

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
13 Nov	Jamila Taweel & Family White Family /40-Day Memorial for Nicholas White	Suad Shammass 1-year Memorial for Issa Shammass
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
11 Dec	Open	St. Ignatius Luncheon to follow Liturgy & Christmas School play

**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 13, 2016

TONE 4/EOTHINON 10

**JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE
& EIGHTH SUNDAY OF LUKE**

VENERABLE MARTYRS DAMASKINOS AND DAMIAN OF THE GREAT LAVRA
ON ATHOS

APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRECTION (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 ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM (Tone 8)

Grace shining forth from thy mouth like a beacon hath illumined the universe and disclosed to the world treasures of uncovetousness, and shown us the heights of humility; but whilst instructing us by thy words, O Father John Chrysostom, intercede with the Word, Christ our 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.

KONTAKION OF ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS (Tone 4)

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

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.

*Depart from every man who loves to quarrel.
St. Pimen the Great*

Many Thanks from the Ladies Club

Many thanks to all our bakers for your contributions to our Election Day Bake Sale. God bless your hands! We were fortunate enough to make close to \$1500. We set aside some goodies for you to purchase during Coffee Hour.

Attaining the Kingdom Of Heaven

By Metropolitan Joseph

This article is adapted from a speech given by His Eminence to a Northern California Antiochian Orthodox Christian Women of North America retreat in November, 2002.

How do we attain the Kingdom of Heaven? Where is it to be found? It is very easy for us in the Western world to view this Kingdom as something that one attains as a final destination or ending of a journey. As Orthodox Christians, we believe that the Kingdom of Heaven is Christ Himself, not a physical place or location.

It is within Christ that the Kingdom is to be experienced. For this reason, we cannot think of the Kingdom as something we are either "in" or "out" of. Through baptism and a life of repentance, we participate in the Life of Christ, and thus we participate in the Kingdom. The Kingdom is a dynamic state, wherein we grow in perfection through God's grace. Our journey is not to the Kingdom, our journey is in the Kingdom.

As long as we are struggling to be Christ-like, we are assuredly tasting of the Fountain of Immortality. When the struggle ends and the growth ceases, the Kingdom disappears. It is nowhere to be found. The moment we think we have achieved something, that we have earned our place, then we have lost the Kingdom. Our struggles are meaningless without Christ, and vice versa: without struggles, we are meaningless, because we will lose Christ.

Our Lord is only with those who need Him. When we lose our daily need for Him, then our souls become satisfied with the world. A man who does not hunger does not eat, and so one who does not hunger for God cannot partake of His goodness. This is why the Church has always urged us to participate in spiritual exercises like fasting and almsgiving, that we might stir up within ourselves the hunger for God. This hunger, this desire for God, will draw us closer to Him.

This is why Christ urges us to take up our crosses and follow Him. We ought not to seek after a life of ease, but rather boldly face our burdens with the confidence that in our suffering, we will be visited and comforted by Christ Himself.

Just as Christ disdained earthly glory for the shame and suffering of the Cross so that we might live, so we ought to remind ourselves that the applause of the world is the rattling of dead men's bones. "Woe to you when all men speak well of you, / For so did their fathers to the false prophets" (Luke 6:26). When we endure our Cross out of love for God and His children, when we patiently endure our trials, we grow in experiential knowledge of God Himself. The world tries to kill us, but we realize its weakness in the face of God.

The Kingdom of God is not a fluffy pillow or a down mattress. It is found by the nun sleeping on a board, or the elderly woman suffering in her hospital bed. The Kingdom of Heaven is a spiritual condition that no earthly situation can overcome. The nun sings songs, and the afflicted woman offers pure prayers. They both go through hardships that draw them closer to Christ.

You may ask yourself, "How can I suffer as they do?" You need not live in a monastery or a hospital to experience this growth; you can participate in the same perfecting journey by unconditionally loving and serving those around you. Do you hear bad things about someone? Then pray for them! Do you have a disagreement with someone? Then humble yourself and apologize! Loving your enemies and being modest are difficult tasks, yet they are perfecting works.

When God sees our struggles to put aside our ego, He will grant us strength. When He sees us acting on our desire to enter into the Kingdom of His love, then He will help us in our time of need. No one shall ever perish from seeking after God.

What will die as we participate in the Kingdom is our sinfulness. Our wretched arrogance and pride will suffer a horrible death in the presence of God's mercy and compassion. We will realize how unworthy we are to be in the Kingdom. And, as we see ourselves as sinners and unfaithful, our Lord shares with us His worthiness and faithfulness.

*Part 1 of 2
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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. 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 nett.amberrose@gmail.com, Lizzy Cassar or Dn. Christian Manasseh at dchristian@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.

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)

MEN'S CLUB

Dec 3, 2017

Decorate Church for Christmas

Jan 7, 2017

Un-decorate Church

Jan 29, 2017

Falafal Lunch

Feb 11, 2017

Valentine Dinner Dance (more details to follow)

Jun 14, 2017

Golf Tournament

Jun 25, 2017

Ss. Peter & Paul Picnic/Bretton Woods Rec Ctr (more details to follow)

"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 Niewenhaus 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 (alexcoxsells@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.

ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE NEWS

Antiochian Village News: Winter Camp registration is now open! Winter Camp will be February 17-20, 2017. Please go to www.avcamp.org for more information. The session will likely fill up quickly so please don't delay if you would like to send your child!

Upcoming events...

Nov 15	*Parish Council Meeting/7p
Nov 17	*Adult Ed Forum/7:15p-8:30p/LL Conf. Rm.
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 *Decorate Church for Christmas
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
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Jan 07	*Un-decorate Church
Jan 29	*Falafal Lunch (in lieu of Coffee hour)
Feb 11	*Valentine Dinner Dance (more details to follow)

THE EPISTLE

My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.

Hear this, all ye people.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (7:26-8:2)

Brethren, it was fitting that we should have such a High Priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; He did this once for all when He offered up Himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son Who has been made perfect forever. Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a High Priest, one Who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man but by the Lord.

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."

Ss. Peter & Paul Church Library & Learning Center

Work has begun on setting up the new Parish Library and Learning Center in the lower level of the Church. Donations are still needed to support this important educational and informational resource center for the Parish. Please send all donations to St. Peter & Paul Church earmarked "Library Fund." In addition, donation of books on topics related to the Orthodox Faith, Doctrine, Church History, Liturgy, and Scripture will be gratefully accepted. Please contact Fr. Isaac, Dn. Christian, or Kate Niewenhaus for more information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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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
Helen White
Holly Dubois
Edmond & Sophie Neam
George & Joan Abraham
Barbara Abraham
Everett Alvarez

Brian Briggs
Isabel Threddeh
Thelma Badwey
Tesia Yonkers
Lulu Brown
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Fred Taweel & Family
Suad Shammam
Yacoub Shammam & Family
Kamal Boullata & Family

Victor Joubran
The Family of Nicholas White
Debbie Brown
Jackie Bottash
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Siham Ayoub
Constance Jackson & the Jackson Family
David Gebara
Lina Eid & Family
Rick Taweel & Family
Yulanda Shammam Moghanam
Issa Boullata & Family

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR OUR VETERANS

Special prayers are offered on the occasion of Veterans Day to all those who have faithfully served their country both living and deceased. May God bless them and their families and may their memories be eternal.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Theology of Giving Series – Week 46 – November 13, 2016

Psalm 50: 10-12 ... "For every beast of the forest is Mine, And the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the mountains, And the wild beasts of the field are Mine. If I were hungry, I would not tell you; For the world is Mine, and all its fullness."

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>

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:

Jamileh Taweel & Family

MEMORIAL WHEAT

Helen White & Family for the 40-day Memorial of Nicholas White

Suad Shammam for the 1-year Memorial of Issa Shammam

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