

	<b>BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION</b>	<b>FELLOWSHIP HOUR</b>
<b>01 Nov</b>	Alganesh Piechocinski & FSJD 40-day Memorial for Renee Moorad	FSJD 40-day Memorial for Renee Moorad
<b>08-Nov</b>	Assaf Family	Assaf Family
<b>15- Nov</b>	Debi Abdow-Addis	George & Calema Abdow & Family
<b>22 Nov</b>	The Family of Fadel Taweel	The Family of Fadel Taweel
<b>29 Nov</b>	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, NOVEMBER 1, 2015**

**TONE 5/ EOTHINON 11**

### **HOLY UNMERCENARIES COSMAS AND DAMIAN OF ASIA & FIFTH SUNDAY OF LUKE**

THEODOTA, THE UNMERCENARIES' MOTHER; VENERABLE-MARTYR JAMES AND HIS DISCIPLES JAMES THE DEACON AND DIONYSIOS OF PRODROMOU SKETE ON ATHOS; VENERABLE DAVID OF EVIA IN GREECE

#### **APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRESTION (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 SS. COSMAS AND DAMIAN OF ASIA (Tone 8)**

O ye silver-hating, wonderworking saints, Cosmas and Damian, visit our sicknesses. Freely ye received, freely give unto us.

#### **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.

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

The Sunday School Christmas Play will be held on December 13th immediately following Liturgy. Linda Shaheen and Barbara Bosworth have graciously volunteered to donate their time and talents to head up the production. Parents who signed up their children to participate in the Christmas Program please save the following dates:

- \* Nov 15- Costume fitting
- \* Nov 22 -Costume fitting and rehearsal (No Sunday School on this day)
- \* Dec. 6- ST Nicholas workshop - Practice before the workshop
- \* Dec. 13- Christmas Play

Students that did not sign up ahead of time to participate will be invited to sit in the audience and sing along with the carols.

## THE WITNESS OF THE CHURCH IN A PLURALISTIC WORLD: THEOLOGICAL RENAISSANCE IN THE CHURCH OF ANTIOCH

NICOLAS ABOU MRAD

Within the circles of committed and educated youth, the MJO has triggered a large scale re-thinking of the Church's witness and its role in society, and of the interaction between the Church and the challenges of modern trends and thoughts. The MJO has produced a number of authors who, in their turn, have enriched it with their insights.

Costi Bendali (born 1926) is probably the most prolific author whose name is closely associated with the MJO. Originally a specialist in applied psychology with a doctorate from the University of Lyon DI (France), Bendali has dedicated his writing to reconsidering the relation of the latest approaches in psychology, philosophy and education to religious awareness and commitment. Bendali's fundamental premise is that faith constitutes a principal dimension in human existence. His *Fasting and Orality*, for example, is a remarkable attempt to study Orthodox asceticism making critical use of the contribution of human sciences. In a clear allusion to Freud, he speaks of fasting as a means to liberate the 'desire' from the 'needs' within which the culture of 'consumption' wants to confine it. Desire would thus be freed to return to its origin, namely to become a desire of God, an aspiration to perfection. In this way, desire opens up to *agape* so as to become a loving attitude towards the beings and the things of the world.

In *Shadows and Splendours of the Spirit of Childhood*, Bendali embarks on a critical reading of a narrow and biased psychoanalysis, which claims that faith is a mere echoing of people's childhood need for authority. Bendali distinguishes between childhood as understood in Jesus' saying that believers should be like children to inherit the Kingdom of God (cf. Mt 5:5), and childishness as a vague inclination towards a self-centred existence led by instincts. The spirit of childhood, according to Bendali, must accompany human beings throughout their lives, so that they may look at the divine mysteries with transparency and admiration. Genuine spiritual childhood enables humans to be aware and watchful, so that they may free themselves from childishness. Once the human being is liberated from childishness, he will be able to go beyond the self and await the perfection that comes from God.

In the field of education, Bendali believes that the ultimate goal is to lead human beings to the resurrected Christ. Whether it is religious, scientific, social, civic or sexual, education must respect the dignity of the human being and his vocation to be the image of God, regardless of religion and race. Costi Bendali has also written several remarkably accessible expositions of the Orthodox faith, which have made him one of the most popular authors within MJO circles.

Ecclesial concerns have also preoccupied other leading figures of the modern renaissance in Antioch, such as Georges Nahas (former MJO Secretary and now Vice President of the University of Balamand and Dean of the St John of Damascus Faculty of Theology). In his *Come and See*, Nahas considers the active presence of the Church in the world and warns of the danger of falling into 'institutionalism' in the management of church affairs. 'Institutionalism', according to Nahas, arises from the influence of secular thought on the life of the Church. He reminds his readers that the Church's main role is the sanctification of human beings in their daily life, and this cannot be accomplished through mere forms. Neglecting the 'essence' in prayer, fasting, celebration of feasts or sacraments, or in financial matters, leads to a rigid 'formalism' which will eventually nullify the Church's witness to Christ. The Church in the world must be a milieu of revelation, through a life of humility and sacrifice in its service and obedience to its Lord.

With a prophetic spirit, Nahas invites the Orthodox Church in Antioch to be aware of the human, technical and intellectual changes that are taking place around it, to dispose of many residues from the past and find new ways of witnessing. The Church's vocation to witness requires it to reconsider its educational approaches, seeking less to inform the people than to strengthen them in Christ. All Christians are invited by God to a life of holiness; education must be practised in a way that respects this divine call.

The educationalist and former MJO General Secretary, Chafiq Haydar, also stresses the fact that Christian education presupposes the freedom of the person. Its goal is to help the person to discover him- or herself and his or her value as the image of God, and to learn to live out the freedom which this entails. Church educational institutions should be built upon the basis of love and service so that they become places where human beings can meet God and know his holy face.

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# Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News & Events

## ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S UPDATE

We will soon start collecting during November toilettries for *Bethesda Cares Backpacks*. The final due date is December 13. Please be generous for this worthy cause.

### Nov 8

\* We have extended the the date to submit recipes for an updated "Traditions" section of the cookbook until November 8. We would like to expand the recipe selection to include all the cultural backgrounds which compose and enrich Ss. Peter and Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church. If you have a traditional recipe from your family's background and culture, we invite you to submit it. Forms can be found on the round table in the narthex or you can submit your recipe to [handmaidens20854@gmail.com](mailto:handmaidens20854@gmail.com).

### Nov. 8

\* **Antiochian Women's Pot Luck Luncheon @12:30.** Our guest speaker will be photographer Rania Razek. Please be prompt.

### Nov 14

\* **"Mini Retreat" Open to All, The Art of Spiritual Letter Writing from 1p -3p, LL Hall.** Child Care provided for 10--ages 3+. Please RSVP Kate Niewenhaus at [handmaidens20854@gmail.com](mailto:handmaidens20854@gmail.com)

## THE AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR SAINT GEORGE HOSPITAL

The American Foundation for Saint George Hospital is holding its Annual Gala on November 7, 2015 at the Andrew Mellon Auditorium in Washington, DC, and honoring Nada Anid, PhD and Dr. Joseph B. Touma. There will be a special tribute to H.E. Antoine Chedid, Ambassador of Lebanon to the United States. The evening will feature an electrifying and thrilling performance by renowned Tenor Amine Hachem and his band. For information and Tickets: [www.stgeorgefoundation.org/gala2015](http://www.stgeorgefoundation.org/gala2015) or contact Lama Najjar: 703-385-2182/[info@stgeorgefoudation.org](mailto:info@stgeorgefoudation.org).

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

*Calling all Church members...*

Stop by our Membership table, which will be up every second Sunday of each month after Church in the Fellowship hall to:

Drop off your business card

Smile for our cameras

Fill out your membership form

Fill out your annual pledge form

Sign up to work with us!

The Stewardship Committee's mission is to inspire our Parish members to give of their time, talent and resources.

*"Give and it will be given to you" Luke 6:38*

## "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" meets every other Thursday evening from 7:15pm to 8:30pm in the lower level conference room. 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. The next meeting is Thursday, November 12, 2015. ALL ARE WELCOME

### Upcoming events...

Nov 01	Daylight Savings Time
Nov 01	40-Day Memorial for Renee Moorad
Nov 05	<b>POSTPONED UNTIL 11-12-15</b> Adult Forum/ Exploring our Faith.
Nov 6-8	YES (Youth Equipped to Serve) is coming to DC @St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church
Nov 7	Arabic Language Class/10a-12:30p/LL Conf. Rm. Arabic Liturgy @5:00pm
Nov 8	Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon/LL Hall/12:30p
Nov. 10	Parish Council mtg/7pm/LL Conf. Rm.
Nov 11	Church offices closed for Veteran's Day
Nov 12	Adult Ed Forum/Exploring our Faith/LL Conf. Rm/7:15pm
Nov 14	*Arabic Language Class/10a-12:30p/LL Conf.Rm *Antiochian Women Mini Retreat/1p-3p/LL Hall/ The Art of Spiritual Writing *Teens to attend Vespers Service @5:00p followed by an Ask Abouna session w/Father Isaac. dinner and possible game night to follow.
Nov 15	Start of Advent Nativity Fast
Nov 18	Young Adult Fellowship Study Group (FSJD) 8:00pm @2 off-site locations. See Bulletin insert for specific details
Nov 20	Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos @7:00pm
Nov 21	Arabic Language Class/10a-12:30p/LL Conf. Rm.
Nov 24	Men's Club Mtg/7:30pm/LL Conf. Rm.
Nov 26	Thanksgiving offices closed
Nov 28	Arabic classes cancelled
Dec. 10	Adult Ed Forum/Exploring our Faith/LL Conf. Rm/7:15pm

## EPISTLE

(For Ss. Cosmas and Damian of Asia)

*In the saints that are in His earth hath the Lord been wondrous.*

*I beheld the Lord ever before me.*

**The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (12:27-13:8)**

Brethren, you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the Church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, then healers, helpers, administrators, speakers in various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

## 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.'"

**Fathers and Mothers: Go and lead your child by the hand into the Church**

Or-

**St. John Chrysostom**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Directors

Samia Zolnerowich  
Jennifer Buchko

### Teachers

Jumana Misleh  
Susan Kozlov  
Michelle Zook  
Razan Abdallah  
Christine Morin  
Lara Bellone  
Amber Bennett  
Caroline Jarboe  
Saleem Mokhiber  
Stephen Zolnerowich  
Anees Mokhiber

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# Commemorations

**thodox 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

**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.

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

## LIVING

### Parishioners who remain in our prayers continually

Margaret Ashley	Edmond Neam
May Fillah	Richie Kogok
Issa & Suad Shammass	Brian Briggs
Lulu & George Brown	Robert Simon
Bertha Aed	Isabel Threddeh
Thelma & Bob Badwey	Holly Dubois

## DEPARTED

Fr. John Tavlarides  
 Renee Moorad  
 Catherine Hamaty Bolus  
 Sadie Hier  
 Fred Ayoub

**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

Josephine Lofgren	Salwa Gabro
Sally Ruffin	Robert Dubois
Nouha Aramouni	Joan Lanciani
Bill Dora, Jr.	Linda Dora Elkanich
Joe, Donna & Alexandra Gavin	Richie Ayoub
The Fellowship of St. John the Divine	
Friends & Family of Renee Moorad	
Maha Assaleh	
Randy Moorad	
Alganesh Pierchocinski	
Sarah Pierchocinski	
Laila Mokhiber	
The Family of Catherine Hamaty Bolus	
Barbara Abraham	
Kevin Speier	

### HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:

Alganesh Pierchocinski and FSJD  
 40-Day Memorial for Renee Moorad

### MEMORIAL WHEAT

Maha Assaleh (Renee's mother)  
 40-Day Memorial for Renee Moorad

### FELLOWSHIP HOUR OFFERED BY:

Fellowship of St. John the Divine  
 40-Day Memorial for Renee Moorad