

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
10 Nov	Frank & Barbara Ellis Eways Family/IMO George F. Eways & Badia Brahim Hadawar	Eways Family/IMO George F. Eways & Badia Brahim Hadawar Danny, Sonia & London Audi & Family
17 Nov	Susan Kozlov/IMO Renee Saah	Susan Kozlov/IMO Renee Saah
24 Nov	Open	Open
01 Dec	Open	Men's Fellowship/Spaghetti Lunch
08 Dec	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 Kogok Hall.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2019

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**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& EIGHTH SUNDAY OF LUKE**

APOSTLES OLYMPAS, RODION, SOSIPATER, TERTIOS, ERASTOS AND
QUARTOS OF THE SEVENTY;
GREAT-MARTYR ORESTES OF CAPPADOCIA;
VENERABLE THEOSTIRIKTOS OF SYMBOLA
AND NONNUS, BISHOP OF HELIOPOLIS

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 4)

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

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 OF ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS (Tone 4)

*(**Thou Who wast raised up**)*

The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, * the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, * the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, * into the House of the Lord * on this day is brought forward * and bringeth with herself the grace * of the Most Divine Spirit; * her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, * for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

To what end do fasting and penitence lead? For what purpose is this trouble taken? They lead to the cleansing of the soul from sins, to peace of heart, to union with God; they fill us with devotion and sonship, and give us boldness before God.

*Righteous John, Wonderworker of Kronstadt
My Life in Christ p.3*

Please note: The Choir Balcony Icon Project has begun. For the next few weeks Divine Liturgy will be held in the Church Hall. This is just a temporary move.

***MAKING GOD REAL
In the Orthodox Christian Home
We Are Members of His Body***

Anthony M. Coniaris

Read I Cor. 12:4-20.

A little girl was telling what Jesus meant to her. She concluded by quoting these comforting words of Jesus: "And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand" (John 10:28). Just then a joshing, doubting friend piped up with the question, "But suppose you slip through His fingers?" Quick as a flash, she replied, "Never, never! You see, I'm one of His fingers."

This little girl had caught the meaning of the words just read from I Cor. 12:4-20. A great biblical principle had lodged in her heart; namely, that "we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones" (Eph. 5:30). She knew that she had been joined inseparably to Jesus and that she belonged to Him.

When St. Symeon the New Theologian had returned from Church one day where he had received Communion, he sat down and meditated on what had happened to his body as a result of receiving Holy Communion. "These hands," he said, "these feet, these eyes, these ears, so frail, so powerless are the hands, the feet, the eyes, the ears of Christ. This body, so mean, so old is the place of the divine presence." We are not just *disconnected* hands and feet and eyes and limbs. We are *connected* as members of His Body, animated and vivified by the breath of His Spirit.

When we speak of the grace of God working through the Church, we must remember that it is not only through the Church as a whole that God is working but through each individual, each one of us. We are individually members of His Body. "Now you are Christ's body, and each of you a limb or organ of it" (I Cor. 12:27).

"We Are Your Heart"

Shortly before his death, Dr. Tom Dooley returned to the United States to raise funds for his hospital in Southeast Asia. As a physician he knew he had terminal cancer and would not live long. But his main concern was whether his medical work would continue after his death.

While he was in America, a telegram arrived from some of the medical corpsmen he had trained to be his helpers in the mission hospital. The message read:

"We need you here. But while you are gone, we are the fingers of your flesh to heal the sick. We are your ears to hear their cries of pain. We are your heart to love them."

This is what Jesus asks each of us to do. We are His hands on this earth to heal the sick, to set the prisoner free, to restore sight to the blind. We are His ears to hear their cries of pain and despair. We are His heart to love them. He has no heart or hands but ours to do His work in the world today.

Part 1 of 2

Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News and Events

CHURCH SCHOOL 2019-2020

We encourage all of our students to attend liturgy on Sundays. Please use the following link to register your children for the 2019-2020 Church School Year : <http://tinyurl.com/registerSunSchool>. For Newsletter <https://tinyurl.com/y48hecx>

- Dec 01** *No Church School (Thanksgiving)
Dec 08 *St. Nicholas workshop/pre-school — 5th grade
Pizza lunch pre-school — 12th grade
Dec 15 *Christmas Program, Christmas Lunch, Special Visitor (more info to follow)
Dec 29 *No Church School for Christmas & New Year's Holidays

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.

- Nov 8-10** *YES Trip
Dec 01 *Antiochian Camp Liturgy
Dec 06 *Community Evening of Prayer served by Teen SOYO (more details to follow)
Dec 07 *Volunteer @Charlie's Place, DC/7a-10a (sleepover @Church Dec 6 due to early arrival time)
Jan 11, 2020*Hosting Christmas Hafi/invites have gone out to St. George, St. Mary, Holy Cross

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

The Ss. Peter & Paul YAF welcomes all young people over 21 years of age to join in its social, educational, and outreach activities. Please contact 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. **All women are members and are welcome.** Checks can be given to Janet Metz.
*For future notices and any questions, please provide your email address to Donna Gavin at crazygavins@verizon.net

- Dec 07-08** *Put together baskets for shut-ins & shoe boxes/backpacks — temporary plan for 100 backpacks (more details to follow)
Dec 14 *Invitation to Christmas Lunch from Ladies of St. George (more details to follow)
Dec 15 *Cookie Sale during St. Ignatius luncheon (more details to follow)

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Men's Fellowship ministry of Ss. Peter and Paul is to serve the church through charitable outreach, educational and service projects which strengthen and deepen the faith of its members and develop a fellowship of Orthodox Christian servants. Please contact Sam Khalil at sk1943@aol.com or Fred Zacharia at fredzach@verizon.net for more information.

- Dec 01** *Spaghetti Luncheon

PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL CONTACT LIST

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office@peterpaulpotomac.org (Church office)
frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org (Fr. Isaac)
frluke@peterpaulpotomac.org (Fr. Luke)

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: Alex Cox at (alexcoxsells@gmail.com), Paula Massouh (pmassouh@aol.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.

THE SS. PETER & PAUL PARISH LIBRARY & MEDIA CENTER

The Parish Library 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.

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Nativity Retreat: The Tree of Life and The Fruits of Paradise

St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church, Hunt Valley, MD
Speaker: Fr. Nicholas Belcher
Saturday, November 16th, 2019
9:30-4:00
Register @ www.nativityofthetheotokos.org/registration

Baptizing Cultures - A Retreat

Please come to an upcoming retreat on Baptizing Cultures by Fr. Michael Oleksa. Fr. Michael is married to a native Alaskan, has spent much of his priesthood in Alaska, is an expert on Alaskan and other cultures and is a recognized "Alaska Elder". He is also a gifted, entertaining and charismatic speaker. As Orthodox Christians, we are to take time to understand the cultures that we are witnessing to, so that with love, we can help transfigure and baptize them. The Orthodox outreach to Alaska is a wonderful example of doing this, and Fr. Michael will speak of this and of baptizing other cultures. Please RSVP to Popadja Kitty Vitko at kittyv70@gmail.com.
When: Saturday, November 16, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Where: St. Mark Orthodox Church, 7124 River Road, Bethesda, MD 20817

THE EPISTLE

(For the Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost)

O Lord, how magnified are Thy works. In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (2:16-20)

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the Law but through faith in Jesus Christ. Even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the Law, because by works of the Law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the Law died to the Law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Eighth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (10:25-37)

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read?" And the lawyer answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And Jesus said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But the lawyer, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" The lawyer said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

OCMC News:

- As you heard, Mike Bosworth and Sam Khalil are going in March 2020 for the medical mission to Guatemala, where more than 40,000 people have become Orthodox. They are asking your prayers for this upcoming mission, and if possible, would be grateful for your stewardship of any amount. The missionaries are tasked to raise the funds for their mission (over \$1,500 each!). Ss Peter and Paul donors can write checks to **HOLY CROSS MISSION FUND** (with a note "for Guatemala March 2020 medical mission: Bosworth and Khalil"), and mail to Holy Cross Orthodox Church, 123 Gilkeson Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15228 (or simply put donations with your note in the OCMC box at the candle counter and it will be forwarded to the church.) Father Chakos, retired priest and active missionary at the Holy Cross Orthodox Church in Pittsburgh, will send the donors a receipt and thank you letter for their tax-deductible donations.
- If you have any **unused eyeglasses**, we are also collecting those for the optical clinic in Guatemala, which Sam will administer! Welcome back today to **Amber Bennett!** Do ask her about her OCMC mission trip to Sweden this summer! (Many congratulations to Amber, who has completed her master's degree at Catholic University.)

CHURCH SCHOOL

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Commemorations

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 Service starts on p. 91
 The Creed ~ p. 110
 The Lord's Prayer ~ p. 118
 The Communion Prayer ~ p. 121-122
 The Prayer of Thanksgiving p. 125

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

Rt. Rev. Fr. Elias Bitar	Rt. Rev. Daniel Griffith
Kh. Rebecca Alford	Kh. Ann Anderson
Ann Marie Moses	Kevin Pinkstaff
Isabel Thredch	Nabecha Ayoub
Joyce Hamaty	Barbara Mullin
Holly Dubois	Suad Shammas
Sophie Neam	Miriam Yazge
George & Joan Abraham	Lulu Brown
Michael Buchko, Sr.	Edward Rizkallah
Leila Khoury	Shoke George
Bob & Shirley Neri	Douglas Kalesh

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

Fr. George Rados
 Dn. Lawrence Whaley
 Margaret Ashley
 René Saah
 Alex & Thomas Hier
 May Filah
 Frank & Haifa Ellis
 Mudalleh Eways
 Farid Eways
 Jad Eways
 Ibrahim Hadawar
 Adel Salem
 George F. Eways
 Badia Brahim Hadawar
 Melinda Aumaitre

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Ibrahim Mazen Saah	Ted Milkovich	Joe Malooley
Sami Korban	Paula Massouh	Mitody Tilev
Geffen Franus	Audree Yacoub	Halim & Hayat Barakat
George & Marie Hyder	Nijmeh Eways	Vilma Bellone
Ricky M. Ayoub	Violet Dahdal	Lamia
Issa Hadawar	Majida Eways	Leila Dahdal
Mervet Tams	Bassam Eways	Fred Eways
Charles Eways	Georgette Tawil	Mary Salem
Nawal Ayoub		Terry Whaley & Family
Frank & Barbara Ellis & Family	Danny, Sonia & London Audi & Family	
Lidia, Ghassan, Adecb, Farah & Hiba & their families		
Edward, Ritamarie, Emilia & Viviana Saa		

MEMORIALS
 Melinda Aumaitre/1 year
 George F. Eways/1 year
 Badia Brahim Hadawar

HOLYBREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:
 Frank & Barbara Ellis
 Eways Family/IMO George F. Eways

MEMORIAL WHEAT
 Zolnerowich Family/Melinda Aumaitre

FELLOWSHIP OFFERED BY:
 Majida George Eways & Family/IMO George F. Eways
 Fred Eways/Badia Brahim Hadawar
 Danny, Sonia & London Audi & Family

Christmas Cards donations are underway!
 Thanks to your donation your name will be included in the card that goes to the entire parish.

DONATIONS FOR THE POINSETTIAS
 The Ladies Auxiliary will again be collecting donations this Christmas season for the Poinsettias Project offered for the health of or in memory of your family and/or friends. Please see Thomaseena Cox or Leila Ayoub or any Ladies Auxiliary Member in the Church Hall with your donation. All donations must be received by **Sunday, December 15th**.

2019 STEWARDSHIP DRIVE
 The 2019 Stewardship Drive is ongoing. 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.alexiochms.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 Fr. Isaac, Fr. Luke or Zeina Manasseh (zeina.maalouf@gmail.com) in the fellowship hall following the Liturgy for more information. Thank you for your support!

The Stewardship Committee and the Parish Council remind all of the faithful for both individuals and families to submit their annual stewardship pledge to the Church. Membership and financial forms are readily available in the Narthex and on-line.