

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
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
15 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 Kogok Hall.

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Matins: Sundays 9:30am

Divine Liturgy: Sundays 10:30am

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2019

STONE 5/ EOTHINON 11

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& NINTH SUNDAY OF LUKE**

GREGORY THE WONDERWORKER, BISHOP OF NEO-CAESAREA
GENNADIOS AND MAXIMOS, PATRIARCHS OF CONSTANTINOPLE;
NIKON THE WONDERWORKER, DISCIPLE OF SERGIOS OF RADONEZH;
HILDA, ABBESS OF WHITBY

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 FOR ST. GREGORY OF NEO-CAESAREA (Tone 8)

By vigilance in prayer, and continuance in the working of wonders, thou didst acquire thine achievements as a surname; wherefore, intercede with Christ our God, O Father Gregory, to enlighten our souls, lest we sleep in sin unto death.

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.

Our starting point is always wrong. Instead of beginning with ourselves, we always want to change others first and ourselves last. If everyone were to begin first with themselves, then there would be peace all around!

*Elder Thaddeus (Strabulovich) of Vitovnica,
Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives: The Life and Teachings of Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica p64*

Please note: The Choir Balcony Icon Project is completed. We will be back in the Sanctuary for services on Sunday, November 24, 2019.

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

God Chooses a Body

When God desired to work among us, He took to Himself a human body like ours. We call this the Incarnation: God taking on a body and living among us. With and through that body God acted during the 33 years that He lived on earth. He taught; He healed; He forgave; He offered Himself on the Cross for our salvation. Then on Ascension Day His body left the earth, and was no longer active among us.

If God intended, after the Ascension, to do any more work among us, He must either bring that body back again (as He will do when He comes at the Last Judgment), or else He must use some other body. He has chosen to do the latter, i.e., to make use of some other body. This time it is not a physical body, like the one born of the Virgin Mary. It is instead an organism which St. Paul likens to a body when he says, "You are Christ's body." All those Christians who have been baptized; who have received the Holy Spirit; who share in the life of Christ through the Eucharist, make up the Body that is to be the instrument of Christ's work on earth. In other words, Christ lives in all of us who share His life. He continues to work and act through us who make up His new Body, the Church.

He Needs You

Is there some wrong that must be made right? How will God do it without you? Is there some fear to be allayed in a troubled heart? How will God do it without you? Is there someone who needs to be guided to a higher road? How will God lead him there without you? Is there some home shattered by hatred that needs the love of Christ? How will Christ bring that love except through you? Toward the very end of the New Testament, we read that "God will wipe away all tears from their eyes." That He will do, but He will use your words and your compassion and the gentle touch of your hand to do it. Christ needs us. For today we Christians make up the only Body through which Christ can act to bring His love and peace to the world.

Discuss as a family how each one can use the various members of one's body to serve Christ. Be specific.

Remind your children that when they were baptized each member of the body was marked with the sign of the cross as sign of dedication and service to Christ.

Anthony M. Coniaris
Part 2 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/y48hecx6>

- 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 (Church school resumes January 5, 2020)

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.

- 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 Haftl/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

- Nov 24** *Book Club Mtg/immediately following Liturgy in the Bride's Room/*Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives* The Life and Teachings of Elder Theodorus of Vitovnica
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 Gathering with the Ladies of St. George 4p. RSVP to Rose Fakhoury fakhouryr@aol.com
Dec 15 *Cookie Sale during St. Ignatius luncheon (see Flyer in Narthex)

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

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 (alexcossells@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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2020 BUDGET INFORMATION SERIES

Thank you to all who faithfully contribute their time, talents and treasures to the parish. If you haven't yet made a financial or time commitment to the church, it's not too late. Please reach out to our clergy, stewardship committee or parish council if you have questions on how to do so.

In response to the many questions raised during our last general assembly, we're featuring an information series on our parish' operating budget. This first installment is on the annual operating expenses. Our 2020 budgeted annual operating expenses come up to \$617,546. These include:
 Building costs: \$24,300 Utilities: \$65,500
 Telephone & IT: \$9,000 Maintenance & repairs: \$123,000
 Personnel compensation: \$256,206 Archdiocese expenses: \$52,140
 Miscellaneous expenses: \$87,400

In the next installments of the series, we'll provide information on the breakdown of each category of expenses, as well as information on the operating income."

THE EPISTLE

(For the Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost)

*Thou, O Lord, shalt preserve us and keep us from this generation.
 Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (6:11-18)

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the Law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all, who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Ninth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (12:16-21)

The Lord spoke this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As He said this, Jesus called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

OCMC News:

Did you know that an OCMC team went to Jamaica for the first time? The team was invited by a young man named Moses Myers, who'd been working with Father Anthony Salzman, a priest and iconographer at St. Philothea Greek Orthodox Church in Watkinsville, Georgia. (Father Anthony is an Orthodox Christian Fellowship Regional Director, and is committed to college ministry.) Moses was greatly inspired about Orthodoxy from Father Anthony, and wants to fully establish the Church in his island nation!

—Mike Bosworth and Sam Khalil from our parish are going on the medical mission to Guatemala in March. Thank you for your prayers for their mission, and if possible, they would be grateful for your stewardship in any amount. Ss Peter and Paul donors can write checks to HOLY CROSS MISSION FUND, and be sure to write "Medical Mission: Bosworth and Khalil" in a note or subject line of the check. Checks can be simply put in the OCMC Box at the candle stand to be forwarded, or mailed directly to Holy Cross Orthodox Church, 123 Gilkeson Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15228. Father Chakos, retired priest and active missionary at Holy Cross will send donors a receipt and thank you letter for tax-deductible donations.

— We are collecting any unused eyeglasses for the optical clinic in Guatemala, which Sam will administer!

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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
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 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
 Margaret Ashley
 Renée Saah
 David Saah
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 Nimer Massarweh
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 Wadeha Massarweh
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Ricky M. Ayoub	Igor Kozlov	Susan Kozlov
Ralph Saah	Diana Kozlov	Alexander Kozlov
Peter Kozlov		Loma Malooley
Samia Zolnerowich		
Lidia, Ghassan, Adeeb, Farah & Hiba & their families		
Edward, Ritamarie, Emilia & Viviana Saa		

MEMORIALS
 Renee Saah/40-day

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:
 Susan Kozlov & Family

MEMORIAL WHEAT:
 Susan Kozlov & Family

FELLOWSHIP OFFERED BY:
 Susan Kozlov & Family

November 15: Nativity Fast starts till Christmas Day.
 It is a blessed time to prepare ourselves so that Christ will be born into the cave of our hearts as well as to the entire world.

2019 COOKIE WALK/December 15, 2019
 The Antiochian Women will be selling their homemade cookies during the St. Ignatius Fellowship Luncheon on December 15. Proceeds will benefit The Children's Relief Fund. So grab a box, grab a glove, walk the walk, and select your cookies. Then weigh your box, pay the cashier, wrap it up & ENJOY!

CHRISTMAS CARDS DONATIONS ARE UNDERWAY!
 Teen SOYO will be collecting donations during the Fellowship Hour to cover the expenses of the Christmas Card that goes out to all parishioners. Thanks to your donation (\$20.00 or more) your name will be included in the card. You may donate online by following the link <https://www.peterpaulpotomac.org/make-a-donation-to-the-church.html> (choose SOYO from the drop-down list), or give your check to one of the teen SOYO officers during the Fellowship Hour.

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**.