

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
06 Nov	Khouriye Dolly Crow	Abdallah & Razen Daoud
13 Nov	Jamila Taweel & Family 40-Day Memorial for Nicholas White	Fannoney Family
20 Nov	open	Nadir & Silvia Tawil
27 Nov	Michael & Laila Elaraj & Family Bruce & Reema Fekrat	Michael & Laila Elaraj & Family Bruce & Reema Fekrat
04 Dec	Slanta & Bosworth Families In honor of Alexandra's 3rd. Birthday & IMO St. Nicholas	Slanta & Bosworth Families In honor of Alexandra's 3rd. Birthday & IMO St. Nicholas

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 6, 2016

TONE 3/EOTHINON 9

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & SEVENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

PAUL THE CONFESSOR, ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE

VENERABLE LUKE OF SICILY; PAUL OF CORINTH, THE FOOL-FOR-CHRIST;
MARTYR NICANDER;

VENERABLE BARLAAM OF KHUTYN; HERMAN, BISHOP OF KAZAN

APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRECTION (Tone 3)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. PAUL THE CONFESSOR (Tone 3)

Thy confession of the one divine Faith * showed thee to the Church to be a new Paul * and a zealot among priests, O holy one. * The righteous blood both of Abel and Zachary * with thee doth cry out together unto the Lord. * Righteous Father, intercede with Christ God in our behalf * that His Great Mercy may be granted 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.

Forget your good deeds as soon as possible... Do not record your good deeds, for if you record them, they will soon fade. But if you forget them, they will be written in eternity.

St. Nicholas of Serbia

ORTHODOX TRADITION AND FAMILY LIFE

Sister Magdalen

The Upbringing of Children (con't.)

Parents of teenagers especially, will spend much time in prayer for their children, and they will struggle to emphasize essential matters, such as faith in Christ as God, or prayer, even at the risk of a period of relative negligence on 'secondary' issues? To give a concrete example, a parent may decide against insisting that an adolescent go without meat on a Friday, and may even avoid mentioning it at all, if that seems best in that particular case at that time. Nothing of eternal value is achieved by using force against another. God himself has this problem with all of us...

The venerable Elder Porphyrios used to say, when parents complained that their children would not listen to them: 'It's because you tried to tell your daughter before you'd told the Mother of God', or, 'if you can't speak to your child about God, speak to God about your child', or, 'it's because you yourself are not at peace and at prayer — put yourself right and everything will change in your house.' Spouses who communicate well between each other will also set a healthy tone for communication between generations.

Practising Orthodox teenagers may differ from the average teenager today, but this is principally because, unlike the majority, they have a relationship with God. They have many tastes in common with their contemporaries. One mother once told me: 'The walls of my son's room tell you all about him. On one side the football posters, on the other side the icons.' St John Chrysostom wrote for parents, in his book, *On the Education of Children*: 'Bring up an athlete for Christ; and teach [your son] to have, living in the world, fear of God from his youth.'

Externally viewed, there are many areas of overlap between Christian daily life and the life of our fellow-citizens. In the second-century Letter to Diognetus, the writer says:

The difference between Christians and the rest of mankind is not a matter of nationality, or language, or customs. Christians do not live apart in separate cities of their own, speak any special dialect, nor practise any eccentric way of life... They pass their lives in whatever township each man's lot has determined; and conform to local usage in their clothing, diet, and other habits. Nonetheless... their community does exhibit some features that are remarkable, and even surprising... They obey the prescribed laws, but in their own private lives they transcend the laws. Letter to Diognetus (translated by M. Staniforth, *Early Christian Writings*, Penguin 1995).

In families where there are school-age children, the main area of overlap is the school environment. However, the values the school tries to inculcate are not necessarily always in accordance with the Spirit of truth. Peer pressure can also create value-conflicts for the child. This is a domain where Christian parents need a lot of effort. to know the school, to attend the school functions, to ensure that any issues can be fearlessly discussed at home, to show appreciation for the school's positive contribution to the child's development, to offer hospitality to the child's school friends, and so on.

Often the children of a Christian family — and not only in the case of immigrants from another country — find themselves leading a kind of double life. In a sense, Christians in the world are doing just that they belong to the earthly and the heavenly spheres — but children need help to hold all their experiences together under God.

Thus we return in thought to the Church's services, which do precisely that. There are even prayer services for particular situations: for the sick, for the blessing of homes and cars and crops, for travellers, for times of distress, at the deathbed, for the beginning of a child's schooling and so on. The Divine Liturgy itself includes petitions for many specific occasions and needs.

The services also make intercession for all the world, and there is, equally, a universal dimension in Christian family life. Followers of Christ are called to be the 'salt of the earth' (Matthew 5.13). The 'savour of Christ' (2 Corinthians 2.15) really can be an ingredient in contemporary family life. When it is, the family itself benefits, and those who come into contact with the family benefit; but also, because humans share one nature, all of humanity can benefit. Each family can contribute to the transfiguration of the world by abiding in the grace of God, which is living and active today and forever.

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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

Nov. 11-13 (Friday, 5:00 p.m. - Sunday, 1:00 p.m.)

YES Trip led by FOCUS North America at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, 4335 16th Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20011. For those students age 13 through college. Cost is \$150 per person. Teen SOYO to pay half the cost for its members. A wonderful way to serve those in need.

Nov. 20-Dec. 31

Teens collecting donations for the parish Christmas card.

Dec. 4

Teen SOYO monthly meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Dec 10

Christmas caroling for the elderly in the Church. 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 this meeting this Sunday following the Liturgy.** The fellowship is planning a number of activities for the new year including resumption of its study group meetings, potluck dinners, and Orthodoxy-on-Tap get togethers. For more information contact Jad Ibrahim Jr. at jad.ibrahim.jr@gmail.com, Amber Bennett at bennett.amberrose@gmail.com, Lizzy Cassar or Dn. Christian Manasseh at dncristian@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 insert & 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 meet every other Thursday evening from **7:15pm to 8:30pm** in the lower level conference room. The next meeting is **Thursday, November 17, 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 frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org or Kate Niewenhouse 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 (alexcoxseils@gmail.com) or Fr. Isaac (frisaac@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...

- Nov 05-06*Midnight—Daylight Savings Time ends
- *Young Adult Fellowship Mtg. to follow Liturgy
- 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
- *Teen SOYO mtg. to follow Liturgy
- Dec 10 *Ladies Christmas Luncheon
- *Teen SOYO Christmas Caroling
- Dec 11 *Christmas Sunday School Play
- *St. Ignatius Luncheon to follow Sunday School play

THE EPISTLE

(For the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost)

Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Clap your hands, all ye peoples.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (1:11-19)

Brethren, I would have you know that the Gospel which was preached by me is not man’s gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the Church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people; so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when He Who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son to me, in order that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were Apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other Apostles except James the Lord’s brother.

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.

The Teen SOYO would like to thank all of the parishioners of Ss. Peter and Paul who donated money to the Special Olympics Awareness Day collection. The teens collected \$1,304.00 which will be used by the Archdiocese to fund the 36th Annual Special Olympics Sports Camp held at the Antiochian Village in PA.

God bless all of you for your love and generosity.

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.

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

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:

Khouriye Dolly Crow

FELLOWSHIP OFFERED BY:

Abdallah & Razen Daoud

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
 Isabel Threddeh
 Edmond & Sophie Neam
 George & Joan Abraham
 Barbara Abraham
 Everett Alvarez

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

DEPARTED

Nicholas White
 Silvia Yova
 Issa Daoud
 Salem Saah
 George Abdallah

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Abdallah & Razen Daoud

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Rami Daoud & Family

Victor Joubran

The Family of Nicholas White

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Janice

Madelyn, Mitch, Andrea, Kate & Nader

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STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Theology of Giving Series – Week 45 – November 6, 2016

Word, February, 2003, "Stewardship," Nick Hathaway ... "Saint Nicholas' life is one of the foremost examples of Christian stewardship. One well-known story of stewardship from the life of Saint Nicholas tells us how Nicholas saved a young woman from slavery. Her father, a widowed nobleman, had fallen into poverty. Although his three daughters had many suitors, they could not marry because he was too poor to provide them with the dowry that a bride was expected to bring to her marriage. The eldest daughter decided to sell herself as a slave in order to raise money for her sisters' dowries. Nicholas heard about the women's circumstance. Secretly, in the dark of the night, he lowered a small bag of gold through an open window in the eldest daughter's room. With the dowry that Nicholas had provided, she was able to marry. On two other nights, Nicholas secretly provided the two remaining daughters with dowries of their own."

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>