

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
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
25 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 28, 2018**

**TONE 5 / EOTHINON 1 I**

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST &  
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE**

MARTYRS TERENCE AND NEONILLA AND THEIR CHILDREN; VENERABLE  
BISHOP STEPHEN OF MAR SABBAS MONASTERY IN PALESTINE; ATHANA-  
SIOS I, PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE;  
VENERABLE JOB OF POCHAEV

**RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 5)**

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

**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.

For the Christian, the cross gradually becomes lighter and more joyful, while for the nonbeliever it becomes heavier and more burdensome. Why is this so? Because where the one carries their cross with faith and devotion to God, the other carries it with grumbling and anger.

*St. Innocent of Alaska*

**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.

**Finding One’s Calling in Life**

*By Fr. Thomas Hopko*

In addition to the direct help of God, so to speak, we also need His help as it comes to us through others. We need the guidance of those who are experienced in His ways, particularly our fathers and mothers in the faith. “Ask your fathers, and they will show you; your elders and they will teach you.” (Deuteronomy 32:7). The saints of the Church love to repeat this line from the song of Moses. To hear God’s voice, to discern His desires for us, to discover His purposes for our lives, we need the help of those who have found Him, or, perhaps more accurately, those who have been found by Him.

We receive this help in the life of the Church, first of all by our participation in the services and sacraments. We find it also in the Bible and in the lives and teachings of the saints. And we find it in the pastors and teachers whom God gives us. God promises that those who seek instruction will never be left without it. He Himself will see to it, as the saying goes, that “when the disciple is ready, the Master will appear.” Without obedience to God’s Word and Spirit in the services, sacraments, scriptures witness of the and saints of the Church, we who claim to be Christians will never discover our calling in life. For we will have rejected the means that God has given us to find it.

Finally, we are taught that to discover God’s will for us, we must be faithful to Him where we are, faithful to the conditions in which He has placed us. One of the greatest obstacles to the discovery of one’s vocation in life, which is a clear expression of our disobedience and self-will, is the desire to be someone else, someplace else, in some other time. We have all heard people say that if only they lived in another place, or in another time, or with other people then they could be holy. Or, if only they were married. Or, if only they were not married. If only this, and if only that! We must come to see how sinful such an attitude is, how crazy and deluded. It is simply blasphemy. And it may well be the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit which Christ says cannot be forgiven, for it dares to tell God that our failures in life are His fault for making us the way we are. (cf. Matthew 12:31; Luke 12:10)

God has made us who we are. He has put us where we are, even when it is our own self-will that has moved us. He has given us our time and our place. He has given us our specific destiny. We must come to the point when we do not merely resign ourselves to these realities, but love them, bless them, and give thanks to God for them as the conditions for our self-fulfillment as persons, the means to our sanctity and salvation.

Being faithful where we are is the basic sign that we will God’s will for our lives. The struggle to “blossom where we are planted,” as the saying goes, is the way to discern God’s presence and power in our lives, to hear His voice, to accomplish His purpose, to share His holiness. Jesus said that only those who are “faithful in little” inherit much and get set over much. Those who are not faithful in the little things of life, and thereby fail to accept and to use what God provides, end up losing the little that they have, or -- as Jesus says in St. Luke’s gospel -- the little that they think that they have, for even that “little” may exist only in their own deluded imaginations. (cf. Matthew 25:14-30; Luke 19:11-27; Luke 8:18).

In sum, we must labor to do the smallest good and to avoid the smallest sin in the smallest, seemingly most insignificant details of life. We must accept who we are, where we are, when we are and how we are, and struggle to sanctify our real state of existence by the grace of God; resisting the world, the flesh, and the devil and gaining the Spirit of God through Christ in the Church. We must participate in the services and sacraments, be fed on the scriptures, and imitate the saints. We must seek out the help of the experienced and heed their counsel and advice. And we must go to God Himself and say with a pure heart: *Thy will be done!* And He will see that we find our vocation and calling in life and become the saints that he has willed us to be from the beginning.

*Part 3 of 3*

# Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News and Events

## CHURCH SCHOOL 2018-2019

Registration for Church School is ongoing using this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/GQ6uQSnltimwJW2>, include your email as most Church school announcements go out to the entire parish. Please list all/allergies.

**Check out our new online Church School Newsletter**  
<https://www.smore.com/tlrru>

## 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.

### Lay Advisors:

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

**Teen SOYO is asking for donations to Special Olympics which is our special collections for October.**

**Oct. 28** \*Teen SOYO Mtg./to follow Liturgy/discuss November goals & activities/Serge Malooley Conf. Rm..

## 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 amall7m@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](mailto: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!

## 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.

## ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE

The Antiochian Women are sponsoring a bake sale the day of the election, November 6th, in the church hall. They are asking all bakers to lend a helping hand by making your favorite baked goods both ethnic and American. **Forms are located in the Narthex on the glass tables.** BAKED GOODS CAN BE DELIVERED TO THE DESIGNATED TABLE IN THE CHURCH HALL ON SUNDAY AFTER LITURGY, NOVEMBER 4TH, AND MONDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 5TH FROM 4-7 P.M. Please contact Bette Adam if you have any questions.

## "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, November 8, 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 [frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org](mailto:frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org), Fr. Luke at [frluke@peterpaulpotomac.org](mailto:frluke@peterpaulpotomac.org) or Kate Niewenhaus at [handmaidens20854@gmail.com](mailto:handmaidens20854@gmail.com).

## 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 ([georgezaki@gmail.com](mailto:georgezaki@gmail.com) or [ajmzaki@gmail.com](mailto:ajmzaki@gmail.com)), Alex Cox at ([alexcoxells@gmail.com](mailto:alexcoxells@gmail.com)) or Fr. Isaac at ([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.

## PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY REMINDER

Please remember to sign up to take your family/individual picture over the coming few Sundays. The pictures are taken right after the liturgy inside the church. Please check in with the bookstore across from the elevators. Please use the following link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945A4A823ABFF2-parish2>  
**Questions?** email: [FrLuke@peterpaulpotomac.org](mailto:FrLuke@peterpaulpotomac.org) OR call: 301-765-3400 ext. 2.

## 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](mailto:afannoney@aol.com) or (301) 385-3397.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

Oct 28	*Special Collections/Teen SOYO Special Olympics *Teen SOYO Mtg. following Liturgy/Serge Malooley Conf. Rm.
Nov 04	*Antiochian Village "Camp" Liturgy (every 1st Sunday of the month) *Daylight Savings Time
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 02	*Antiochian Village "Camp" Liturgy (every 1st Sunday of the month)
Dec 16	*Choir Christmas Concert/following Liturgy *The Order of St. Ignatius dinner following the Choir Concert
Dec 22	*Baptism/Aryana Sahouri/1:30p

## THE EPISTLE

(For the Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost)

*Thou, O Lord, shalt preserve us and keep us from this generation.*

*Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared.*

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (6:11-18)**

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the Law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all, who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

## THE GOSPEL

(For the Seventh Sunday of Luke)

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:41-56)**

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As Jesus went, the people pressed round Him. And a woman, who had had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had spent all her living upon physicians, and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind Him, and touched the fringe of His garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround Thee and press upon Thee! And Thou sayest, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Someone touched Me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from Me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before Him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed. And Jesus said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While Jesus was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when Jesus came to the house, He permitted no one to enter with Him, except Peter and James and John, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but Jesus said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand Jesus called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and Jesus directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

## 2019 STEWARDSHIP DRIVE

The Stewardship Committee is launching our 2019 stewardship drive today. Please support your church with your time, talents and treasure and fill out a stewardship form in paper (located in the Narthex) or online at [peterpaulpotomac.elexiochms.com](http://peterpaulpotomac.elexiochms.com). **Please** make the commitment to **support** the Church through your generous free-will donation. If you have any questions or need more information, please see a member of the Stewardship committee member or in the fellowship hall for more information. Thank you for your support!

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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

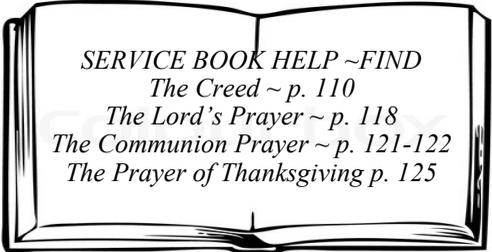
**Orthodox Christians**  
Faithful Orthodox fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when they receive Holy Communion in fulfillment of Christ's command to eat His Body and drink His Blood. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, communicants should not be conscious of grave 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.

**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



**Parishioners who remain in our prayers continually**

Rt. Rev. Fr. Elias Bitar	Margaret Ashley	Mary Smith
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George & Joan Abraham	Lula Brown	Douglas Kalesh
Michael Buchko, Sr.	Edward Rizkallah	Dorothy Marge
Leila Khoury	Shoke George	Suad Shammas
Assad & Patricia Khoury	Bob & Shirley Neri	

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Nadim Zarour	David Saa	John Abraham
Tammy Alvarez	Elizabeth Khalil	Ances Mokhiber
Stephanie Hatmaker	Josephine Lofgren	George & Joanna Khoury
Kozlov Family	Saah Family	Sandra Ayoub
Lorna Malooley	Bellone Family	
Melia Michael	Amal Michael	
Lena, Jean, Jackie & Joey Yaacoub		
Ronda, Jim, Michael & Carly Strmac		
Laurice, Michael, Luke & Isabelle Nassif		

**DEPARTED**  
Fr. George Rados  
Fr. Alister Anderson  
Venise Yussif Kaffoury  
Isa Saleh  
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Venise Yussif Kaffoury  
Edmond Neam  
Sadie Hier  
Selwa Khoury  
Robert G. Issa  
Helen Laux  
John Mackie  
Paul Lewis Sheldon  
Issa J. Michael

**Memorial Services**  
Fr. Alister Anderson  
Selwa Khoury  
Robert G. Issa  
Helen Laux  
John Mackie  
Paul Lewis Sheldon  
Issa J. Michael

**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 for remembering to put spare change in our OCMC mission box. The 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 leave soon for their short term mission trip November 9-18. Thank you!  
--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!

**HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:**  
Ranier & Jamilee Bellone & Family

**FELLOWSHIP OFFERED BY:**  
Laurice & Michael Nassif & Amal Michael / 1-yr Memorial for Issa J. Michael