

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR AND BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION**

	BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
Dec 7	Christakis family	Slanta, Bosworth, Hawkins, Yanowsky
14	Jweied family	Patriarchal Luncheon
21		
28	Mary Misleh	
Jan 4		Ramona Dora
11	Nadia & Michael El-Hage	Nadia & Michael El-Hage
18	Emad family	Emad family
25		

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 30, 2014      EOTHINON 2**  
**THE HOLY APOSTLE ANDREW THE FIRST-CALLED**

**Today we Commemorate:** Frumentios, archbishop and enlightener of Ethiopia;  
Alexander, bishop of Methymna

### 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 St. Andrew the Apostle (Tone 4)

Since thou art, O Andrew, the first called of the Apostles and brother of the leader, intercede with the Master of all that he may grant peace to the world and Great Mercy to our souls.

### 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 Preparation of Christ's Nativity (Tone 3)

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 new-born babe, the God Who is before all the ages.

## Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News

### CATECHISM

#### THE ATTRIBUTES OF THE CHURCH

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

The Greek word *katholike* (Catholic) means 'universal', uniting Christians dispersed around the world, and including the saints and the departed. St Cyril of Jerusalem says that 'the Church is called Catholic because she universally and unremittently teaches all that ought to be a part of human knowledge — the dogma of the visible and the invisible, the heavenly and the earthly.' The Russian religious philosopher A. Khomiakov emphasizes that not only the living and the dead, but also those who have not yet been born are included in the universal body of the Church:

*Those who are alive on earth, those who have finished their earthly course, those who, like the angels, were not created for a life on earth, those in future generations who have not yet begun their earthly course, are all united together in one Church, in one and the same grace of God; for the creation of God which has not yet been manifested is manifest to him; and God hears the prayers and knows the faith of those whom he has not yet called out of non-existence into existence.*

At first, the Church was a tiny community consisting of the disciples in Jerusalem. By the end of the first century, however, the preaching of the apostles meant that communities had been formed in Rome, Corinth, Ephesus and in other towns of Europe, Asia and Africa. All these communities, each headed by its own bishop, comprised a single 'universal' Church with Christ as the head.

In the era of the Ecumenical Councils the primacy of honour in the Christian Church (but not the primacy of jurisdiction) was enjoyed by the Bishop of Rome. He was the primate of the apostolic see, 'occupying the place of Peter and the grade of the sacred throne', to use the expression of St Cyprian of Carthage. After the schism between West and East in 1054, the Bishop of Rome remained the sole head of all the Churches in the West, while in the East each local Church was governed by a Patriarch (or Metropolitan, or Archbishop). In the Eastern Church, Christ himself is considered to be the supreme authority, the only 'Head of the Church' in the proper sense. Decisions binding for the whole Orthodox world are taken solely by an Ecumenical Council. The catholicity of the Church is considered primarily as conciliarity which is expressed in practice by the absence of a single visible head. According to Orthodox doctrine it is the Church as the Church that possesses 'infallibility' in questions of faith: the guardians of the truth are the people.

### TEEN SOYO

#### Caroling

Teen SOYO are going caroling to the parish shut-ins on Saturday, December 6 at 4pm. Meet at the church. For more information contact Phillip Allen at rpallen1@yahoo.com.

#### 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### Upcoming events...

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  
Dec 30 - Men's Club Meeting @ 7:30pm  
Jan 1 - Liturgy of Feast of Circumcision St. Basil @ 9am  
Jan 3 - Arabic Divine Liturgy @ 5pm  
Jan 8 - Adult Education Forum @ 7:15pm  
Jan 10 - Baptism Thomas Russell Cox III at 12pm

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### CHARITY COLLECTION

Today we 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.

### GIVING TUESDAY DEC 2 Orthodox Christian Mission Center

Tuesday, December 2nd is *Giving Tuesday*. On behalf of those who have yet to be reached with the Christian Faith, the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) prayerfully asks that you make a gift in support of Orthodox missions on *Giving Tuesday*! Donate online at [www.ocmc.org](http://www.ocmc.org) or by phone at 1-877-463-6784.

### FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICE

**This Sunday, November 30th** there is NO Sunday school—Happy Thanksgiving!

Sunday, **December 7th** the children enjoy the annual St. Nicholas workshop following Communion. Join us for a great photo op as the children make crafts and are visited by a special guest on the lower level of the church. Pizza is provided but items for the rest of lunch is potluck. Please sign up to bring sides at <http://vols.pt/YTa3sH> as soon as possible.

Sunday, **December 14th**, in lieu of our annual Christmas program, the children will joyously sing Christmas carols after Liturgy to honor the Patriarch and Metropolitan.

Your donation of **snacks and drinks** for the children are needed. Please provide foods free of peanuts and tree nuts; regular juice boxes/pouches, small (4 oz.) juice boxes *for the younger children*, and 8 oz. water bottles.

### 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 Church invite you to the events in celebration.

Friday December 12<sup>th</sup> • 7:30pm  
Concert of Orthodox Liturgical Hymns

Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup> • 5:30pm  
Great Vespers • Advent Great Banquet

Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup> • 9:30am  
Hierarchal Divine Liturgy • Luncheon

### DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS

Help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas, Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sk1943@aol.com).

### 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](mailto:LornaAM@aol.com), Ann Marie Moses [amoses00@verizon.net](mailto:amoses00@verizon.net) or Bette Adam [johnbette@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:layoub@finmarc.com), or Thomaseena Cox at [Cox1903@aol.com](mailto: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 14<sup>th</sup>.

### YOUTH AWARD

CALLING FOR NOMINATIONS

We are looking to honor a young person between the ages of 12 and 19 for their service to Ss. Peter & Paul Church. If you would like to see someone recognized for their commitment and hard work, please email Sam Sahouri Ghanem at [ssg@afg-inc.com](mailto:ssg@afg-inc.com) with their name, age, and why you feel they should be recognized.

## THE EPISTLE

*His voice has gone out into all the earth. The heavens declare the glory of God.*

### The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (4:9-16)

Brethren, God has exhibited us Apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

## THE GOSPEL

### The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (1:35-51)

At that time John was standing with two of his disciples; and he looked at Jesus as He walked, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned, and saw them following, and said to them, "What do you seek?" And they said to Him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where art Thou staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where He was staying; and they stayed with Him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him, and said, "So you are Simon the son of Jonah? You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter). The next day, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathaniel, and said to him, "We have found Him of Whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathaniel said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathaniel said to Him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathaniel answered Him, "Rabbi, Thou art the Son of God! Thou art the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And He said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Directors

Samia Zolnerowich  
Jennifer Buchko

### Teachers

Jumana Misleh  
Susan Kozlov  
Michelle Zook  
Razan Abdallah  
Christine Morin  
Roxanne Bennett  
Lara Bellone  
Amber Bennett  
Caroline Jarboe  
Saleem Mokhiber  
Stephen Zolnerowich  
Anees Mokhiber

### Men's Club

Sam Khalil

### Antiochian Women

Kate Niewenhous

### Teen SOYO

Adviser:  
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

### Facility Management

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.

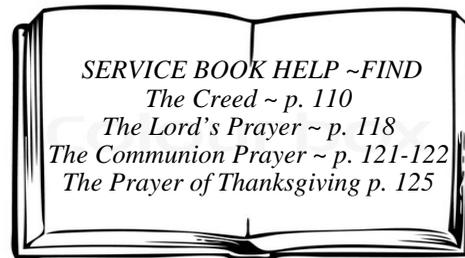
#### PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- 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.



**HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION:** Offered by the family of John & Suad Peter (Butros)

40-Day Memorial for Suad Peter (Butros)

15-Year Memorial for John D Peter (Butros)

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** Offered by the family of John & Suad Peter (Butros)

# 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 Shammass  
Edmond Neam  
Richie Kogok

Barbara Abraham  
George Abraham  
Marianne Rouady  
Renee Mourad  
Nicholas Najjar  
Haifa Krakaur  
David Peter  
George Peter  
Victoria Wilson  
Joanne Demchok  
Kristian Abdow Malooley

## DEPARTED

Suad John Peter (Butros) Oct 18  
John D Peter (Butros)  
Jad Butros  
Sami Butros  
Bonnie Akel  
Hanna Ayyash

V. Rev. Fr. Gabriel Ashie Oct 25  
Khalil Mouchantaf Oct 25  
Lorraine Abdelmassih Nov 6  
(sister of George Abdow)  
Alice Haje and Adel Nagle