

| | Bread of Holy Oblation | Fellowship Hour |
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| 04 Nov | Habib & Hind Debs/IMO Venise Youssef Kfoury | Habib & Hind Debs/IMO Venise Youssef Kfoury |
| 11 Nov | Everett & Tammy Alvarez Saleh Family/40-Day Isa Saleh-Memorial Wheat | Abe & Susan Fannoney/In honor of our Veterans Saleh Family/40-Day for Isa Saleh |
| 18 Nov | Susan Kozlov/IMO David Hanna Saah | Susan Kozlov/IMO David Hanna Saah |
| 25 Nov | Open | Falafal/Jerry Audi |
| 02 Dec | Neam/Abdow/Boulos Families/IMO Edmond Neam | Neam/Abdow/Boulos Families/IMO Edmond Neam |

**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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All Things Are Possible to Him Who Believes

Matins: Sundays 9:30am

Divine Liturgy: Sundays 10:30am

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2018

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**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST &
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LUKE**

VENERABLE IOANIKIOS THE GREAT OF MOUNT OLYMPUS

HIEROMARTYRS NICANDER THE BISHOP OF MYRA
AND HERMIAS THE PRIEST; MARTYR PORPHYRIOS OF EPHESUS;
EMPEROR JOHN THE MERCIFUL

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 6)

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. IOANIKIOS THE GREAT (Tone 8)

The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundred-fold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father Ioanikios, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

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.

The newspapers present us daily with the Calvary of suffering humanity. Reading them should inspire us to compassion and prayer.

+Elder Sergei of Vanves

Gone is the Glory of Constantinople... But Christ Remains

Fr. George Massouh

Jesus announced that the worship of God is not tied to a specific place as God is not contained by space and He cannot be bound in an exclusive place toward which those who want to be in His presence must pray or make pilgrimage. Thus when the Samaritan woman asked Him, "Our fathers worshiped on this mountain (Gerezim in Samaria), and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship," Jesus answered her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father... the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth" (John 4:20-23).

God is present in every place and there is no place on the face of this earth from which God is absent. God is present where His people gathers in His name. The Apostle Paul affirms this when he says, "I shall dwell in them and walk among them. I shall be their God and they shall be My people" (2 Corinthians 6:16). God is a wanderer who does not settle in one place. He does not require people to come to Him in a specific place. He comes to them whenever they call upon Him and seek Him.

In this context, Saint Basil the Great (d. 379) comments on Jesus' words to the Samaritan woman and says that worship is no longer tied to a specific geographical location since the Holy Spirit has become the "place of worship". Christ also is the place of worship and the Gospel of Saint John clearly speaks of the end of worship in the temple of Jerusalem since Jesus Himself is the new "temple" and there is no need for a temple built in a city or on a mountain.

When the Jews asked Jesus for a sign, He answered them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up..." But He was speaking of the temple of His body. Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them" (John 2:18-22). Jesus came. He became man. He destroyed death. He fulfilled the prophecies. He abrogated Judaism. He ended exclusivity. He rejected being closed off. He fought racism. He established a new covenant. He made everything new.

Therefore Christianity does not believe in holy lands as opposed to non-holy lands. All the earth is called to holiness through the effort of those living upon it to sanctify themselves. Holiness belongs to humans, not to land. Man, not dust, is holy. Man-- not mountains, not lakes, not rivers, not plains-- is called to eternal life. Man-- and not any other created thing-- is the image of God, called to be His likeness. Man is the highest value, for the sake of which God created everything, not vice versa.

However, Christianity is a religion that believes in the incarnation and thus in the connection between faith and bearing witness and the local church which exists in a specific geographic space. The [Epistle to Diognetus](#) affirms the connection between these two things. This epistle was composed in the late 2nd century by an unknown Christian author for a pagan named Diognetus who held an important position in the Roman Empire and had asked the writer for a letter to explain Christianity and Christians and especially to explain the God of the Christians, how they glorify Him, and why Christians do not fear dying for their faith. The style of the *Epistle* shows that its author was a cultured person skilled in the Greek language and rhetoric in addition to theology.

The *Epistle* says, "For Christians are not distinguished from the rest of mankind either in locality or in speech or in customs. For they dwell not somewhere in cities of their own, neither do they use some different language, nor practice an extraordinary kind of life... But while they dwell in cities of Greeks and barbarians as the lot of each is cast, and follow the native customs in dress and food and the other arrangements of life, yet the constitution of their own citizenship, which they set forth, is marvelous, and confessedly contradicts expectation. They dwell in their own countries, but only as sojourners; they bear their share in all things as citizens, and they endure all hardships as strangers. Every foreign country is a fatherland to them, and every fatherland is foreign."

Gone is the glory of Antioch, where the disciples were first called Christians. Gone is the glory of Constantinople, the great capital of Orthodoxy. Gone is the glory of Cappadocia, Nicea, Ephesus, Chalcedon, Smyrna, [Rusafa](#) and Palmyra... but the glory of the Christians shall not end so long as they hold fast to faith in Jesus Christ and carry Him with them wherever they wander, wherever they are taken, wherever they settle. Jesus alone is their glory.

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/any allergies.

Check out our new online Church School Newsletter

<https://tinyurl.com/PeterPaulCSOctober>

Nov 25 No Church School
Dec 09 St. Nicholas Workshop
Dec 16 Church School Christmas Play
Dec 23 No Church School
Dec 30 No Church School

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:

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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 amal17m@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 provide your email address to Carol Laham @ claham@wileyrein.com for future notices.
- *Please prepare baked goods for our Election Day bake sale (see box below). For further information 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 LIBRARY & 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 Library & Media Center. 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, Fr. Luke at frluke@peterpaulpotomac.org or Kate Niewenhaus at 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 or ajmzaki@gmail.com), Alex Cox at (alexcoxells@gmail.com) or Fr. Isaac at (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 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 or (301) 385-3397.

CHURCH CALENDAR

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/Library & Media Center
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 11 *Parish Council Mtg./7p/Serge Malooley Conf. Rm.
Dec 16 *Church School Christmas Play
*The Order of St. Ignatius Dinner
Dec 22 *Baptism/Aryana Sahouri/1:30p
Dec 23 *Choir Christmas Concert/following Liturgy
Dec 24 *Feast of the Nativity/6:00p Matins & 7:00p Divine Liturgy
Dec 25 *Offices Closed for Christmas
Dec 26 *Baptism/Zaya & Zara Abdallah/12:00p
Dec 30 *Baptism/Eljiah T. Mitchell/1:30p

THE EPISTLE

(For the Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost)
*O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.
To Thee, O Lord, have I cried, O my God.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (2:4-10)

Brethren, God, Who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and made us sit with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God—not because of works, lest any man should boast. For, we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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.'"

Antiochian Village "Camp" Liturgy

Today, 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.

2019 STEWARDSHIP DRIVE

The Stewardship Committee is launching our 2019 stewardship drive. 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.elxiochms.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

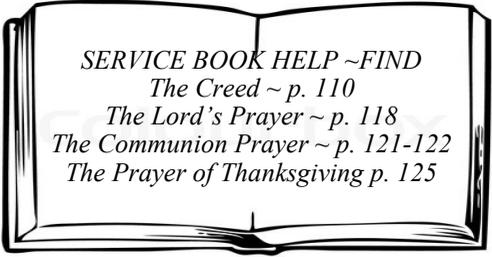
Orthodox Christians
Faithful Orthodox fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when they receive Holy Communion in fulfillment of Christ's command to eat His Body and drink His Blood. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, communicants should not be conscious of grave sin,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

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| Rt. Rev. Fr. Elias Bitar | Margaret Ashley | Mary Smith |
| Isabel Threddeh | George Brown | Nabeeha Ayoub |
| Everett Alvarez | Holly Dubois | Robert & Thelma Badwey |
| Sophie Neam | Miriam Yazge | Barbara Abraham |
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| Michael Buchko, Sr. | Edward Rizkallah | Dorothy Marge |
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| Assad & Patricia Khoury | Bob & Shirley Neri | |

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David H. Saah
Edmond Neam
Josephine Lofgren
Venise Youssef Kfoury
Edma Kfoury
Margo Kfoury
Edouard Debs

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| Wayne Parr | Gaelle Browning | |
| Erika David | | |

Memorial Services
Venise Youssef Kfoury
followed by a Memorial Fellowship
Lunch offered by Mr. & Mrs.
Habib Debs and
family.

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:
Habib & Hind Debs/In Memory of Venise Youssef Kfoury

FELLOWSHIP OFFERED BY:
Habib & Hind Debs/In Memory of Venise Youssef Kfoury

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!

