

23 Oct	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
	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	Fannoney Family
20 Nov	open	Nadir & Silvia Tawil

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 23, 2016**

**TONE 1/EOTHINON 7**

**THE HOLY APOSTLE JAMES THE “BROTHER OF GOD”**

**&**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF LUKE**

IGNATIUS, PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE; JAMES OF BO-  
ROVICH, WONDERWORKER OF NOVGOROD

**APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURECTION (Tone 1)**

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resur- rection O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

**APOLYTIKION OF ST. JAMES THE “BROTHER OF GOD” (Tone 4)**

Since thou art a Disciple of the Lord, thou didst receive the Gospel, O righteous James. And since thou art a martyr thou art never rejected, and since thou art a brother of God, thou art privileged, and since thou art a High Priest, it is thy right to intercede. Where- fore, beseech thou 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, inter- cede 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 interces- sion, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

*Imagine if we just went up and took communion without attending any of the prayers to go along with it. It seems that we would be partaking of mere, bread and wine. But when I attend the readings and the prayers, and witness that the bread and wine are consecrated and set apart for the purpose of becoming the Body and Blood of our Lord *Jesus* Christ, it is then that I realize the importance of the Sacrament. Not only are the gifts being made holy, but through prayer and through listening to the readings, I am being made holy as well.*

*St. Justin Martyr*

**ORTHODOX TRADITION AND FAMILY LIFE**

*Sister Magdalen*

**The Upbringing of Children**

The gospel calls us to feed the hungry and clothe the naked. Apart from the obvious meaning, itself an im- portant element in Christian service, there is also a spiritual meaning. We are to share spiritual nourishment and clothing. This reminds us of St Paul's description of the baptized as those who have ‘put on Christ’, or who are clothed in Christ (Galatians 3.27). This aspect of caring for children is the most vital part of their upbringing, even more vital than overseeing their physical and psychological development. Again, I stress that the spiritual dimension includes every aspect of the person, down to the question of how they dress and what they eat.

It is the order of priorities that is important for a Christian family. The commandment to love God is the first; thus the first concern is each child’s personal relationship with the Absolute, Personal Truth. The Church’s pedagogy is based on this foundation. For example, when mother and child are churchd forty days after the birth of a baby, the child is dedicated to God in his or her own name. The mother receives back the child, picking it up from the floor of the church. The message of the service is clear: this child is first of all called to be a child of God and co-heir with Christ, the Son of the Father (Romans 8.17). The parents’ task is to bring the child up ‘in the discipline and instruction of the Lord’ (Ephesians 6.4), and to teach him or her how to know God personally.

Knowledge of God is personal. God is personal love, and we can only know him by loving him, which cannot be brought about by constraint. The Eastern Church's doctrine of synergy, which describes how man can freely co-operate with uncreated grace, and how this is what saves man, applies directly to the role of parents. We might use the analogy of fishing, and say with the old proverb: ‘Give your son a fish and he will eat well today. Teach him how to use a fishing rod and he will eat well all his life.’ Or to take another analogy, from horticulture: those who teach children are not so much occupied with counting flowers on the plants, as with watering their roots.

Freedom does not, of course, mean ‘being allowed to do what you feel like’. This misunderstanding of free- dom prevails in Western culture, and leads, visibly, to slavery to selfish passions, to the idea that I have a right to something if I desire it. Freedom really means our human capacity to determine, by the use of our own will, our destiny. In our daily life, this implies our potential to discern right from wrong and to fulfil what is right. In this God-given human attribute, man’s person, or *hypostasis*, is akin to God.

Those who are truly free are those who love. A primary task of parents is to teach love, and love is learned more easily by those who have the experience of being loved. ‘Nothing so furthers teaching as this: loving and being loved’, said that wonderful pedagogical guide, St John Chrysostom (Homily 6). To do the best one can for one's children means to foster as well as one is able their growth in likeness to God. This is not simply a pious duty; Christian parents are called to be fellow-workers with God in the creation and formation of new persons, new sons and daughters of God. Personhood in the fullest sense belongs to the saints; they are the most truly human beings. A lesser aim for the children in a Christian family would ignore the most vital ele- ments of reality both human and divine.

# 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. 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**

### Nov 11-13

**YES Trip** led by FOCUS North America at St. George Antiochian Church, Wash. DC (more details to follow)

## 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, pot-luck dinners, and Orthodoxy-on-Tap get togethers. **The spiritual retreat took place on 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](mailto:jad.ibrahim.jr@gmail.com), Amber Bennett at [bennett.amberrose@gmail.com](mailto:bennett.amberrose@gmail.com), Lizzy Cassar or Dn. Christian Manasseh at [dncchristian@peterpaulpotomac.org](mailto:dncchristian@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, November 3, 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](mailto:frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org) or Kate Niewenhous at [handmaidens20854@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:georgezaki@gmail.com) or [ajmzaki@gmail.com](mailto:ajmzaki@gmail.com)), Alex Cox ([alexcossells@gmail.com](mailto:alexcossells@gmail.com)) or Fr. Isaac ([frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org](mailto: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...

Oct 23	*Blessing of the new Teen SOYO officers (see above for more info) *Special Olympics Awareness Day/Teen SOYO (see above for more info) *40-Day Memorial for Adib Saah
Oct 28	*Baptism/Soleil Noirreete/1:30p
Oct 29	Baptism/Lucas Issa/1p *Teen SOYO Fright Night (see above for more info)
Oct. 30	*5-Year Memorial for Richard Kogok and 40-Day Richie Kogok *Teen SOYO monthly mtg
Nov 03	*Adult Ed Forum/7:15p-8:30p/LL Conf. Rm.
Nov 05	*Misleh/Koksai Wedding/3p
Nov 05-06	*Midnight—Daylight Savings Time ends
Nov 08	*Election Day/Kogok Hall
Nov 11	*Parish offices closed/Federal Holiday
Nov 15	*Parish Council Meeting/7p
Nov 20	*Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple (observed)
Nov 22	*Interfaith Thanksgiving Svc/@Har Shalom/7p-9p (see flyer on round table in Narthex)
Nov 24	*Offices closed/Thanksgiving
Nov 26	*Kreutter/Jackson Wedding
Nov 27	*Baptism/John Augustus Mele/1:30p
Dec 03	*Ladies Aux Wreath Making/Kogok Hall
Dec 04	*St. Nicholas Workshop/Sunday School/LL Hall *Ladies Aux Mtg/Kogok Hall/to following services
Dec 11	*Christmas Sunday School Play *St. Ignatius Luncheon to follow Sunday School play

## THE EPISTLE

(For St. James)

*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 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.

## 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](http://www.stgeorgefoundation.org/gala2016) or contact Lama Najjar at 703-385-2182/[info@stgeorgefoundation.org](mailto:info@stgeorgefoundation.org)

**Reservation Deadline: October 24, 2016**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Directors

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### Teen SOYO

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### 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.

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

### HOLYBREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:

Mr. & Mrs. John & Dina Saah & Mr. & Mrs. Fahad & Christine Nazer  
for the 40-Day Memorial for Adib Saah

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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

### Parishioners who remain in our prayers continually

Margaret Ashley  
Brian Briggs  
Isabel Thredek  
Edmond & Sophie Neam  
George & Joan Abraham

May Fillah  
Helen White  
Holly Dubois  
Tesia Yonkers  
Lulu Brown

### LIVING

Archpriest George & Family

Everett Alvarez

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David Nassif

George Nassif

Mr. & Mrs. Fahad & Christine Nazer

Victor Joubran

Kathy & Gabriel Habib

The Family of Nicholas White

Hillery Harvey

Debbie Brown

Barbara Abraham

Kh. Stephanie Yazge

Janice

Michael Nassif

Bob & Arlene Nassif

Mr. & Mrs. John & Dina Saah

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

Adib Saah

Richie Kogok

Nicholas White

Fred Ayoub

Evelyn Baxley

Jack Bottash

Silvia Yova

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Theology of Giving Series – Week 43 – October 23, 2016

**Hebrews 6: 4-6 ... “Now consider how great this man was, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils. And indeed those who are of the sons of Levi, who receive the priesthood, have a commandment to receive tithes from the people according to the law, that is, from their brethren, though they have come from the loins of Abraham; but he whose genealogy is not derived from them received the tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises.”**

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>