

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR AND BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION**

	BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
Nov 16	Frank & Barbara Ellis	Nick & Rosalie Nahas
23		
30		Peter (Butros) family
Dec 7	Christakis family	Slanta, Bosworth, Hawkins, Yanowsky
14	Jweied family	Patriarchal Luncheon
21		
28		
Jan 4		

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**

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*All Things Are Possible to Him Who Believes*

**Matins:** Sundays 9:30am

**Divine Liturgy:** Sundays 10:30am

**Confessions:** call to schedule

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**TONE 5 SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2014 EOTHINON 11**  
**NEKTARIOS OF AEGINA AND PENTAPOLIS, THE WONDERWORKER & SEVENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE**

**Today we Commemorate:** Martyrs Onesiphoros and Porphyrios of Ephesus; Venerable Matrona of Constantinople; Theoktista of Lesvos; Simeon the Translator (Metaphrastes); Venerable Euthymios and Neophytos, founders of Docheiariou monastery on Athos

### RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (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 St. Nektarios of Aegina (Tone 1)

The offspring of Selyvria and the guardian of Aegina, the true friend of virtue who didst appear in the last years, O Nektarios, we faithful honor thee as a Godly servant of Christ, for thou pourest forth healings of every kind for those who piously cry out: Glory to Christ Who hath glorified thee. Glory to Him Who hath made thee wondrous. Glory to Him Who worketh healings for all through thee.

### TROPARION of Ss. Peter & 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 of Entrance of the Theotokos (Tone 4)

The all-pure temple of the Savior, the most precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the treasure-house of the glory of God, today enters the Temple of the Lord, bringing with her the grace which is in the divine Spirit: whom also the angels of God do celebrate in song; for she is the heavenly tabernacle.

## Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News

### CATECHISM

#### CHURCH HIERARCHY *Part III (Final)*

There are three ranks of ordination in the Church: bishop, priest and deacon. Bishops are in charge of Church provinces, or dioceses, which are made up of a number of parishes. Priests care for individual parishes and their churches. Deacons assist the priests and the bishops at the Liturgy. Dionysius the Areopagite sees in this threefold gradation a reflection of the threefold structure of the celestial hierarchy, a direct continuation of which is the ecclesiastical hierarchy." According to Dionysius, the light and energy of the Divinity are conveyed by delegation from the higher order of angels to the lower, and from them to the ecclesiastical hierarchy and to the laity.

This threefold hierarchy of bishops, presbyters and deacons has existed in the Church from earliest times, though probably not from the first century. In the letters of the apostles we do not see any clear distinction between bishop and presbyter — the words are often interchangeable: 'This is why I left you in Crete, that you might amend what was defective, and appoint elders (presbyters) in every town as I directed you, if any man is blameless, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers ... For a bishop, as God's steward, must be blameless' (Titus 1:5-6, 7). In apostolic times there was still no distinction between diocese and parish: the Church community, whether it was in Crete, Ephesus or Rome, incorporated all the faithful of that city or country and was a 'local' Church (that is, a Church of that locality).

As the Church expanded, however, a need arose for senior presbyters in charge of the communities in a single province and possessing the right to ordain presbyters for them. As early as the second century, Ignatius of Antioch clearly refers to the bishop as the head of the Church and the presbyters as his concelibrants, of one mind with him and obedient to him: The presbyters are in harmony with the bishop as the strings of a lyre. By submitting themselves to the bishop, the presbyters submit to Christ himself. For St Ignatius, the bishop embodies the plenitude of the Church, so that to be out of harmony with him constitutes a break away from the Church. The threefold hierarchy is to be treated with the greatest respect on the part of the faithful: All must respect the deacons as Christ's commandments and the bishops as Jesus Christ himself ... the presbyters are

to be respected as the assembly of God, as the host of angels. Without them there is no Church.

The Church teaches that the moral imperfection of the celebrant in no way affects the validity of the sacraments, for when the priest celebrates the services he is simply an instrument of God. It is Christ himself who baptises; it is he who offers the Eucharist and gives Communion to the people; it is he who absolves sins in the sacrament of Confession. In Confession the priest says to the penitent, 'Behold, Christ stands here invisibly and receives your confession ... and I am but a witness, bearing testimony before him of all things which you have said to me: However, if Christ in his infinite mercy tolerates sinful servants of the Church as he tolerated Judas among the apostles, this in no way justifies ministers of the Church who are unworthy of their vocation. The sins and vices of the clergy have always been a sickness within the Church. They undermine her authority in the eyes of the people and destroy their faith in God, even though they do not affect the validity of the sacraments. God is judged above all by the actions of his servants, for they are the image of Christ in the Church. It is indeed demoralising to see in a priest indifference instead of compassion, disdain instead of love, depravity instead of moral purity, hypocrisy instead of sincerity. A priest wears on his breast a cross bearing an image of Christ crucified for humanity. He is therefore expected to show the same compassion and love as Christ himself showed. 'Set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity', says St Paul to the newly ordained Timothy (I Tim. 4:12).

### Upcoming events...

Nov 9 - Antiochian Women Luncheon @ 12:15pm  
Nov 13 - Adult Ed Forum @ 7:15pm  
Nov 15 - Nativity Fast begins  
Nov 20 - Entrance Theotokos to the Temple @ 7pm  
Nov 22 - Great Vespers @ 5pm  
Nov 25 - Mens' Club Meeting @ 7:30pm  
Nov 27 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING  
Dec 5 - Wreath Making @ 4pm  
Dec 6 - Decorate the Sanctuary 7:00am-1:00pm  
Dec 6 - *Arabic Liturgy is CANCELLED* due to the enthronement of Met. JOSEPH; Fr. George and Fr. Isaac will attend, Brooklyn, NY  
Dec 12, 13 & 14 Patriarch JOHN X Visits!  
Dec 16 - Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm

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### PATRIARCHAL VISIT

In commemoration of the visit to the United States of His Beatitude Patriarch JOHN X of Antioch, and the enthronement of Metropolitan JOSEPH as Archbishop of North America, the Parish of Ss. Peter and Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church invite you to the events in celebration.

*The Antiochian New Era 2014*

*Friday December 12<sup>th</sup> • Concert of Orthodox Liturgical Hymns*

*Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup> • Great Vespers • Advent Great Banquet*

*Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup> Hierarchal Divine Liturgy • Luncheon Reception*

### Sign up in Kogok Hall

### ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

The Antiochian Women of Ss. Peter & Paul meet today immediately following Liturgy in the lower level hall. We meet for fellowship, encouragement and lunch. All ladies are welcome.

### ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN GOOD NEWS

The Election Day Bake Sale Committee are happy to report sales totaling \$1100. Thank you to all the parishioners who donated baked goodies, time and resources making Tuesday's event such a success.

### TEEN SOYO AND THE DIVINE LITURGY

Immediately following communion today, the Teens will learn about the Divine Liturgy; a combined effort of Sunday School and Teen SOYO, and led by Sub Deacon Majd Akkawi.

### ARABIC LITURGY

Please note the next Arabic Divine Liturgy will be held Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 at 5pm in the Sanctuary and that the December 6<sup>th</sup> Arabic Divine Liturgy is cancelled due to the enthronement that day of Metropolitan JOSEPH in Brooklyn, NY. Fr. George and Fr. Isaac will be in attendance.

### MONUMENTAL MISSION WALK

On Saturday, November 15, 2014, Orthodox Christians from around the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area will walk a three-mile long spiritual journey past some of the Nation's most beautiful landmarks. At each designated monument along the route, all participants will learn about the historical significance of the landmarks as well the role that Christian faith has played in the shaping and making of this great country. To raise money for the Orthodox Christians Mission Center (OCMC) and local charities, register for the walk at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/monumental-missions-walk-tickets-6911036095?aff=es2&rank=0>.

### COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDY

The Antiochian Women are collecting toiletries and small clothing items for the needy. Please place the following items in a plastic bag or backpack labeled male or female and put the bag in the large box labeled "collection for the needy."

Soap, Shampoo and conditioner  
Razors  
Shaving cream-travel size  
Tooth brushes with cover, toothpaste  
Brushes and combs  
Travel size hand sanitizer  
Travel tissue pack  
Lip balm  
Hand and body cream  
Deodorant  
Knit hats and regular size gloves  
Tube socks  
Scarves  
Gum

Bethesda cares is in need of backpacks to hold the items if you want to purchase one (or more) for your items, that would be great. We hope every family will provide a kit this year. Most of these items can be purchased at your local dollar store. Deadline is December 14.

### THE EPISTLE (For St. Nektarios)

*The Saints shall boast in glory. Sing unto the Lord a new song.*

### The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (5:8-19)

Brethren, walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

### 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.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### Directors

Samia Zolnerowich  
Jennifer Buchko

#### Teachers

Jumana Misleh  
Susan Kozlov  
Michelle Zook  
Razan Abdallah  
Jena Peters  
Lara Bellone  
Caroline Jarboe  
Saleem Mokhiber  
Stephen Zolnerowich  
Anees Mokhiber

#### Men's Club

Sam Khalil

#### Antiochian Women

Kate Niewenhaus

#### Teen SOYO

Adviser:  
Majd Akkawi  
Facilitators:  
Phillip Allen  
Reema Guegel  
Stephen Zolnerowich  
Samia Zolnerowich  
Anees Mokhiber

#### Fellowship of St. John

Majd Akkawi  
Christine & Samer Korkor  
Christian & Zeina Manasseh

#### Adornment

Shams Akkawi  
Jamil Hermes

#### Facility Management

Nick Nahas  
Bob Simon

#### Rental Coordinator

Barbara Abraham

#### Charities

Sam Sahouri Ghanem

#### Finance

Gary Farha  
Stewardship  
Lorna Malooley

### 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 enter the sanctuary quietly during the Divine Liturgy.

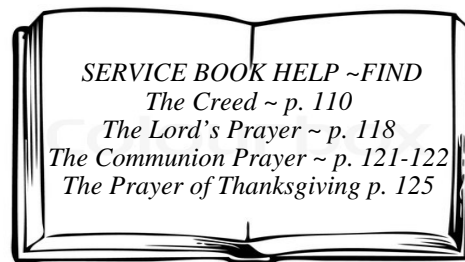
#### PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- 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.



**HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION:** Offered by Jamila Taweel

- 1-Year Memorial for Fadel Taweel
- 40-Day Memorial for George Janini Jr.
- 20-Year Memorial for Mitchell Aed

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** Offered by Fred, & Wendy Taweel and Nader & Sylvia Tawil

# 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

## LIVING

Parishioners who remain in our prayers continually

Margaret Ashley  
Lulu & George Brown  
Issa & Suad Shammass  
Edmond Neam  
Richie Kogok

Barbara Abraham  
Grace Malouf  
Fr. Basil Summer  
Jamila Taweel  
Lina Taweel & family  
Fred Taweel & family  
Rick Taweel & family  
Taweel family  
Audi family  
Natour family

## DEPARTED

Fadel Taweel  
all departed of the Taweel family  
all departed of the Audi family  
all departed of the Natour family  
George Janini Jr <sup>Oct 10</sup>  
Mitchell Aed

V. Rev. Fr. Gabriel Ashie <sup>Oct 25</sup>  
Khalil Mouchantaf <sup>Oct 25</sup>  
Suad John Peter (Butros) <sup>Oct 18</sup>  
John, Jad, Sami Butros  
Bonnie Akel  
Joanne Husson <sup>Oct 8</sup>  
Muriel Maffrige <sup>Sept 30</sup>  
Grace Calis <sup>Sept 28</sup>  
Lorraine Adelmassy