

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
26 Nov	Jarboe Family	Jarboe Family
03 Dec	Fr. George 40-Day Memorial Lorna Malooley, Alganesh Piechocinski, Chris Malaska, Asma Trey. Memorial Wheat provided by the Choir	Ss. Peter and Paul Parish Fr. George 40-Day Memorial
10 Dec	Open	Open
17 Dec	Open	St. Ignatius Christmas Luncheon
24 Dec	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 vestibule.

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All Things Are Possible to Him Who Believes

Matins: Sundays 9:30am

Divine Liturgy: Sundays 10:30am

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2017

TONE 8 / EOTHINON 3

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

VENERABLE ALYPIOS THE STYLITE OF ADRIANOPLE; NIKON THE PREACHER OF REPENTANCE; VENERABLE STYLIANOS OF PAPHLAGONIA; NEW-MARTYR GEORGE OF CHIOS; REPOSE OF INNOCENT, FIRST BISHOP OF IRKUTSK

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (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 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 PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY (Tone 3)

*(**The original melody**)*

Today the Virgin cometh to the cave where she will give birth in an ineffable manner to the Word Who is before all the ages. Rejoice, therefore, O universe, when thou hearest it heralded: Glorify Him, with the angels and the shepherds, Who chose to be seen as a newborn babe, the God Who is before all the ages.

The Twelve Days of Christmas

On Saturday, December 9th, at 6:30 pm, Sts. Peter & Paul Church will host a Concert of Orthodox Byzantine Nativity Hymns in English performed by the Boston Byzantine Choir under the direction of Charles Marge. Following the concert, a reception will be held in the Church hall. All are welcome.

When we are having difficulties, we need to acquire a spirit of contrition, pray and remain patient. We have to endure less than satisfactory circumstances because we are called to be in the world in order to undergo affliction. However, this shouldn't be a cause for despair, but rather, we must continue our struggle. This is our invisible and constant battle; this is the yoke that Christ has given us.

St. Sergei of Vanves

WHY GO TO CHURCH?

THE CENTER OF WORSHIP: THE EUCHARIST (con't)

The key is to be found in the book we referenced earlier, Leviticus, whose primary character is that of a liturgical guide. Leviticus directs the Jewish people of the tribe of Levi, who were appointed by God to be the priestly tribe, how to lead the worship of Israel. It is an extremely detailed book, just like the liturgical books used in the Orthodox Church.

In Leviticus 17:11, we read the key to this whole question of blood: "For the life of all flesh is in its blood: and I give it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul." The context of this verse is God forbidding the Jews to drink the blood of animals, but He makes this prohibition by way of telling them what blood is and what it's for. Blood is where we find life, and blood is for making atonement for the soul.

How is this possible? It is because in order for us to connect to something, to commune with it, we have to meet with the same type of thing that we are. That is, because we are creatures, we cannot connect directly with the uncreated Being except through created being. We cannot access the heavenly except through the earthly.

We may be tempted to think this means that life has to be taken, that death must occur, in order for sins to be forgiven. Indeed, this is how many people interpret the death of Jesus—that God wanted Him killed in order to appease His wrath against mankind. But this misses the whole point of what atonement means, which is not so much about doing away with criminal charges related to God's law, but rather about union and communion with God.

In ancient Jewish worship and even in much pagan worship, the blood of sacrificed animals was not merely offered up on the altar. Rather, the blood was sprinkled or poured out on places and, most especially, on people. That is, the life that was being poured out to bring about forgiveness, long life, or immortality was being identified with the people making the sacrifice. They were receiving the life of that animal onto themselves.

And were they merely getting bloody? No, this blood had been sacrificed, which means that it had been offered up to be made holy. The word *sacrifice* is intimately connected with other words like *sacred*, *sanctify*, *sacrament*, and the Latin word *sacerdos*, which means "priest." Thus, this animal blood was put on the altar, it received holiness from a divine source, and then that holy blood was put on the worshiper.

It is in *that* liturgical context that Jesus Christ comes into the world. And the Epistle to the Hebrews asks us: If the blood of these animals purified the flesh of worshipers in the Jewish Tabernacle and Temple, then how much more so will the blood of Jesus—that is, the blood of God—purify the very souls of mankind?

But the point goes even deeper when we consider Christian worship, which is the fulfillment of all the religious and even non-religious hopes that have, for so many thousands of years, focused on blood. While Jews and pagans were sprinkled with blood or sometimes ashes from the sacrifice in order to have their sins forgiven, their lives bettered, Christians are not merely sprinkled with animal blood. No, they *eat and drink* the very Body and Blood of their Creator become a man.

*Fr. Andrew S. Damick
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Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News and Events

CHURCH SCHOOL 2017-2018

Registration for Church School is ongoing using this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/GQ6uQSNltimwgvJW2>. Also, please make sure to register with the church, including your email as most Church school announcements go out to the entire parish. School calendars are now available. We are also in need of snacks/drinks for the children--small and reg. juice boxes, juice pouches, small waters, individually wrapped snacks (PEANUT & TREE NUT FREE).

- Dec 3** *Saint Nicholas Workshop
- Dec 17** *Church School Christmas Play
- Mar 18** *2018 Pascha Prep Workshop

CHURCH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PLAY

The Church School Christmas Play and St. Ignatius luncheon will be held after Church on Sunday, December 17. Once again, Carol Pappas will provide her beautiful costumes for our children. You can get a form for reserving a costume for your child from your child's teacher. Forms plus \$5.00 are due by November 26. We will be fitting the children with their costumes on December 3. Please contact Linda Shaheen at llshaheen47@gmail.com with any questions.

TEEN SOYO

Events and outreach projects:
Dec 2 *Retreat w/St. George Teen SOYO (more details to follow)
 The Lay Advisors are:
 Zaid Sharafudin/zaid343@yahoo.com and
 Anees Mokhiber / aneesmokhiber@gmail.com

THE ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

Starting Today, the Antiochian Woman will be collecting funds and will be available in the Hall to accept your donations for the following Activities:

Poinsettias to decorate the church for Christmas

Dec 02 *Aniochian Women making Christmas Wreaths Saturday, **9:00a**. Decorations, ribbons, ornaments, floral tape, glue guns & sticks are needed. Please come join in the spirit of the Birth of Our Lord. Contact Donna Gavin at crazygavins@verizon.net with any questions.

Dec 03 **Putting Together.....**
 *Gift Bags for our Shut-Ins over the holidays
 *Back Packs full of toiletries and sundries for those in need at Bethesda Cares

Dec 09 *Antiochian Women's Christmas luncheon/
 11:30am at Wildfire, Tysons Corner.

MEN'S CLUB

Dec. 02 Decorate Church for Christmas/9:00a. Volunteers welcome. Please see Abe Fannoney for more information.
Jan 06, 2018 Take down Christmas decorations/9:00a

"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 lower level conference room. The next meeting is **Thursday, November 30, 2017**. Fr. Isaac facilitates the meetings using brief presentations as a springboard to open discussion on a variety of topics concerning our faith. ALL ARE WELCOME. Please contact Fr. Isaac at frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org or Kate Niewenhou at hand-maidens20854@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 and 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 or ajmzaki@gmail.com), Alex Cox at (alexcoxells@gmail.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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

- Dec 02** *Men's Club/Decorate Church for Christmas/9a
 Volunteers welcomed. Contact Abe Fannoney
 *Antiochian Women/Christmas Wreath decorating/9:00a
- Dec 03** *V.R. Fr. George M. Rados/40-day Memorial
 *Church School St. Nicholas Workshop/LL Hall
 *Antiochian Women putting together gift Bags and back packs/Kogok Hall
- Dec 09** *Antiochian Women Christmas Luncheon
 11:30am/Wildfire, Tysons Corner
 *Vespers @5:30pm
 *Boston Byzantine Choir/6:30p
 Reception to follow recital in the Hall
- Dec 12** *Parish Council Meeting/7p/LL Conf. Rm.
- Dec 17** * Church School Christmas Play to follow the Liturgy
 *St. Ignatius Luncheon to follow
- Dec 24** *10:30a/Liturgy for Sunday before Nativity
 *9:00p/Matins for the Feast of the Nativity
 *10:00p/Liturgy for the Nativity

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 Thirteenth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:18-27)

At that time, a man came testing Jesus and asking, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery. Do not kill. Do not steal. Do not bear false witness. Honor your father and mother.'" And the man said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when the man heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus, seeing him sad, said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

Antiochian Women

It's time to sign up for our annual Christmas party!

When: December 9, 2017 from 11:30am-2:00pm

Where: Wildfire at Tyson's Galleria

Cost: \$45.00 pp. Cash Bar

Bring a wrapped gift in the \$12-\$15 range for our grab

ATTENDANCE IS LIMITED TO 50 PERSONS and secured by payment.

Collecting fee on Sundays through December 3.

Memory Eternal – The Archpriest George Rados

Next Sunday, December 3rd, the forty (40) day Memorial Service will be held for the repose of the soul of our beloved Pastor Emeritis Fr. George. Following the Service a Memorial Fellowship hour will be offered by the Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Council for all the Parish. Please plan on attending this important remembrance of our founding Pastor, as our Parish offers gratitude in prayer for the blessing of his ministry. May his Memory be Eternal.

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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

Parishioners who remain in our prayers continually

Margaret Ashley	Brian Briggs	Mary Smith
Helen White	Isabel Thredeh	George Brown
Everett Alvarez	Holly Dubois	Robert & Thelma Badwey
Edmond & Sophie Neam	Grace Malouf	Barbara Abraham
George & Joan Abraham	Lulu Brown	Tania Mufarrij
Suad Shammias	Mary Bazargan	Marie Kennedy

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Archpriest George Rados
Jacqui Rados
Christopher Rados
Issa Michael
John Langston
Gloria Langston
Paul Jarboe
Margaret Jarboe
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Ruth Schmidt
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Alice Haje

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Leena Haddad	Leila Khoury	Paul & Helen Jarboe
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Mark & Dana Rados & family	Paul Rados	June & Dan DeHart
Sherrie Zacharia	Danielle Bellone	John Langston
Amanda Ayvaz	Dorothy Marge	Paul & Peggy Langston
Chris Malaska	Sham Ayoub	Sam Olden
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	Dennis Herndon	

Ss. Peter and Paul Christmas Card

Each year, Teen SOYO produces the parish Christmas Card on behalf of all the families. The donations raised from this effort has typically been \$2,500; these funds help the teens attend archdiocese events and meetings, provide much needed financial support to a variety of charities that the teens work with, allow teens to put special programs and activities together, as well as help the teens make meaningful contributions to the operations of Saints Peter and Paul as good stewards of our community. Without your support, these programs and activities would not be possible

We are striving to have all parishioners included in this annual card and want to ensure your name is included. We are writing to ask that you inform us via email exactly how your family name should appear; otherwise, we will list the name of the family (examples for you to use: John Smith -or - John and Mary Smith, and family - or - The Smith Family - or - John, Mary, Elizabeth, Christopher and Joseph Smith). In exchange for putting your name in the cards, we are asking for a donation of \$30, but any amount you are willing to give is welcome. Your generosity at this time of year is most appreciated. We will provide you with a receipt for your donation. Simply email your instructions on how to print your name to: peterpaulsoyo@gmail.com.

The deadline for your submission is no later than today Sunday, November 26, 2017. Thank you for your continued support of Teen SOYO.

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.

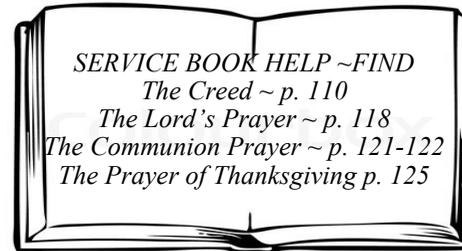
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- 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.



HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:

Caroline Jarboe

FELLOWSHIP OFFERED BY:

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