

FELLOWSHIP HOUR AND BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION

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| Nov 30 | | Peter (Butros) family |
| Dec 7 | Christakis family | Slanta, Bosworth, Hawkins, Yanowsky |
| 14 | Jweied family | Patriarchal Luncheon |
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| 28 | Mary Misleh | |
| Jan 4 | | Ramona Dora |
| 11 | Nadia & Michael El-Hage | Nadia & Michael El-Hage |
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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

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All Things Are Possible to Him Who Believes

Matins: Sundays 9:30am

Divine Liturgy: Sundays 10:30am

Confessions: call to schedule

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TONE 7 SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2014 EOTHINON 2

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & NINTH SUNDAY OF LUKE
AFTER-FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS

Today we Commemorate: Amphilokios, bishop of Iconium; Gregory, bishop of Agrigentum; Ischyron, bishop in Egypt and hermit of Sketis; Venerable Sisinius the Confessor of Kyzikos

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (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 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.

TROPARION of Ss. Peter & 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 (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.

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CATECHISM

THE ATTRIBUTES OF THE CHURCH

Part I in a Three Part Series from *The Mystery of Faith* by Bishop Hilarion Alfeyev

The words of the Nicene-Constantinople Creed, 'I believe in One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church', define the Church as a divine-human organism.

The Church is one, for it is constituted in the image of the Holy Trinity and reveals the mystery of unity in essence, while being differentiated in hypostases. It consists of many separate people welded together by unity in the faith and in the sacraments. As St Paul says, 'There is one body and one Spirit ... one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all' (Eph. 4:4-6). It was for the same unity among Christians that Jesus Christ prayed at the Last Supper: 'Holy Father, keep them in thy name, which thou hast given me, that they may be one... I do not pray for these only, but also for those who believe in me through their word, that they may all be one; even as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be in us' (John 17:11, 20-1). The love among the three Persons of the Trinity is reflected in the unity of the Church.

There is no unity on earth that can be compared with Church unity; such unity can be found only in heaven. In heaven the incomparable love of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit unites the three Persons into a single Essence, so that there are not three Gods, but a single God living a triune life ... People who have become part of the Church and who have come to love each other are like the three Persons of the Most Holy Trinity.

St Paul speaks of the holiness of the Church by comparing Christ with a bridegroom and the Church with his bride: 'Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her...that he might present the church to himself in splendour, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish' (Eph. 5:25, 27). The sanctity of the Church is not conditioned by Christ's holiness as her head, but by the holiness to which all her members are called. The epistles refer to Christians as 'the saints', thereby suggesting that holiness is not an unattainable ideal, but the norm for members of the Church. Every Christian is called to holiness, and throughout the Church's history there have been true saints. Those who have

managed to transcend sin and the passions, however, are very few. The majority of Christians are sinners who are members of the Church not by virtue of having attained holiness, but by virtue of their striving for this holiness and their repentance. The Church's task is to sanctify them and lead them to God. In this sense it is said of Christians that they are *in patria a in via* — in the homeland and on the way, that is, simultaneously within the Church and yet on the way towards her.

CHARITY COLLECTION NEXT Sunday

Next Sunday we will collect for the Stepping Stones Shelter of Montgomery County. The shelter provides a continuum of services (emergency shelter, permanent supportive housing, and post-shelter support) to homeless families with children in order to move them from crisis to a stable home environment. By offering food, shelter and supportive services in an atmosphere of dignity and respect, Stepping Stones provides hope for the future, strengthens families, and promotes self-sufficiency. We hope and pray that you will support this project and remember your donations are tax deductible.

Upcoming events...

Nov 25 - Mens' Club Meeting @ 7:30pm
Nov 27 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING
Dec 5 - Wreath Making @ 4pm
Dec 6 - Decorate the Sanctuary 7:00am-1:00pm
Dec 6 - Teen SOYO Caroling to Shut-Ins
Dec 6 - *Arabic Liturgy is CANCELLED* due to the enthronement of Met. JOSEPH; Fr. George and Fr. Isaac will attend, Brooklyn, NY
Dec 7 - Sunday School Workshop 9am
Dec 12 - Concert Orthodox Liturgical Music @7:30p
Dec 13 - Great Vespers @ 5:30pm
Dec 13 - Advent Banquet @ 6:30pm
Dec 14 - Patriarchal Divine Liturgy @ 9:30am
Dec 14 - St. Ignatius Christmas Luncheon
Dec 16 - Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm
Dec 20 - Women's Christmas Lunch @ 11:30am
Dec 21 - Sunday School Nativity Program
Dec 24 - Feast of the Nativity @ 7pm

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PATRIARCHAL VISIT

In commemoration of the visit to the United States of His Beatitude Patriarch JOHN X of Antioch, and the enthronement of Metropolitan JOSEPH as Archbishop of North America, the Parish of Ss. Peter and Paul Antiochian Church invite you to the events in celebration.

Friday December 12th • 7:30pm

Concert of Orthodox Liturgical Hymns

Saturday December 13th • 5:30pm

Great Vespers • Advent Great Banquet

Sunday December 14th • 9:30am

Hierarchal Divine Liturgy • Luncheon

DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS

Help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas, Saturday, December 6th from 7am to 1pm. Take pride in the beauty and decoration of your church this season and lend a hand where needed. Come for all or part of the morning. Men's Club members will be ready to offer direction. For more information contact Sam Khalil at (202) 467-5555 or sk1943@aol.com.

ARABIC LITURGY

Please note the next Arabic Divine Liturgy will be held Saturday, January 3rd, 2015 at 5pm. December 6th Arabic Divine Liturgy is cancelled.

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

Christmas Lunch

Ladies, make your reservation for the Christmas Luncheon on December 20th from 11:30am-2:30pm, at Wildfire Restaurant, Tyson's Galleria. Bring a gift for exchange. Pick up a flyer in the vestibule; pay for your reservation in Kogok Hall after Liturgy. Contact Lorna Malooley at LornaAM@aol.com, Ann Marie Moses amoses00@verizon.net or Bette Adam johnbette@aol.com for more information. Join in the fun, happiness and great food!

Wreath Making

Antiochian Women will make wreaths Friday, December 5th at 4:00pm. Come let your creativity shine and enjoy the conversation and company! Bring ribbons, bobbles or other festive decorations and a dinner dish to share.

Poinsettias

Honor or remember a loved one and beautify the sanctuary this Christmas with a contribution to the poinsettia fund. To make a donation for the health of or in memory of your loved one(s), complete the form in the vestibule and turn it in no later than December 14th to either Leila Ayoub at layoub@finmarc.com, or Thomaseena Cox at Cox1903@aol.com.

Collection for the Needy

The Antiochian Women are collecting toiletries and small clothing items for the needy. Please place items (find a list on the flyer in the Narthex) in a plastic bag labeled male or female and put the bag in the large box labeled "COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDY." We hope every family will provide a kit this year. Most of these items can be purchased at your local dollar store. Deadline is December 14th.

TEEN SOYO

Christmas Card

Each year, Teen SOYO produces the parish Christmas card on behalf of families. In exchange for your name in the card, we ask for a suggested donation of \$30, but any amount is most welcome. Monies raised enable teens to attend archdiocese events, support charities the teens work with, and allow teens to put special programs and activities together. Drop a check in the Christmas paper-wrapped box located in Kogok Hall, or mail your donation to the church marked Attn: Teen SOYO Christmas Card. Deadline for submission is Sunday, December 7th, 2013.

Winter Camp at the Village

Pack your snow boots, winter parka, hat, scarf and Sunday best as we prepare for Winter Camp, February 13-16, 2015. If you are in the range of grades 7-12, join us for Winter Camp where we will hear amazing talks from Deacon Nicholas Belcher (Dean of Students at Holy Cross Seminary and Hellenic College); a cycle of liturgical services; fun and fellowship. For more information or to register visit avcamp.org.

THE 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 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."

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Directors

Samia Zolnerowich
Jennifer Buchko

Teachers

Jumana Misleh
Susan Kozlov
Michelle Zook
Razan Abdallah
Jena Peters
Lara Bellone
Caroline Jarboe
Saleem Mokhiber
Stephen Zolnerowich
Anees Mokhiber

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Sam Khalil

Antiochian Women

Kate Niewenhous

Teen SOYO

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Majd Akkawi
Facilitators:
Phillip Allen
Reema Guegel
Stephen Zolnerowich
Samia Zolnerowich
Anees Mokhiber

Fellowship of St. John

Majd Akkawi
Christine & Samer Korkor
Christian & Zeina Manasseh

Adornment

Shams Akkawi
Jamil Hermes

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Nick Nahas
Bob Simon

Rental Coordinator

Barbara Abraham

Charities

Sam Sahouri Ghanem

Finance

Gary Farha
Stewardship
Lorna Malooley

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 enter the sanctuary quietly during the Divine Liturgy.

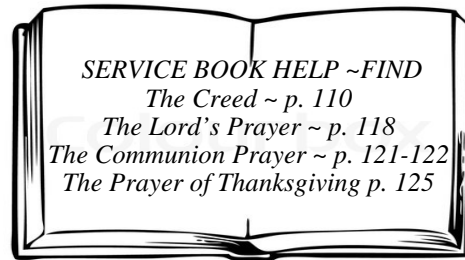
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- 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.



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

LIVING

Parishioners who remain in our prayers continually

Margaret Ashley
Lulu & George Brown
Issa & Suad Shammam
Edmond Neam
Richie Kogok

Barbara Abraham
Grace Malouf
Fr. Basil Summer
Rt. Rev. Fr. Elias Bitar
George Abraham
Marianne Rouady
Mike & Alganesh Piechocinski & family
Johanna & George Macauley & family
Doris & David Senft & family
Jamal Rafeedie & family
Naheel Qreitem

DEPARTED

Richard Rafeedie

V. Rev. Fr. Gabriel Ashie Oct. 25
Lorraine Adelmassy Nov. 5
Khalil Mouchantaf Oct. 25
Suad John Peter (Butros) Oct. 18
John, Jad, Sami Butros
Bonnie Akel
George Janini Jr Oct. 10
Joanne Husson Oct. 8
Lorraine Abdelmassih Abdow Nov. 6
(sister of George Abdow)

Pat Thibodeau
Joe Charley
Frances Cox

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION: Offered by Alganesh Piechocinski
and by Ferial Rafeedie

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