

FELLOWSHIP HOUR AND BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION

	BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
Nov 2		Men's Club Falafel Sale Luncheon
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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

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 3 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2014 EOTHINON 9

GREAT-MARTYR DEMETRIOS THE MYRRH-STREAMING & SIXTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

Today we Commemorate: Commemoration of the Great Earthquake in Constantinople in 740;
Venerable-martyr Joasaph of Dionysiou monastery on Athos

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 became the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION for the earthquake (Tone 8)

O Thou Who didst look upon the earth and make it tremble, deliver us from the fearful threat of earthquake, O Christ our God, and send upon us Thy rich mercies through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Thou only Lover of mankind.

APOLYTIKION of St. Demetrios the myrrh-streaming (Tone 3)

Verily, the inhabited world found thee a great help in tribulations and a vanquisher of nations, O fight-bearing one. Wherefore, as thou didst demolish the arrogance of Lahosh, and on the battlefield didst hearten Nestor, beseech, O Saint Demetrios, Christ God to grant us the Great Mercy.

TROPARIION 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.

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NOVEMBER 2 FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Next Sunday, November 2nd, the Men's Club will be doing a falafel sale luncheon after liturgy. Coffee provided. For more information contact Sam Khalil at (202) 467-5555 or sk1943@aol.com.

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

The Antiochian Women of Ss. Peter & Paul will meet Sunday, November 9th immediately following Liturgy in the lower level hall. We meet for fellowship, encouragement and lunch—bring a dish to share! All ladies are welcome.

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.

CATECHISM

CHURCH HIERARCHY *Part I of III*

In ancient Israel only men who belonged by birth to the tribe of Levi could become priests; the priesthood was not open to others. The Levites were consecrated and chosen to serve God — they alone had the right to make sacrifices, burn incense, say prayers and sing in the Temple. The participation of the people in the service was reduced to a passive presence. Yet even the Old Testament sacrifices could not redeem humanity from the slavery of sin: 'For it is impossible that the blood of bulls and goats should take away sins And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins' (Heb. 10:4, 11). Christ therefore sacrificed himself in order to save the human race: 'We have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once and for all ... But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God ... For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified' (Heb. 10:10, 12, 14).

Christ was both Priest and Sacrifice, the Offerer and the Offered. Not himself a member of the tribe

of Levi, he became the sole true 'priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek' (Ps. 10:4). Genesis tells us that Melchizedek met Abraham, brought him bread and wine, and blessed him. A priest 'without father or mother or genealogy, [having] neither beginning of days nor end of life' (Heb. 7:3), Melchizedek was the Old Testament prototype of Christ. By surrendering his Body to death and shedding his Blood for the people, and by offering this Body and Blood to the faithful in the sacrament of the Eucharist, Christ established his Church which became the New Israel, abolishing the Old Testament Church with its sacrifices and Levitical priesthood. At the same time, he removed the curtain that separated the Holy of Holies from the people and destroyed the impenetrable wall between the sacred Levitical priesthood and the secular laity. In the Church of Christ all people are 'kings and priests' (Rev. 1:6), and all are led into the Holy of Holies in order to offer spiritual sacrifices. All become the 'chosen people':

And like living stones be yourselves built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices ... But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were no people ... once you had not received mercy but now you have received mercy. (I Pet. 2:5, 9-10)

to be continued...

Upcoming events...

- 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 2 - Falafel Sale Luncheon @ Noon
- 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
- Nov 25 - Mens' Club Meeting @ 7:30pm
- Nov 27 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING
- Dec 13 &14 Patriarch JOHN X Visits!

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MONUMENTAL MISSION WALK

On Saturday, November 15, 2014, Orthodox Christians from around the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area will converge on the National Mall for the second annual Monumental Missions Walk. Sponsored by the Metropolitan DC Orthodox Christian Mission and Outreach Committee, the Monumental Missions Walk is a three-mile long spiritual journey past some of the Nation's most beautiful landmarks. At each designated monument along the route, all participants will learn about the historical significance of the landmarks as well the role that Christian faith has played in the shaping and making of this great country. The Monumental Missions Walk will afford participants the unique opportunity to pause and admire these important places of reflection through the unique lens of our Christian faith. In addition, to providing participants with this unique opportunity to explore America's treasured landmarks, the goal of the Monumental Missions Walk is to raise money for local and international charities. Of the proceeds raised by the Monumental Missions Walk, half will go to support the Orthodox Christians Mission Center (OCMC) and half to local charities. Please join us for a memorable journey. Register for the walk at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/monumental-missions-walk-tickets-6911036095?aff=es2&rank=0>.

COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN (CFC)

Support Orthodox Charities through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)! Are you a Federal Employee? Did you know that you could give to OCMC, FOCUS North America or the IOCC through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)? Federal employees have a special giving option for their gifts to the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC), to the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) or the Fellowship of Orthodox Christians United in Service (FOCUS NA) through payroll deduction donation to the CFC. Please consider a donation to the OCMC by identifying code 10304, to FOCUS NA by identifying code 19541, or to the IOCC by identifying code 12081 on your CFC pledge card.

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AGAPE CANISTER

Thank you for your contributions to the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) Agape Canister.

The offering this week brought in \$24.25 to support the mission and programs of the OCMC. An OCMC missionary couple is serving in Mongolia with their newborn child. The 2015 short term mission teams were just announced. Visit www.ocmc.org if you are called to serve on a mission team.

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

PARISH COUNCIL

Congratulations to newly elected members of the Parish Council: Paul Debs, Lina Taweele 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

On Saturday, November 8th from 10:00am to 7:00pm Teen SOYO will join other churches to participate in the YES Program—a wonderful opportunity to serve and love our most needy neighbors in WASHINGTON D.C.! Lunch and Dinner will be served. A registration gift of \$75 a person will cover all trip expenses, make it possible for the YES Program to prepare and execute the trip, and enable our service team to meet the needs of those we serve. If you need financial assistance please contact Majd Akkawi at majd@peterpaulpotomac.org. Register at www.focusnorthamerica.org/yes/upcoming-trips/

THE EPISTLE

(For St. Demetrios the Myrrh-Streaming)

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord. O God, hear my prayer.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (2:1-10)

Timothy, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Directors

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Jennifer Buchko

Teachers

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Saleem Mokhiber
Stephen Zolnerowich
Anees Mokhiber

Men's Club

Sam Khalil

Antiochian Women

Kate Nierenhous

Teen SOYO

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Facilitators:
Philip Allen
Reema Guegel
Stephen Zolnerowich
Samia Zolnerowich
Anees Mokhiber

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Majd Akkawi
Christine & Samer Korkor
Christian & Zeina Manasseh

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Nick Nahas
Bob Simon

Rental Coordinator

Barbara Abraham

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Sam Sahouri Ghanem

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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

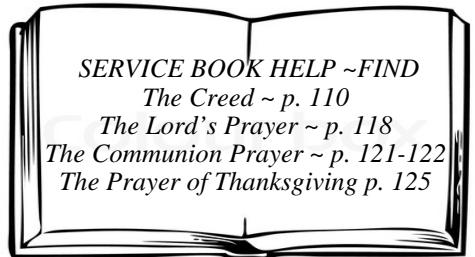
To encourage our worship in a proper spirit of prayer and devotion, we respectfully ask you enter the sanctuary quietly during the Divine Liturgy.

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 Nawal & Karim Ayoub

1 Year Memorial for Fred Ayoub

3 Year Memorial for Richard Kogok

40-Day Memorial for Ratka Chotova

FELLOWSHIP HOUR: offered by Nawal & Karim Ayoub and Helen & Mike Khalil

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

LIVING

Parishioners who remain in our prayers continually

Margaret Ashley

Lulu & George Brown

Issa & Suad Shamma

Edmond Neam

Richie Kogok

Nawal & Karim Ayoub

Mike & Helen Khalil

Nakhleh, Nyla, Dalya, Eliana & Lucas Louh
Ayoub Family

Terri Cappolella & family

Lynn Guthrie & family

Joan Abraham & family

Robert Kogok & family

Fred Zacharia

Abed George Sneig

Charles Cox

Alexandra Gavin

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

Fred Ayoub

Martha & Joseph Ayoub

Ratka Chotova

Jack Ayoub

Naim Ayoub

Sami Ayoub

Said Ayoub

Arjunia Ayoub

Richard Kogok

George Janini Jr Oct 10

Joanne Husson Oct 8

Muriel Maffrige Sept 30

Grace Calis Sept 28

Michael Jacobs Sept 17

Joseph Khoury Sept 17

Evelyn Baxley

Sadie Hier