

	<b>Bread of Holy Oblation</b>	<b>Fellowship Hour</b>
<b>18 Nov</b>	Susan Kozlov/IMO David Hanna Saah	Susan Kozlov/IMO David Hanna Saah
<b>25 Nov</b>	Grace & George Malouf	Falafal/Jerry Audi
<b>02 Dec</b>	Nearm/Abdow/Boulos Families/ IMO Edmond Neam	Nearm/Abdow/Boulos Families/ IMO Edmond Neam
<b>09 Dec</b>	Open	Teen SOYO Zaatar Fundraiser
<b>16 Dec</b>	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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**Matins:** Sundays 9:30am  
**Divine Liturgy:** Sundays 10:30am

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2018**  
**tone 8 / EOTHINON 3**  
**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST &**  
**NINTH SUNDAY OF LUKE**

HOLY MARTYR PLATO OF ANCYRA; MARTYR ROMANOS OF ANTIOCH; MARTYRS ZACCHAEUS THE DEACON AND AL-PHAEOS THE READER OF CAESAREA IN PALESTINE

**RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 8)**

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 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.

*If these beings angels guard you, they do so because they have been summoned by your prayers.*

*St. Ambrose of Milan*

**2018/2019 STEWARDSHIP DRIVE**

The Stewardship Committee is launching our 2019 stewardship drive. 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.elexiochms.com](http://peterpaulpotomac.elexiochms.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 a member of the Stewardship committee member or in the fellowship hall for more information. Thank you for your support!

**ANCESTRAL SIN**

In the Old Testament account of creation, God created mankind and established a place for him called Paradise. He also gave him a commandment regarding the tree of the knowledge of good and evil: "And the Lord God commanded Adam, saying, 'You may eat food from every tree in the garden; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you may not eat; for in whatever day you eat from it, you shall die by death' " (Gn 2:16, 17). In that Adam and Eve did not physically die the day they ate from the tree, the words "you shall die" indicate a spiritual death through separation from God.

Ancestral sin is the disobedience of Adam to God's command regarding the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Adam willingly disobeyed this commandment and diverted himself, or fell, from God's path to perfection, thus separating himself from His Creator, the Source of life.

**WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE FALL?**

1 This Fall of Adam caused mankind to become subject to mortality. While this is often seen mainly as a punishment, or penalty, the emphasis concerning God's judgments on Adam and Eve at the Fall is best understood in terms of His mercy. So, for example, concerning man's mortality (Gn 3:19), St. Gregory the Theologian states, "Yet here too He provides a benefit—namely death, which cuts off sin, so that evil may not be everlasting. Thus His punishment is changed into a mercy."

2 We who are of Adam's race are not guilty because of Adam's sin, but because of our own sin. However, because all of mankind fell away from the grace of God through Adam's disobedience, man now has a propensity, a disposition, an inclination towards sin, because just as death entered the world through sin, now sin enters through fear of death.

3 Mankind's strong propensity to commit sin reveals that in the Fall, the image of God in man (Gn 1:26, 27) is also fallen. However, the ancient Fathers emphasize that the divine image in man has not been totally corrupted or obliterated. Human nature remains inherently good after the Fall; mankind is not totally depraved. People are still capable of doing good, although bondage to death and the influences of the devil can dull their perception of what is good and lead them into all kinds of evil.

4 Adam's Fall not only brought mortality and sin into the world, but also sweat, toil, hunger, thirst, weariness, sorrow, pain, suffering, sickness, tribulations, tragedy and tears.

5 Even after the Fall, the intellectual, desiring and incensive (forceful or driving) aspects of the soul are natural and therefore neutral. They can be used in a good way, or in a bad, harmful way. For instance, desire is very good when one directs it towards God. But when desire is out of control, one may use it in very inappropriate ways, such as becoming gluttonous or desiring another person's spouse. The classic analogy is that these powers of the soul are like iron, which can be made into a plow to help grow food, or into a sword to be used to kill someone.

Christ, by His Death and Resurrection, conquered the devil and death, freeing mankind from the fear of death (Heb 2:14–15) and making possible a more complete communion between God and man than was ever possible before. This communion allows people to become "partakers of the divine nature" (2Pt 1:4), to transcend death and, ultimately, all the consequences of the Fall.

# Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News and Events

## CHURCH SCHOOL 2018-2019

Registration for Church School is ongoing using this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/G06uQSnltimwglW2>, include your email as most Church school announcements go out to the entire parish. Please list all/any allergies.

**Check out our new online Church School Newsletter**  
<https://tinyurl.com/PeterPaulCSoctober>

**Nov 18** Christmas School Program Rehearsal  
**Nov 25** No Church School/Thanksgiving Holiday  
**Dec 02** Christmas School Program Rehearsal  
**Dec 09** St. Nicholas Workshop  
**Dec 16** Church School Christmas Program/Christmas Lunch/  
Special Visitor  
**Dec 23** No Church School/Christmas Holiday  
**Dec 30** No Church School/New Year's Holiday

## 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.

**Lay Advisors:**  
Zaid Sharafudin/Zaid.sharafudin@gmail.com (412) 708-6726 and Marian Azar/azaremarian@gmail.com (703) 297-9638  
Dec 02 \*Teen SOYO Mtg/12:30p

## YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

The Ss. Peter & Paul YAF welcomes all young people over 20 years of age to join in its social, educational, and outreach activities. Please contact Wayne Parr at wayneparr@gmail.com or 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. Checks can be given to Janet Metz.

\*Please provide your email address to Carol Laham at [claham@wileyrein.com](mailto:claham@wileyrein.com) for future notices.

\*If you have a child in college, please provide their name and college address to Carol Laham at the above email address. The ladies are planning a new outreach to college students.

\*PLEASE volunteer to help!

Dec 02 \*Antiochian Women Christmas Luncheon/see insert for more details)

## THE SS. PETER & PAUL PARISH LIBRARY & MEDIA CENTER

The new 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.

## "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 Library & Media Center. The next meeting is **Thursday, December 6, 2018**. Fr. Isaac facilitates the Forums using brief presentations as a springboard to open discussion on a variety of topics concerning our faith. ALL ARE WELCOME. Contact Fr. Isaac at [frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org](mailto:frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org), Fr. Luke at [frluke@peterpaulpotomac.org](mailto:frluke@peterpaulpotomac.org) or Kate Niewen-hous at [handmaidens20854@gmail.com](mailto: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 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](mailto:georgezaki@gmail.com) or [ajmzaki@gmail.com](mailto:ajmzaki@gmail.com)), Alex Cox at ([alexcoxseels@gmail.com](mailto:alexcoxseels@gmail.com)) or Fr. Isaac at ([frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org](mailto:frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org)). Our Parish is grateful for this ministry remembering that when we visit the sick and the infirm we visit Christ himself.

## PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY REMINDER

Please remember to sign up to take your family/individual picture over the coming few Sundays. The pictures are taken right after the liturgy inside the church. Please check in with the bookstore across from the elevators. Please use the following link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945A4A823ABFF2-parish2>  
Questions? email: [Frluke@peterpaulpotomac.org](mailto:Frluke@peterpaulpotomac.org) OR call: 301-765-3400 ext. 2.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

Nov 18 \*Church School Christmas Program Rehearsal  
Nov 20 \*Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos/6:00p Matins, 7:00p Divine Liturgy  
Nov 22 \*Thanksgiving/offices closed  
Nov 23 \*Baptism/Lydia Michael/1:00p  
Nov 24 \*Baptism/Zahi James Korkor Wright/12p  
Nov 25 \*No Church School/Thanksgiving Holiday  
Nov 29 \*Professionals Meeting/presented by DLA Piper/4p—6:30p  
Dec 01 \*Baptism/Remington Buel/12:00p  
\*Antiochian Women Christmas Luncheon/see insert for more details)  
Dec 02 \*Antiochian Village "Camp" Liturgy (every 1st Sunday of the month)  
\*Church School Christmas Program Rehearsal  
\*Teen SOYO Mtg./12:30p  
Dec 06 \*\*Adult Religious Education Forum/'Exploring our Faith'/7:00p/  
Library & Media Center  
Dec 08 \*Community Night/5p-8p/(see box on page 2 for more details)  
Dec 09 \*Church School St. Nicholas Workshop  
Dec 11 \*Parish Council Mtg./7p/Serge Malooley Conf. Rm.  
Dec 16 \*Church School Christmas Play  
\*The Order of St. Ignatius Dinner (see box on page 2 for more details)  
Dec 22 \*Baptism/Aryana Sahouri/1:30p  
Dec 23 \*Choir Christmas Concert/following Liturgy  
\*No Church School/Christmas Holiday  
Dec 24 \*Feast of the Nativity/6:00p Matins & 7:00p Divine Liturgy  
Dec 25 \*Offices Closed for Christmas  
Dec 26 \*Baptism/Zaya & Zara Abdallah/12:00p  
Dec 30 \*Baptism/Elijah T. Mitchell/1:30p  
\*No Church School/New Year's Holiday

## CHRISTMAS DECORATING COMMITTEE

### **On-Going**

\***Today**, the Antiochian Women are selling frozen trays of pastries which are ideal for your holiday entertaining and gift giving. All the work is done for you! Please see Bette Adam after Liturgy in the Church Hall following Liturgy.  
\***Donations** for the Poinsettias and Shut-In & Homeless Projects. The Antiochian Women will be collecting for these 3 projects. See flyer and sign-up sheet in the Narthex on the glass table for more information. For questions, please see Thomaseena Cox, Leila Ayoub, Barbara Bosworth or any Ladies Auxiliary Member following the Liturgy.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

**Saturday Dec. 8** \*9:00am decorating the Church for Christmas. Volunteers are welcome!  
**Saturday, Jan 12, 2019** \*9:00am take down Christmas decorations. Volunteers are welcome!

## THE EPISTLE

(For the Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost)  
*Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.  
God is known in Judah; His Name is great in Israel.*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (4:1-7)**

Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, Who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

## 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."

## COMMUNITY NIGHT

**On Saturday, December 8, 2018**, from 5:00p—8:00p the Church is hosting a Community Night for families and their children. The program includes Vespers, a movie for the kids, pizza, and fellowship for parents and adults. All are welcome!

## St. Ignatius Christmas Luncheon

**\*\*On Sunday, December 16, 2018**, following the Church School Nativity play in the Church, the Order of St. Ignatius will host their annual Christmas luncheon. All the faithful of the Parish are invited and there is no charge.

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

**\*\*The Men's Fellowship** are sponsoring a 50/50 raffle from now until December 16 when the drawing will be made. Tickets are 5 for \$20.00 and proceeds to benefit the Church. See Sam Khalil and the ushers for tickets.

## **CHURCH SCHOOL**

### **Directors**

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Stephen Zolnerowich  
Nate Guinn  
Anees Mokhiber  
AJ Wood  
Philip Allen

## **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

Sam Khalil

## **ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN**

Carol Laham

## **TEEN SOYO**

### **Lay Advisors**

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## **YOUNG ADULT**

### **FELLOWSHIP**

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## **RENTAL COORDINATOR**

Barbara Abraham

## **CHARITIES**

Sam Sahouri Ghanem

## **FINANCE**

Salim Habayeb

## **STEWARDSHIP**

Zeina Manasseh

# 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

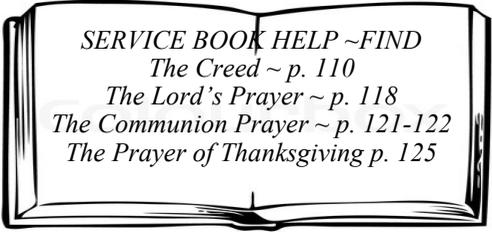
**Orthodox Christians**  
Faithful Orthodox fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when they receive Holy Communion in fulfillment of Christ's command to eat His Body and drink His Blood. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, communicants should not be conscious of grave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



**Parishioners who remain in our prayers continually**

Rt. Rev. Fr. Elias Bitar	Margaret Ashley	Mary Smith
Isabel Threddeh	George Brown	Nabeeha Ayoub
Holly Dubois	Robert & Thelma Badwey	
Sophie Neam	Miriam Yazge	Barbara Abraham
George & Joan Abraham	Lula Brown	Douglas Kalesh
Michael Buchko, Sr.	Edward Rizkallah	Dorothy Marge
Leila Khoury	Shoke George	Suad Shammas
Assad & Patricia Khoury	Bob & Shirley Neri	Nadim Zarour

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Ramzi Imad	John Abraham	Margo Sahouri-Ghanem
Marcella Aumaitre	Gigi Hanna	Tammy Alvarez
George & Joanna Khoury	Stephanie Hatmaker	Barbara Mullin
Susan Kozlov & Family	David Saah, Jr.	Ralph Saah
Renee Saah	Ramzi, Jacqueline, & Chloe Issa & Family	
Ibtisam Toubaji		

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**

David H. Saah

**DEPARTED**

Fr. George Rados  
David H. Saah  
Edmond Neam  
Josephine Lofgren  
Melinda Aumaitre  
Frances Cox

During this past weekend November 10 & 11, some of the teens participated in the YES trip in Washington D.C. We had 12 teens from our church volunteer, which is amazing! The teens had an overall great and life changing experience working with people from around the country to help serve the homeless and work with the community of Washington D.C. **Thank you!**  
  
In Christ,  
Julia Azar

**HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:**  
The Family of David H. Saah in Remembrance of David H. Saah

**MEMORIAL WHEAT OFFERED BY:**  
The Family of David H. Saah in Remembrance of David H. Saah

**FELLOWSHIP OFFERED BY:**  
The Family of David H. Saah in Remembrance of David H. Saah



**Orthodox Mission Trip to Guatemala Update**  
\*\*Ss Peter and Paul's short term missionaries, Mike Bosworth and Betty Slanta arrived back landing at Dulles Airport this past Tuesday! They took a ten-hour bus ride from the mountainous region of Guatemala yesterday, and then flights from Tuxtla Gutier, Mexico and Mexico City. We will be excited to learn about their week, serving at the medical clinic in Aguacate, Guatemala where over 150,000 people have converted to Orthodoxy!  
\*\*Thank you to everyone who has given spare change to the OCMC box at the candle counter! Your contributions are making a difference.