need. Our Pastor designates recipients who would benefit from the Angel Fund, which provides grocery gift cards to parishioners in need to help them with some of their food needs. Financial contributions to this fund are welcomed, and checks should be made out to: Ss. Peter & Paul Antiochian Women and earmarked "Angel Fund." For more information contact Fr. Isaac at: frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org.

"EXPLORING OUR FAITH" THE SS. PETER AND PAUL ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORUM

"Exploring Our Faith" will meet every other Thursday evening from **7:00pm to 8:30pm** in the lower level conference room. **The next meeting is Thursday, November 2, 2017.** Fr. Isaac facilitates the meetings 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. (please note new start time)

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 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 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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

- Oct 22 *Patriarchal Divine Liturgy followed by a ...Parish luncheon in the Church Hall
- Oct 23-24*Funeral Services for V.R. Fr. George ...Rados (see Bulletin insert)
- Oct 25 *I.D.C. Solidarity Dinner/7:30p
- Oct 28 *Teen SOYO/attending the St. George Teen SOYO Fall Hafli
- Nov 02 *Adult Education Forum "Exploring Our Faith"/7p-8:30p (please note new start time)
- Nov 04 *Nessim/Garadah Wedding/2p
- Nov 05 *Teen SOYO Za'atar Sale/during Fellowship
- Nov 10 *Leo Robles/Baptism/1:30p
- Nov 12 *Office closed/Veterans' Day
- Nov 14 *Awad/Norman Wedding 4p
- Nov 14 *Parish Council Meeting/7p/LL Conf. Rm.
- Nov 16 *Adult Education Forum "Exploring Our Faith"/7p-8:30p
- Nov 18 *Talia Tawil/Baptism/12p
- Nov 19 *Suham George/5 yr Memorial offered by The George Family
- Nov 20 *Divine Liturgy/Feast of the Presentation Of the Theotokos/7:00p
- Nov 23 *Offices closed/Thanksgiving
- Nov 26 *V.R. Fr. George M. Rados/40-day Memorial

THE EPISTLE

(For the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost)

Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Clap your hands, all ye peoples.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (1:11-19)

Brethren, I would have you know that the Gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the Church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people; so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when He Who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son to me, in order that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were Apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other Apostles except James the Lord's brother.

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.

Welcome H.B. Patriarch JOHN X of Antioch

Today, Ss. Peter and Paul joyfully welcomes H.B. Patriarch JOHN X of Antioch, Metropolitan JOSEPH, and the Antiochian Delegation.

Following the Divine Liturgy today, all the faithful are invited to proceed to the Church Hall for a luncheon offered by the Ss. Peter and Paul Parish Council in honor of his Beatitude.

Before the luncheon starts Ms. Sara Saba, Deputy Director of DERD, will offer a short presentation on the Syrian Relief work of the Patriarchate. All those who wish to support these efforts are encouraged to make donations to the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese earmarked Syrian Relief Fund/DERD.

The luncheon will be served after the Patriarch and the Metropolitan enter the Hall and a benediction is offered.

His Beatitude will be in Washington D.C. for the week of October 23 – 27 and will attend a conference on The Future of Christians in the Middle East sponsored by the Catholic organization "In Defense of Christians" and many other meetings.

CHURCH SCHOOL

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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.

Parishioners who remain in our prayers continually

Margaret Ashley	Brian Briggs	Mary Smith
Helen White	Isabel Threddeh	George Brown
Everett Alvarez	Holly Dubois	Robert & Thelma Badwey
Edmond & Sophie Neam	Grace Malouf	Barbara Abraham
George & Joan Abraham	Lulu Brown	Tania Mufarrij
Suad Shammas	Mary Bazargan	

DEPARTED
His Grace Bishop ANTOUN (Khoury)
Archpriest George Rados
Salloum Amine Matar
Issa Akel
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Afaf Zabaneh
Issa Michael
Frank & Haifa Ellis
Azar Sarhan
R. Sergei Malooley
John & Nymry Abdow
Alexandria (Alice) Abdow
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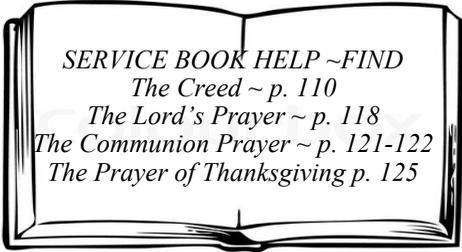
Welcome to Ss. Peter and Paul
To encourage our worship in a proper spirit of prayer and devotion, we respectfully ask you to enter the sanctuary quietly during the Divine Liturgy.

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.



LIVING

Fr. Anthony Yazge & family	Andrew Gavin
Leena Haddad	Bob Petrossian
Leila Khoury	Julia Fayad
Louise Magelli	James Nimey, Jr.
Derek Gilliam	Mark Buchko
Michael Buchko, Sr.	Sami & Natalie Mufarrij
Marie Hyder	Sharhan Family Antoinette, Abbaa, Kamil, Ray
Frank & Barbara Ellis & Family	Jennifer Shaheen Montgomery & Family
Alexandra Malooley & John Partridge	Miriam Yazge
John & Betty Slanta & the Choir	George & Hanada Rados & Family
Malooley Family	Mark & Dana Rados & family
David Rados	
Paul Rados	

MEMORY ETERNAL ARCHPRIEST GEORGE M. RADOS
Today our visiting Hierarchs will offer the Seven-Day Memorial Service for the repose his soul.

THE PARISH GIFT SHOP
The Ss. Peter and Paul Parish Gift Shop (formally the Parish Bookstore) is now open in its new location on the right side of the Narthex (entrance hall) opposite the elevator. The Gift Shop is newly stocked with books, bibles, Icons, CDs and all kinds of hand-made religious items with many items for children. The Gift Shop will open every Sunday following Liturgy. For information contact Alma Jean Zaki at (703) 283-9338 or ajmzaki@gmail.com

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:
Antoinette Sarhan in Memory of Azar Sarhan
Lorna Malooley
Frank and Barbara Ellis
FELLOWSHIP OFFERED BY:
Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Honor of the Visit of
H.B. Patriarch JOHN X of Antioch