

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
12 Nov	Alganesh & Michael Piechocinski	Ss. Peter and Paul Church
19 Nov	George Family/5-year Memorial for Suham George	George Family/5-year Memorial for Suham George
26 Nov	Jarboe Family	Jarboe Family
03 Dec	Fr. George 40-Day Memorial Lorna Malooley, Alganesh Piechocinski, Chris Malaska, Asma Trey. Memorial Wheat provided by the Choir	Ss. Peter and Paul Parish Fr. George 40-Day Memorial
10 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 vestibule.

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All Things Are Possible to Him Who Believes

Matins: Sundays 9:30am

Divine Liturgy: Sundays 10:30am

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017

TONE 6 / EOTHINON 1

JOHN THE ALMSGIVER, PATRIARCH OF ALEXANDRIA & EIGHTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

APOSTLES HERMAS, LINUS, GAIUS, PATROBAS AND PHILOLOGOS OF THE SEVENTY;

JONAH THE WONDERWORKER, ARCHBISHOP OF NOVGOROD

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. JOHN THE ALMSGIVER (Tone 8)

In thy patience thou hast won thy reward, O righteous father. Thou didst persevere unceasingly in prayer; thou didst love the poor, and didst provide for them in all things. Wherefore, intercede with Christ our God, O blessed John the Almsgiver, that our souls be saved.

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.

You do not know when the Lord will come and visit you; be impartial to all, kind to all, sincere and hospitable.

St. John of Kronstadt

WHY GO TO CHURCH?

WHAT IS WORSHIP?

But true worship of God has a different effect. While the addiction born out of idolatry leads to erratic, insane, destructive behaviors, the worship of the Holy Trinity leads instead to peace, wholeness, sanity, creativity. Why is this? Why is it that when we turn our worship to created things, we do not slake the great thirst but find ourselves even more thirsty? And why is it that when we turn our worship to the *uncreated* Being—that is, to God—we find we are satisfied and whole?

In its most basic sense, it is due to the nature of the source. Created things are by nature corruptible and finite. This finiteness is worsened by the Fall of mankind, which brought all of created nature with it. But the uncreated Being is incorruptible and infinite. Therefore, when we drink from a finite source, we find that it will run out. But the infinite Source never runs out. Likewise, when we drink from a corruptible source, we receive corruption, the tendency for everything to break down—in physics terms, this is entropy. But when we drink from the incorruptible Source, we receive incorruption, which grants healing, wholeness, and energy. In other terms, you cannot clean with dirty water, and you cannot fix with a broken tool. But when you use pure water or a working tool, you can accomplish something.

But even such purely functional language regarding worship does not quite get at its inner reality. In worship, we become joined to the other, and in that joining, we *become* the other. This becoming is never a total reidentification. I cannot turn into a celebrity by worshiping him. I cannot turn into food or money by worshiping it. But I nevertheless become transformed by those images, corruptible and finite as they are, because we as changeable human persons are deeply affected by whatever and whomever we give ourselves over to. Just as hanging with the “wrong crowd” changes you to be like them, worshiping idols, which are delusions, makes you like them.

In worshiping *God*, however, to use the words of the fourth-century saint Athanasius the Great, we can “become god.” Whether you want to spell *god* there with a big 'G' or a little 'g,' Athanasius does not mean that we turn into the Almighty God, nor into a petty deity such as the ancient pagans worshiped; but we are nevertheless transformed by the encounter in worship. We take on the attributes of the One whom we worship. We share a union without fusion, a communion in which the persons remain distinct but come to be one with each other. True worship grants an intimacy beyond emotion, beyond respect, beyond intellectual knowledge.

Worship, therefore, is not just a matter of honoring another, or even of bowing down and serving another. That is properly called *veneration*, and it is proper to venerate persons and objects worthy of it. To *worship*, however, is to give oneself over to the other. This act includes bowing down and serving, but at a deeper level, it is to join oneself to the other. It is communion.

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Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News and Events

CHURCH SCHOOL 2017-2018

Registration for Church School is ongoing using this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/GQ6uQSnltimwgvJW2>. Also, please make sure to register with the church, including your email as most Church school announcements go out to the entire parish. School calendars are now available. We are also in need of snacks/drinks for the children--small and reg. juice boxes, juice pouches, small waters, individually wrapped snacks (PEANUT & TREE NUT FREE).

- Dec 3** *Saint Nicholas Workshop
Dec 17 *Church School Christmas Play
Mar 18 *2018 Pascha Prep Workshop

CHURCH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PLAY

The Church School Christmas Play and St. Ignatius luncheon will be held after Church on Sunday, December 17. Once again, Carol Pappas will provide her beautiful costumes for our children. You can get a form for reserving a costume for your child from your child's teacher. Forms plus \$5.00 are due by November 26. We will be fitting the children with their costumes on December 3. Please contact Linda Shaheen at lshaheen47@gmail.com with any questions.

TEEN SOYO

Events and outreach projects:
 YES trip, Children's Relief Fund, Parish Life Conference. The Lay Advisors are:
 Zaid Sharafudin/zaid343@yahoo.com and
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THE ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

Starting Today, the Antiochian Woman will be collecting funds and will be available in the Hall to accept your donations for the following Activities:

Poinsettias to decorate the church for Christmas

Dec 02 *Antiochian Women are, making Christmas Wreaths Saturday, **Dec. 2, 2017/9:00a.** Decorations, ribbons, ornaments, floral tape, glue guns & sticks are needed. Please come join in the spirit of the Birth of Our Lord. Please contact Donna Gavin at crazygavins@verizon.net with any questions.

Dec 03 **Putting Together.....**
 *Gift Bags for our Shut-Ins over the holidays
 *Back Packs full of toiletries and sundries for those in need at Bethesda Cares

Dec 09 *Antiochian Women's Christmas luncheon/
 11:30am at Wildfire, Tysons Corner.

MEN'S CLUB

Dec. 02 Decorate Church for Christmas/9:00a. Volunteers welcome. Please see Abe Fannoney for more information.
Jan 06, 2018 Take down Christmas decorations/9:00a

"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 lower level conference room. The next meeting is **Thursday, November 16, 2017.** At the last meeting, we discussed "Symbols & Reality in the Church." For the next meeting on the 16th, we will discuss "Christian Freedom." Fr. Isaac facilitates the meetings using brief presentations as a springboard to open discussion on a variety of topics concerning our faith. ALL ARE WELCOME. Please contact Fr. Isaac at frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org or Kate Niewenhou 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 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 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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

- Nov 14 *Parish Council Meeting/7p/LL Conf. Rm.
- Nov 16 *Adult Education Forum "Exploring Our Faith"/7p-8:30p
- Nov 18 *Talia Tawil/Baptism/12p
- Nov 19 *Suham George/5 yr Memorial offered by The George Family
- Nov 20 *Divine Liturgy/Feast of the Presentation Of the Theotokos/7:00p
- Nov 23 *Offices closed/Thanksgiving
- Dec 02 *Men's Club/Decorate Church for Christmas/9a
 Volunteers welcomed. Contact Abe Fannoney
 *Antiochian Women/Christmas Wreath decorating/9:00a
- Dec 03 *V.R. Fr. George M. Rados/40-day Memorial
 *Church School St. Nicholas Workshop/LL Hall
 *Antiochian Women putting together gift Bags and back packs/Kogok Hall
- Dec 09 *Antiochian Women Christmas Luncheon
 11:30am/Wildfire, Tysons Corner
 *Vespers @5:00pm
 *Boston Byzantine Choir/6p-7p
 *Reception to follow in the Hall
- Dec 12 *Parish Council Meeting/7p/LL Conf. Rm.
- Dec 17 * Church School Christmas Play to follow

THE EPISTLE

(For St. John the Almsgiver)

*Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.
 What shall I render to the Lord for all that He has given me?*

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (9:6-11)

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Eighth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading is 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."

Antiochian Women

It's time to sign up for our annual Christmas party!

When: December 9, 2017 from 11:30 until 2pm.

Where: Wildfire at Tyson's Galleria

Cost: \$45.00 pp. Cash Bar

Bring a wrapped gift in the \$12 to \$15 range for our grab
ATTENDANCE IS LIMITED TO 50 PERSONS and secured by
 payment. Collecting the fee on Sundays until December 3.
CAMARADERIE, FUN, AND GOOD FOOD AWAIT!!

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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

Parishioners who remain in our prayers continually

Margaret Ashley	Brian Briggs	Mary Smith
Helen White	Isabel Thredeth	George Brown
Everett Alvarez	Holly Dubois	Robert & Thelma Badwey
Edmond & Sophie Neam	Grace Malouf	Barbara Abraham
George & Joan Abraham	Lulu Brown	Tania Mufarrij
Suad Shammass	Mary Bazargan	Marie Kennedy

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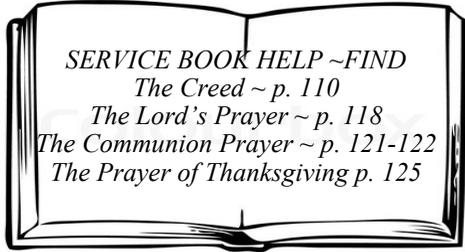
Orthodox Christians
Faithful Orthodox fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when they receive Holy Communion in fulfillment of Christ's command to eat His Body and drink His Blood. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, communicants should not be conscious of grave sin,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



HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:
Piechocinski Family
FELLOWSHIP OFFERED BY:
Ss. Peter and Paul Church

Ss. Peter and Paul Christmas Card
Each year, Teen SOYO produces the parish Christmas Card on behalf of all the families. The donations raised from this effort has typically been \$2,500; these funds help the teens attend archdiocese events and meetings, provide much needed financial support to a variety of charities that the teens work with, allow teens to put special programs and activities together, as well as help the teens make meaningful contributions to the operations of Saints Peter and Paul as good stewards of our community. Without your support, these programs and activities would not be possible.
We are striving to have all parishioners included in this annual card and simply want to ensure your name is included. We are writing to ask that you inform us via email exactly how you wish your family name to appear, otherwise we will simply list the name of the family (examples for you to use: John Smith -or - John and Mary Smith, and family - or - The Smith Family - or - John, Mary, Elizabeth, Christopher and Joseph Smith). In exchange for putting your name in the cards, we are asking for a donation. The suggested donation is \$30, but any amount you are willing to give us is most welcome. Your generosity at this time of year is most appreciated, and we will provide you with a receipt for your donation. Simply email your instructions on how to print your name to: peterpaulsoyo@gmail.com.
The deadline for your submission is no later than Sunday, November 26, 2017. Thank you for your continued support of Teen SOYO.