

| | Bread of Holy Oblation | Fellowship Hour |
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| 30 Oct | Joyce Kogok/5-yr Memorial for Dick Kogok & 40-Day Memorial for Richie Kogok | Tammy & Everett Alvarez |
| 06 Nov | Open | open |
| 13 Nov | Jamila Taweelel & Family | Fannoney Family |
| 20 Nov | open | Nadir & Silvia Tawil |
| 27 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.

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 30, 2016

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

&

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

THE HOLY MARTYRS ZENOBIUS AND ZENOBIA

APOSTLES CLEOPAS AND ARTEMAS OF THE SEVENTY; VENERABLE JOSEPH AND KYRIAKOS, PATRIARCHS OF CONSTANTINOPLE; THERAPONT AND JOHN THE WONDERWORKERS; STEPHEN MILUTIN THE SERBIAN KING

APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRECTION (Tone 2)

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF SS. ZENOBIUS AND ZENOBIA (Tone 4)

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.

Prayer is the language of the next world. Sooner or later, we will have to live in that world. When we go to another country to live there, we must speak the language. In order to learn the language of the age to come, we must pray.

St. Sergei of Vanves

ORTHODOX TRADITION AND FAMILY LIFE

Sister Magdalen

The Upbringing of Children (con't.)

In daily life, this means that each child is to be treated as unique. The child's real worth stems from his or her personal existence, and not from any particular talents or personality traits. Indeed, it may be harmful to confuse personhood and personality, because the latter often includes characteristics that are negative and 'passionate' — that is, a destructive distortion of human energies. The true person, as God wills and calls him or her by name (Revelation 2:17 and Philippians 4:3), is the 'I' which loves God and other people, not the 'T' which demands the gratification of sinful desires. A strong personality may be one full of egoism. Christian parents, above all by example, will try to encourage humility, service, unselfishness and obedience, as well as courage and self-discipline.

St John of Kronstadt, along with other ecclesiastical writers, urges great attentiveness so that children learn to distinguish between right and wrong from a young age.

Do not neglect to uproot from the hearts of children the tares of sins, impure, evil and blasphemous thoughts, sinful habits, inclinations and passions; the enemy and the sinful flesh do not spare even children; the seeds of all sins are to be found in children too. Show them all the danger of sin on the path of life; do not hide sins from them lest through ignorance and want of comprehension they should be confirmed in sinful habits and attachments, which grow stronger and stronger and bring forth corresponding fruits when the children grow up.

St John of Kronstadt, *My Life in Christ* (Holy Trinity Monastery, Jordanville, 1984).

In training their children, parents will try to be guided even in everyday decisions by prayer for enlightenment and discernment. Is the answer to be 'yes' or 'no'? Is a lesson necessary now or should I wait until another time? Is this a moment to show indulgence, or to show anger? (Anger, not meant here as the passionate state of irritation or rage, but as a pedagogical tool when gentle words of explanation, warning or reproach have not sufficed.) 'Lord, enlighten me!'

Parents are recommended to pray every morning in words such as these: 'O Lord our God, thou knowest this thy child, his heart his needs, his future. Guide me at all times, and do not let me harm him by any error in my dealings with him today.'

If a faithful Christian parent has to impose his will on a child, it will be for the sake of the child — for example, to avert danger or to ensure that the child learns obedience. Authority in parents is one of the factors providing security for a child; Scripture itself teaches honour and obedience to parents. But authority should not mean 'power', or the suppression of a child's individuality; it is for guidance, not for tyranny. Obedience, itself an expression of love, develops with maturity. At the beginning it has to mean: 'do as you are told'; by adulthood it means: 'prefer the will of another out of love'.

St John Chrysostom, writing in the fourth century, suggests mealtimes as a good occasion to speak with children and to introduce stories and examples from Scripture and the lives of godly people into their lives. A Christian family will make occasions to be together, to eat together, to speak together.

It is worth every effort and sacrifice to give time to listen to children. How can parents give them the vital experience of being unconditionally loved and treasured if their own timetable allows perhaps ten minutes of 'quality time' per day? When a conflict of opinion arises, how can parents deal with it fairly if argument is the only form of dialogue they have had with the child for a fortnight? Such practical issues cannot be neatly solved by any recipe. But neither can they be ignored by parents for selfish reasons. Parenthood means giving children a lot of time over many years.

A good relationship with children makes real dialogue possible. In the case of older children, this is their anchor as they learn to use more and more freedom of choice, so that they can leave home ready to find and do the will of God in every situation. If parents feel something had better be forbidden to a teenager, they will be able to explain, and sometimes also to make compromises or set conditions, so as to develop the child's sense of responsibility. Their opinions will only have weight if they have a real relationship with their children. Christian discernment about all that the world has to offer cannot be learnt in a straitjacket.

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, Youth Month—Teen SOYO will serve as greeters, read the Epistle, and collect offerings.

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. For more information contact Jad Ibrahim Jr. at jad.ibrahim.jr@gmail.com, Amber Bennett at benett.amberrose@gmail.com, Lizzy Cassar or Dn. Christian Manasseh at dnchristian@peterpaulpotomac.org.

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

Antiochian Women Christmas Charity Outreach

Donations are being sought for the homeless and shut-ins and for gift baskets and backpacks as an outreach ministry program. Please give generously to this good cause and come and join the Antiochian women in assembling the baskets and backpacks on Sunday, December 4 during coffee hour.

Nov 08

*Election Day Bake Sale (see next column)

Dec 03

*Wreath Making (more details to follow)

Dec 04

*Backpacks & baskets for the homeless & Shut-ins. Parish Service Event (see flyer on round table in Narthex)

Dec 10

*Ladies Christmas Luncheon (more details to follow)

ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE

The Ladies Club is sponsoring a bake sale the day of the election, November 8th, in the church hall. We are asking all bakers to lend a helping hand by making your favorite baked goods both ethnic and American. Contact Bette Adam, email address johnbette@aol.com, with the name of the items you plan to donate. BAKED GOODS CAN BE DELIVERED TO THE DESIGNATED TABLE IN THE CHURCH HALL ON SUNDAY FOLLOWING LITURGY, NOVEMBER 6TH, AND MONDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 7TH, FROM 4-8 P.M. PLEASE INCLUDE A LIST OF ALL INGREDIENTS (I.E., EGGS, NUTS) WITH YOUR DONATION.

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

“Exploring Our Faith” will meets 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 using brief presentations as a springboard to open discussion on a wide range of topics concerning our Faith. Please contact Fr. Isaac at friisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org or Kate Nienewhous at 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 or ajmzaki@gmail.com), Alex Cox (alexcoxells@gmail.com) or Fr. Isaac (friisaac@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...

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| 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/Koksal Wedding/3p |
| Nov 05-06* | Midnight—Daylight Savings Time ends |
| Nov 08 | *Election Day Bake Sale/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 *Ladies Christmas Luncheon |
| Dec 10 | *Christmas Sunday School Play |
| Dec 11 | *St. Ignatius Luncheon to follow Sunday School play |

THE EPISTLE

(For the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

*The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me severely.
The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (11:31-12:9)*

Brethren, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, He Who is blessed forever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who 14 years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.” I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Fifth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (16:19-31)

The Lord said, “There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

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 or contact Lama Najjar at 703-385-2182/info@stgeorgefoundation.org

Reservation Deadline: October 31, 2016

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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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.

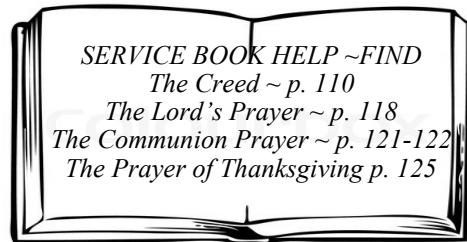
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- 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.



HOLYBREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:

Joyce Kogok

5-year Memorial for Dick Kogok & 40-day Memorial for Richie Kogok

MEMORIAL WHEAT

Madelyn Nader

5-year Memorial for Dick Kogok & 40-day Memorial for Richie Kogok

FELLOWSHIP OFFERED BY:

Tammy & Everett Alvarez

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 Thredreh
Edmond & Sophie Neam
George & Joan Abraham
Barbara Abraham
Everett Alvarez

May Fillah
Helen White
Holly Dubois
Tlesia Yonkers
Lulu Brown
Mary Smith
Thelma Badwey

LIVING

Archpriest George & Family
Kh. Stephanie Yazge
Kathy & Gabriel Habib
The Family of Nicholas White
Debbie Brown
Jackie Bottash
Michael Rae
Lucy Sokol
The Alvarez Family
The Badwey Family
Joyce Kogok & Family

Victor Joubran
Marie Hyder
Leena Haddad
Dr. Eyad Hamameh
Joe & Sheryl Gangi
Mona Ayoub & Family
Janice
Madelyn, Mitch, Andrea, Kate Nader
George & Sam Brown
Basil Crow
Jonathan, Jihan, & Baby Julian Farmand

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

Richie Kogok
Richard Kogok
Nicholas White
Fred Ayoub
Evelyn Baxley
Jack Bottash
Silvia Yova
Mitchell Nader
Mufid Ayoub
Alex, Sadie, Thomas,
& Harry Hier

STEWARSHIP CORNER

Theology of Giving Series – Week 44 – October 30, 2016

Word, February, 2003, "Stewardship," Nick Hathaway ... When we stand in church, we stand among a gallery of stewards. Everywhere you look you will see the face of a steward. On the iconostasis there are many stewards. In fact, all of the saints were stewards. Their lives stand as models for all of us."

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>