

	BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
22 Nov	The Family of Fadel TaweeL Lorna Malooley in Memory of Catherine Bolus 40-Day Memorial	The Family of Fadel TaweeL
29 Nov	Donna Gavin	Tony Moussa
06 Dec	Christakis Family	Slanta/Hawkins Families IHO Alexandra's 2nd Birthday & St. Nicholas
013 Dec	Marie Khalil	St. Ignatius Luncheon
20 Dec	OPEN	Falafal Sale

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 22, 2015

TONE 8/EOTHINON 3

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

AFTER-FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS

APOSTLES PHILEMON, APPHIA, ARCHIPPOS AND ONESIMOS OF THE SEVENTY; CLEMENT, BISHOP OF OCHRID AND ENLIGHTENER OF BULGARIA; MARTYR CECILIA OF ROME AND THOSE WITH HER; VENERABLE KALLISTOS XANTHOPOULOS OF ATHOS; MARTYR MICHAEL, PRINCE OF TVER

APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRECTION (Tone 8)

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS (Tone 4)

Today the Virgin is the foreshadowing of the pleasure of God, and the beginning of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. Thou hast appeared in the Temple of God openly and hast gone before, preaching Christ to all. Let us shout with one thrilling voice, saying: Rejoice, O thou who art the fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation.

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.

When giving, give magnanimously with a look of kindness on your face, and give more than what is asked of you.

St. Isaac the Syrian

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

NICOLAS ABOU MRAD

ANTIOCH AND ISLAM

The Church of Antioch encountered Islam just a few years after the appearance of that religion in the Arabian Peninsula. In the course of the Middle Ages, representatives of the two religions would confront one another, as Christian theologians attempted to defend the basic dogmas of the faith and to refute Islamic beliefs. However, many Christian apologists tried to expound their faith more positively, in order to assert themselves as monotheists.

In its modern theological discourse, the Church of Antioch has always insisted on the importance of both a dialogue of life and one of thought with the Muslims. This conviction is rooted in the experience of common history and in the necessity for understanding the other more deeply.

For this reason, the Orthodox University of Balamand founded in 1995 a Centre for Christian-Muslim Studies. Its initiatives included, among others, an annual Christian-Muslim summer school and a research project on the mutual images that Christianity and Islam have of each other today. The Centre has also convened an international Consultation on Christian-Muslim Studies. Georges Massouh, Director of the Centre and Lecturer in Islamology at the St John of Damascus Institute, emphasises faith in the same one God and also the common values and virtues shared by the two religions. In both, caring for the poor and for suffering persons and 'bearing one another's burdens' are the utmost expressions of religious piety. Moreover, in both Christianity and Islam the human being is the highest value; he is God's 'image and likeness' in Christianity, and God's 'representative on earth' in the Qur'an. Both religions call for *'an expectation of blessings to come'* (Heb 9:11) and their realisation in the present world through genuine service.

Patriarch Ignatius IV has always insisted on the fact that Arab Christians belong to the Middle East: they are not guests. They have been living and witnessing in that region, proclaiming belief in the one God, since long before Islam conquered and established itself there. Patriarch Ignatius speaks in terms of Christians and Muslims believing in one God who embraces in his providence all peoples, regardless of their beliefs. Despite the historical difficulties that have led to mutual rejection, the Patriarch sees that life goes beyond mere controversies and disputes. And Muslims and Christians in the Arab world have experienced a common life: they both trust in divine providence, and attach the same value to humility and the need to surrender oneself to God, which is what 'Islam' really means.

Ignatius IV speaks of plurality in the framework of love. For him, plurality is a form of obedience to the divine will. He invites Eastern Christians to share with Muslims the concerns of justice and peace and affirms that when one humbles oneself, one permits life to bear fruit despite the violence and disappointments of history. The Christians of the East have not shared the spirit of the Crusades, but that of the Cross. They did not make Christianity a closed, separate identity, but 'the humble and radiant presence of the life-giving Cross'. Hence they must always be in solidarity with those around them 'without naivety, yet without hate; without compromise, yet without fear'.

This solidarity should be expressed in the attitude of Antiochian Christians towards the issues troubling the Arab East to which they belong, such as the question of Palestine. Patriarch Ignatius invites Eastern Christians to acknowledge Jerusalem as the heart of humanity, a crucible where many religions and religious values interact and co-exist; he describes racism and apartheid in Palestine as 'a stain on the brow of truth and justice'. In the context of the troubles that shake the region, he speaks of the Church of Antioch standing in the midst of the 'bloodbath of the Middle East' as 'an unarmed, non-violent and confessing Church'.

Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News and Events

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S UPDATE

The Ladies Auxiliary will again be collecting toiletries and small clothing items for the *needy* through BETHESDA CARES. Please see the flyer on the round table in the Narthex for more information and a list of items needed. The final due date is December 13. Please be generous for this worthy cause.

2015 Poinsettia Flower Donation

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 \$40.00.

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.

CALLING ALL CHURCH PHOTOGRAPHERS

Do you have a digital camera and an interest in capturing the beautiful smiles of our Parish Members? If so let us know because we need you. The photos you take will be uploaded to our new Elexio database and allow us all to see and recognize each other in the Church Directory. The first session is scheduled for December 20th at the Christmas event. Sign up by sending an email to Lina Eid at Lina033@verizon.net, who will provide you with more details. Have a blessed holiday season!

STEWARSHIP 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...

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 01	Bazaar Prep Mtg.
Dec 02	Young Adult Fellowship Study Group (see insert for more details)
Dec 03	Adult Ed Forum/Exploring our Faith/LL Conf. Rm/7:15pm
Dec 05	*Christmas Decorating *Wreath Making Event (tentative) *Teen SOYO Christmas Caroling *Arabic Language Class/10a-12:30p/LL Conf. Rm. *Arabic Liturgy @5:00pm
Dec. 06	Teen SOYO Meeting (following Sunday School)
Dec 08	Parish Council Mtg. @7:00pm, LL Conf. Rm.
Dec 13	*Christmas Play *St. Ignatius hosting annual luncheon to follow Church School Play
Dec 17	Adult Ed Forum/Exploring our Faith/LL Conf. Rm/7:15pm
Dec 19	*Teen SOYO Christmas Party hosted by the Tawee Family *No Arabic classes due to Christmas Holiday
Dec 20	Christmas Concert following Liturgy w/Falafal Luncheon following concert

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."

Statement of the Antiochian Archdiocese on the Terrorist Attacks against the People of Beirut and Paris

It is with extreme sadness that His Eminence Metropolitan Joseph and the hierarchs, clergy, and faithful of the Antiochian Archdiocese offer our prayers and condolences to the families of all of the victims of the horrific terrorist attacks that were perpetrated last week against the people of Beirut and Paris. We ask our gracious and merciful Lord to bestow healing upon the victims who were injured, repose of soul for those whose lives were taken, and some measure of comfort to the families of the victims. We pray to God that He will soften the hearts of those who inflict pain and suffering and that He will grant to the world the peace that can only come from above. We speak out in the strongest possible terms against all forms of violence which are carried out against our fellow human beings and proclaim that we will stand in solidarity with all people of peace and good will. We are mindful that those who perpetrate these acts of violence are intent on spreading fear, but we are comforted by the words of St. Paul to Timothy, "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." (2 Timothy 1:7)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Layla Najjar
Lizzy Cassar
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Andrew Salem
Caroline Jarboe
Amber Bennett
Stephen Zolnerowich
Anees Mokhiber

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Sam Khalil

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Christine & Samer Korkor
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Finance

David Jackson

Stewardship

Lina Eid

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

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.

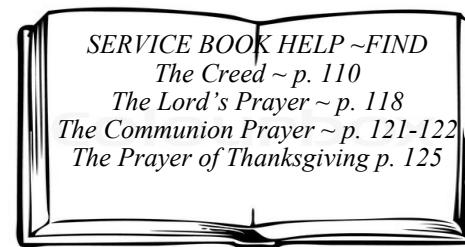
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- 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:

The Family of Fadel Taweele

Lorna Malooley in Memory of Catherine Bolus 40-Day Memorial

MEMORIAL WHEAT

Marion Alany in Memory of Catherine Bolus 40-Day Memorial

FELLOWSHIP HOUR OFFERED BY:

The Family of Fadel Taweele

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

LIVING

Parishioners who remain in our prayers continually

Margaret Ashley

May Fillah

Richie Kogok

Brian Briggs

Suad Shammas

Robert Simon

Lulu & George Brown

Bertha Aed

Isabel Thredreh

Holly Dubois

Thelma & Bob Badwey

Edmond & Sophie Neam

Josephine Lofgren

Salwa Gabro

Sally Ruffin

Robert Dubois

Nouha Aramouni

Joan Lanciani

Bill Dora, Jr.

Linda Dora Elkanich

Joe, Donna & Alexandra Gavín

Richie Ayoub

The Bolus & El-Hage Families

Lorna Malooley & Family

Marion Alany & Family

The Shammas & Boullata Families

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

Very Rev. Fr. Elias Eid Sweiss
Catherine & John Bolus

Julian John El-Hage

Shawky El-Hage

Eid & Amahl Smaili

Serge Malooley

Jack Bottash

Fadel Taweele

Joseph Ayoub

James Lowry

Alexis Swidovich

Issa Shammas

40-Day Memorial for Catherine Hamidy Bolus

Today, the 40-day Memorial for Catherine Hamaty Bolus will follow the Liturgy. The interment is Wednesday, November 25, 2015 at 11:00a at Arlington National Cemetery.

Funeral Arrangements for Issa Shammas

Funeral Arrangements have been confirmed for Issa Shammas husband of Suad (Boullata) Shammas. Issa was a founder and supporter of Ss. Peter & Paul Parish from its inception.. The Viewing will be on Monday, November 23, 2015 at 4:00pm to 6:00pm and the Funeral will follow at 6:00pm to 7:00pm. The Internment will be on Tuesday, November 24, 2015 at 10:30am at Gates of Heaven, 13801 Georgia Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20906.