

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
29 Oct	Katia & Daniel Nssif Rana & Salim Habayeb	Katia & Daniel Nssif Rana & Salim Habayeb
05 Nov	Bashar & Rana Callas	Teen SOYO/Za'atar Sale
12 Nov	Alganesh & Michael Piechocinski	Open
19 Nov	George Family	George Family
26 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 vestibule.

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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 29, 2017

**TONE 4 / EOTHINON 10**

#### TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & SEVENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

VENERABLE MARTYR ANASTASIA THE ROMAN; VENERABLE ABRAHAM AND HIS NIECE MARY OF MESOPOTAMIA; NEW HIEROMARTYR ATHANASIOS OF SPARTA; VENERABLE MARTYR TIMOTHY OF ESPHIGMENOU MONASTERY ON ATHOS; ABRAHAM, BISHOP OF ROSTOV

#### RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 4)

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 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.

*If you want to serve God, prepare your heart not for food, not for drink, not for rest, not for ease, but for suffering, so that you may endure all temptations, trouble and sorrow.*

*St. Sergius of Radonezh*

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## WHY GO TO CHURCH?

### THE GREAT THIRST

Why go to church? People may give various answers:

- *I like being there.*
- *Someone expects me to be there.*
- *I meet my friends or my family there.*
- *I feel inspired when I go there.*

People also give various reasons not to go to church:

- *I don't like it there.*
- *I can pray on my own better outside of church.*
- *I want to sleep in.*
- *I'm busy.*
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But none of these answers addresses the real reason we *need* to go to church. The Orthodox Church gives this answer: We are born *thirsty*.

Anyone who has been around a newborn baby knows this, especially mothers. This thirst is unmistakable in a purely physical sense, in that we are always in need of drink, but it is even more urgent in a spiritual sense. We are always in need of *divine* drink. Without this supply of life from the divine Source, we go thirsty. We may be able to function for a while, but eventually we grow weak and incapable of spiritual activity. Whether we are even aware of who we really are in physical or spiritual terms, the truth is that we are not complete in ourselves. We have need of infinity, of inexhaustible completeness, in order to keep ourselves whole.

God made us this way. Some may argue that was a cruel thing to do, to create us so that we are lacking something, so we do not inherently have immortality without contribution from an outside source. But this argument either betrays an ignorance of the joy we can obtain from a proper understanding of what it means to be human, or it represents a dark and sinister vision of our humanity.

Let's think about this: If we wish God had made us self-sustaining, whole in ourselves, without the great thirst, we are wishing to be utterly and wholly alone. The only possible ethic to be built on a sense of *exclusive* personal being is an antisocial one. All the things human beings see as worthwhile—love, compassion, hope, faith, kindness, self-sacrifice, heroism—only make sense if practiced in the context of relationship. These noble virtues all presume a human person stepping outside himself in order to believe in, to act toward, and to connect with the Other. A human person without the great thirst is a person unconcerned, isolated, divided, and deeply selfish.

Our incompleteness is therefore a blessing from God. But even if we do not believe that, it is nevertheless the way we are made. Even before Adam and Eve's sin, which distorted human life, God made us to have a desire to connect with Him and with each other. The thirst for communion is not the imposition of a God who cannot bear to have other self-sufficient beings in His universe. Rather, this design is exactly what reveals to us the divine stamp on mankind, that we are made according to His image. God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three Persons having one Being, the Holy Trinity. The very nature of God is to be in communion. We resemble His Trinitarian life in that we, too, have our fullness in communion. And the truest way we can have communion with God is in worship.

*Fr. Andrew S. Damick*

*(Part 1 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).

### 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

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](mailto: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](mailto:frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org) or Kate Niewenhous at [handmaidens20854@gmail.com](mailto: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](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.

### CHURCH CALENDAR

- 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
- \*Leo Robles/Baptism/1:30p
- Nov 10 \*Office closed/Veterans' Day
- Nov 11 \*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
- Dec 03 \*V.R. Fr. George M. Rados/40-day Memorial
- Dec 09 \*Boston Byzantine Choir/6p-8p (more Details to follow)
- Dec 12 \*Parish Council Meeting/7p/LL Conf. Rm.

### 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 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 anymore." 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.

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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

## Parishioners who remain in our prayers continually

Margaret Ashley	Brian Briggs	Mary Smith
Helen White	Isabel Threddeh	George Brown
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His Grace Bishop ANTOUN (Khoury)  
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 Imad Habayeb  
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 Badih Wakim  
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Fr. Anthony Yazge & family	Andrew Gavin
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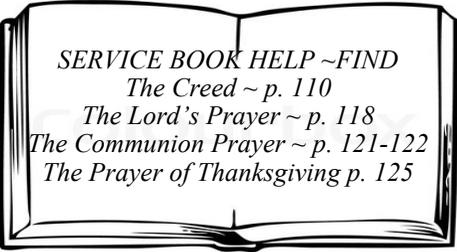
**Orthodox Christians**  
 Faithful Orthodox fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when they receive Holy Communion in fulfillment of Christ's command to eat His Body and drink His Blood. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, communicants should not be conscious of grave 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.



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**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