

	BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
15 Nov	Debi Abdow-Addis	The George & Calema Abdow Family
22-Nov	The Family of Fadel Taweel	The Family of Fadel Taweel
29- Nov	OPEN	OPEN
06 Dec	Christakis Family	Slanta/Hawkins Families IHO Alexandra's 2nd Birthday & St. Nicholas
13 Dec	OPEN	St. Ignatius Luncheon

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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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 15, 2015
TONE 7/EOTHINON 2

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
&
EIGHTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

MARTYRS GURIA, SHAMUNA AND HABIB
THE DEACON OF EDESSA

THOMAS THE NEW, PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE; VENERABLE PAISIOS VELICHKOVSKY

APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRESTION (Tone 7)

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION SS. GURIA, SHAMUNA AND HABIB (Tone 5)

Since Thou hast given us the miracles of Thy holy Martyrs Guria, Shamuna and Habib as an invincible battlement, by their entreaties scatter the counsels of the heathen, O Christ our God, and strengthen the faith of Orthodox Christians, since Thou art good and the Lover of mankind.

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 THE 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.

THE WITNESS OF THE CHURCH IN A PLURALISTIC WORLD: THEOLOGICAL RENAISSANCE IN THE CHURCH OF ANTIOCH

NICOLAS ABOU MRAD

In a study of the notion of 'Covenant' in the Old Testament, Abou Mrad challenges the view of the Covenant as a relationship of obligations and rights between two partners, God and the people. For Abou Mrad, the images of marriage and sonship in Hosea 1-3 and II show that the relationship between God and the people is presented in such a way that the important point is God's position vis-à-vis his people. The ultimate meaning of the Covenant is to underline God's authority and lordship over his people.

Abou's approach to the Old Testament's books is based on his conviction that they present, in narrative form, the fundamental guidelines which will be used later by the New Testament authors to write their own narratives preaching Jesus Christ as the full revelation of the saving God.

In systematic theology, Georges Atiyeh, Professor of Dogmatics until 2006, has stressed the importance of Orthodox faith and practice as a necessity for salvation. On the question of the relation between faith and biblical interpretation, Atiyeh argues for the unity of the 'holy tradition' of the Church delivered by the apostles and disciples of the Lord in two ways, oral and written. The apostolic tradition was adopted by the Church and became the very mystery of its life and practice, through which the faithful are saved, and it is through this tradition that believers come to understand the scriptures. Atiyeh was also interested in showing the pastoral dimension of doctrine. On the basis of real debates with Jehovah's Witnesses and other sects, he published two books in which he refutes the arguments used by these sects to undermine the Orthodox faith.

On the question of women in the Church, Marlene Kanaan, Professor at the University of Balamand and Lecturer of Philosophy at the Institute, has a particular interest in the position of women in the writings of the Church Fathers. In a study of two patristic texts from the fourth century, Kanaan discusses the significance of the expression 'woman', relating the anthropo-theological view of the Fathers on woman to their historical and social context. She deduces a universal anthropological vision of human beings which does not distinguish between male and female. Then she relates the notions of 'male' and 'female' to sexual particularities and organic differences which do not impose on 'males' and 'females' any special patterns of behaviour, but enable the person to go beyond his or her biological reality to achieve perfection through virtue.

In the field of philosophy, Adib Saab, Professor of General Philosophy and Philosophy of Religion from 1971 to 2000, published between 1983 and 2003 a tetralogy (in Arabic) in the field of Religious Studies. The third and main volume, entitled *Prolegomena to the Philosophy of Religion*, triggers a new field of study in modern Arab culture. It is note-worthy that Saab, in this tetralogy, writes as a philosopher, not as an apologist. He defends theism in general rather than his own faith and puts religions on an equal footing, adopting the socio-philosophical concept of 'mere difference'.

Part 5 of a series

Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News and Events

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S UPDATE

We are collecting during November toiletries for *Bethesda Cares Backpacks*. The final due date is December 13. Please be generous for this worthy cause.

2015 Poinsettia Flower Donation

Once again this year the Ladies Auxiliary is collecting donations for the Poinsettias displayed in our Church during the Christmas Holiday.

If you would like to make a donation for the health of or in memory of your loved ones, please complete the form available in the vestibule.

Please return your completed form to the Ladies Auxiliary to the attention of Leila Ayoub or Thomaseena Cox no later than Sunday, December 20th.

Dec 5

- * Wreath making (tentative).
More information to follow

Dec 12

- * **Antiochian Women's Christmas Luncheon** @Wildfire Restaurant, Tysons Corner 11:30am. With a 50-person limit—Church members only, please. RSVP to Lorna Malooley @lornaam@aol.com. First come, first served. The cost is \$50.00.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On Sunday, December 20, 2015 following Liturgy Ss. Peter and Paul will have its Christmas Concert in the Church. This will be followed by a Falafal luncheon in the Kogok Hall.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

We will be decorating the Church for Christmas on Saturday, December 5, from 8:00am to noon. We need your help so please mark your calendar and join us in the festivities.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Calling all Church members...

Stop by our Membership table, which will be up every second Sunday of each month after Church in the Fellowship hour hall to:

Drop off your business card

Smile for our cameras

Fill out your membership form

Fill out your annual pledge form

Sign up to work with us!

The Stewardship Committee's mission is to inspire our Parish members to give of their time, talent and resources.

"Give and it will be given to you" Luke 6:38

"EXPLORING OUR FAITH"

THE SS. PETER AND PAUL ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORUM

In an effort to better understand and discover the rich spiritual, historical, doctrinal and scriptural tradition of our Holy Orthodox Faith, the Adult Religious Education Forum "Exploring Our Faith" meets every other Thursday evening from 7:15pm to 8:30pm in the lower level conference room. Fr. Isaac facilitates the meetings in an informal setting using brief presentations as a springboard to open discussion on a wide range of topics concerning our Faith. The next meeting is Thursday, December 3, 2015. ALL ARE WELCOME

Upcoming events...

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| Nov 15 | Start of Advent Nativity Fast |
| Nov 17 | Young Adult Fellowship Orthodoxy on Tap 6:00p-8:30p @Poste Brasserie (see Bulletin insert for more Details) |
| Nov 18 | Young Adult Fellowship Study Group 8:00pm @2 off-site locations. See Bulletin insert for specific details |
| Nov 20 | Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos @7:00pm |
| Nov 21 | Arabic Language Class/10a-12:30p/LL Conf. Rm. |
| Nov 22 | Teen SOYO Officers Mtg/LL Conf. Rm. |
| Nov 24 | Men's Club Mtg/7:30pm/LL Conf. Rm. |
| Nov 25 | Internment for Catherine Bolus @Arlington National Cemetery 11:00am |
| Nov 26 | Thanksgiving offices closed |
| Nov 28 | No Arabic classes due to Thanksgiving Holiday |
| Dec 05 | *Christmas Decorating
*Wreath Making Event (tentative)
*Teen SOYO Christmas Caroling
*Arabic Language Class/10a-12:30p/LL Conf. Rm. |
| Dec. 06 | Teen SOYO Meeting (following Sunday School) |
| Dec. 10 | Adult Ed Forum/Exploring our Faith/LL Conf. Rm/7:15pm |
| Dec 13 | Christmas Play |
| Dec 19 | Teen SOYO Christmas Party hosted by the Taweel Family |
| Dec 20 | Christmas Concert following Liturgy w/Falafal Luncheon following concert |

EPISTLE

(For the Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost)

The Lord will give strength to His people.

Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (2:14-22)

Brethren, Christ is our peace, Who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in His flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the Cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And He came and preached peace to you, who were far off, and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in Whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in Whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

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."

To live without speaking is better than to speak without living. For the former who lives rightly does good even by his silence, but the latter does no good even when he speaks. When words and life correspond to one another they are together the whole of divine philosophy.

St. Isidore of Pelusium

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Directors

Samia Zolnerowich
Jennifer Buchko

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Jumana Misleh
Susan Kozlov
Michelle Zook
Christine Morin
Layla Najjar
Lizzy Cassar
Lara Ballone
Andrew Salem
Caroline Jarboe
Amber Bennett
Stephen Zolnerowich
Anees Mokhiber

Men's Club

Sam Khalil

Antiochian Women

Kate Niewenhaus

Teen SOYO

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Jamilee Bellone

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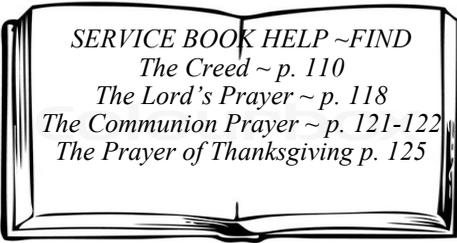
Orthodox Christians
 Faithful Orthodox fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when they receive Holy Communion in fulfillment of Christ's command to eat His Body and drink His Blood. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, communicants should not be conscious of grave sin,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

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.



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	Edmond Neam
May Fillah	Richie Kogok
Issa & Suad Shammass	Brian Briggs
Lulu & George Brown	Robert Simon
Bertha Aed	Isabel Threddeh
Thelma & Bob Badwey	Holly Dubois

Josephine Lofgren	Salwa Gabro
Sally Ruffin	Robert Dubois
Nouha Aramouni	Joan Lanciani
Bill Dora, Jr.	Linda Dora Elkanich
Joe, Donna & Alexandra Gavin	Richie Ayoub
The Family of Catherine Hamaty Bolus	
Amber Bennett	
Deborah, Joseph, Jessica and Christopher Addis	
Linda and Michael Shaheen	
Jennifer, Darren, Nicholas and Luke Montgomery	
Mark, Michelle, Mark and Georgia Abdow	
Melanie Abdow and Giovanni Caporicci	
Frank, Renee and Sarah Abdow	
Kimberly, Brian, Evan and Olivia McCloskey	
Louise and John Broujos and Family	
Tescia Yonkers	
Sophie and Edmund Neam	
Alex Patico	

DEPARTED

Very Rev. Fr. Elias Eid Sweiss
 Catherine Hamaty Bolus
 Frances Cox
 Calema and George Abdow
 Suryiah, Ferris, Alice, Besma, Eli, Georgette, Victor, Mary, Lorraine and Janet Abdow
 Rose Yonkers
 Adeline, Edward, John & Delores Kafoure
 Agnes and James Addis
 Nasema, Michael, Edward, Ralph & Margaret Davis
 Craig Courtright
 Jack Bottash
 Mitchell Aed

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:
 Debi Abdow-Addis

FELLOWSHIP HOUR OFFERED BY:
 The Geroge & Calema Abdow Family