

**COFFEE HOUR AND BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION**

	BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION	COFFEE HOUR
8	Nasrs & Moussas	Nasrs & Moussas
15		St. Ignatius Christmas Dinner
22	Showke George & family	Showke George & family
24		NO COFFEE HOUR
29	Mary Misleh	Lisa Taweel
Jan 5	Caroline Jarboe	Caroline Jarboe
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Baking or ordering the Holy Bread of Oblation or providing and serving the refreshments for Coffee 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

[www.peterpaulpotomac.org](http://www.peterpaulpotomac.org)

*All Things Are Possible to Him Who Believes*

**Matins:** Sundays 9:30am

**Divine Liturgy:** Sundays 10:30am

**Confessions:** call to schedule



Sunday

December 1, 2013

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

**On this day, we commemorate:** Prophet Nahum; Venerable Philaretos the merciful of Amnia; Martyr Ananias the Persian; Theoklitos, archbishop of Lakediamonias

### TROPARION (Tone 6)

When Mary stood at thy grave looking for thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above thy revered tomb, and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou ledst hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world. Thou who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

### TROPARION Prophet Nahum (Tone 2)

The memory of thy Prophet Nahum we celebrate today, O Lord. by his prayers, we beseech thee, O Christ God, save our souls!

### KONTAKION Prepartory for the Nativity (Tone 2)

Today the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth in an ineffable manner to the Word before the ages. Rejoice, therefore, O universe, when thou hearest, and glorify with the angels and shepherds him who shall appear by his own will as a new babe, being God before the ages.

#### Priests

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## Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News

### COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDY

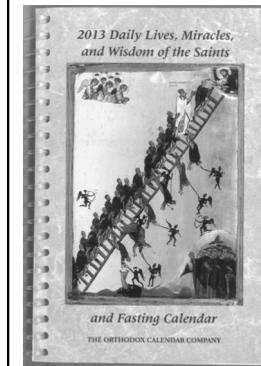
The ladies auxiliary is collecting toiletries and small clothing items for the needy. Partnering with *Bethesda Cares*, who will supply backpacks to hold the supplies, our hope is that each family will fill a backpack (bring them in a plastic bag) with items from the list, most of which can be purchased at your local DOLLAR store. Pick up a copy of the list from the table in the vestibule and return items labeled Male/Female (in a plastic bag) to the large box labeled "Collection for the Needy." The deadline for collection is December 15<sup>th</sup>. See Rida Boulous for more information.

### ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE

There are many wonderful events upcoming including a Middle School Retreat (Grade 5-8) December 13-15; Winter Camp (Grade 7-12) February 14-17; Marriage Enrichment *also* held February 14-17; Family Camp (families with Children of all ages) May 23-26. If your child is hesitant to go to summer camp, this is a great way to get to know the camp and some of the staff beforehand. Check it out at [www.antiochianvillage.org](http://www.antiochianvillage.org) and go to camp, center, special events and programs. Contact Samia Zolnerowich or Jennifer Buchko with any questions at [peterpaulsundayschool@gmail.com](mailto:peterpaulsundayschool@gmail.com).

### MINI-CATECHISM

What is Prayer? Prayer is a great weapon, a rich treasure, a wealth that is never exhausted, an undisturbed refuge, a cause of tranquility, the root of a multitude of blessings and their source.  
~St. John Chrysostom



from the *2013 Daily Lives, Miracles, and Wisdom of the Saints and Fasting Calendar*

### LOOKING AHEAD Upcoming events...

Dec 1 - Wedding Janet Tawil & Tom Reger @ 4pm  
Dec 3 - Adult Education Forum @ 7:15pm  
Dec 6 - Ladies Aux Wreath Making & Social @ 3pm  
Dec 7 - Decorate the Sanctuary—Christmas @ 7am  
Dec 7 - Arabic Liturgy @ 5pm  
Dec 10 - Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm  
Dec 14 - Baptism of Chris Legge & Lyla Conlin  
Dec 15 - St. Ignatius Christmas Dinner @ 1pm  
Dec 22 - Baptism of Amar Choueiri @ 1pm  
Dec 24 - Christmas Liturgy @ 8pm  
Dec 26 - Baptism of Kaia McFadden @ 1pm  
Dec 29 - Baptism of Noura El-Hage at 1pm  
Dec 30 - Baptism of Mireille Leong at 12pm

## Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News

### EXPLORING OUR FAITH

This Adult Religious Education Forum and Ministry of the Fellowship of St. John the Divine will meet again this Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:15pm in the lower level conference room. All are welcome, with a special invitation to young adults. For more information, contact Fr. Isaac at frisaac@gmail.com.

### DECORATE THE CHURCH

Dear Sisters & Brothers in Christ, it is time to decorate the Church for the Christmas season. This will take place on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> between 7:00am and 12:00pm. Men and women are needed to help in this endeavor. Please volunteer and give as much of your time to beautify your church as you can. Thank you.

### LADIES CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Ladies don't forget to make your reservation for the Christmas luncheon on December 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 to 2:30pm, at the terrific Wildfire Restaurant at Tyson's Galleria. Included is a gift exchange (*which is a blast!*). Join us—pick up a flyer in the vestibule; pay for your reservation in Kogok Hall after Liturgy or contact Lorna Malooley for more information at LornaAM@aol.com. Great fun, lots of happiness and great food!

### SUNDAY LUNCH DEC 15

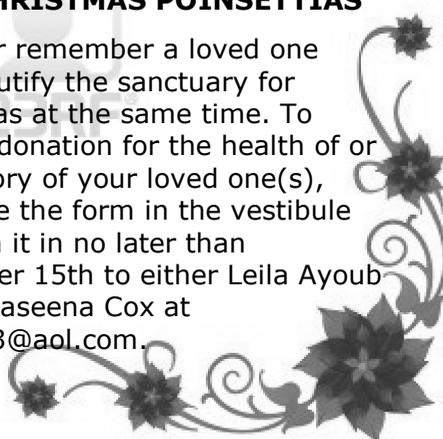
In three (3) weeks—on December 15<sup>th</sup>—after Liturgy the St. Ignatius Christmas Luncheon is held and followed by the Sunday School Children's Christmas Play. Tickets for the luncheon will be sold in the hall today at \$8.00 a person and \$25.00 for a family of four. Stop by the table in Kogok Hall and sign up in advance to enable us to prepare enough food.

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00 to 1:45pm in the sanctuary, *La Camerata Nove*, a choral group led by our former choir director, Francisco De Araujo, perform a Christmas concert of holiday cheer and Christian love. Admission is FREE. Have a snack at Coffee Hour and come enjoy this musical treat!

### CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Honor or remember a loved one and beautify the sanctuary for Christmas at the same time. 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 15<sup>th</sup> to either Leila Ayoub or Thomaseena Cox at Cox1903@aol.com.



### Epistle

Ephesians 2:4-10 (23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

Deacon: Let us attend.

Reader: O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.

To you, O Lord, have I cried, O my God.

Reader: The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

Deacon: Let us attend.

BRETHREN, God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might sow the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God—not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared before hand, that we should walk in them.

### Gospel

Matthew 22:2-14 (14<sup>th</sup> Sunday Matthew)

The Lord spoke this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a marriage feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage feast; but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, Behold I have made ready my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast.' But they made light of it and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find.' And those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found. Both bad and good; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment; and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.' For many are called but few are chosen."

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### Directors

Samia Zolnerowich  
Jennifer Buchko

#### Teachers

Nicole Kyriakos  
Susan Kozlov  
Michelle Zook  
Jennifer Montgomery  
Ranya Eid  
Leila Taweel  
Hala Paskaleva  
Razan Abdallah  
Caroline Jarboe  
Anthony Eid  
Stephen Zolnerowich  
Anees Mokhiber

#### Men's Club

Bill Zook

#### Ladies Auxiliary

Ann Marie Moses

#### Teen SOYO

Robert Bridenhagen  
Layla Najjar  
Nick Zolnerowich  
Sarah Salem  
Phillip Allen  
Reema Guegel

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Christian & Zeina Manasseh

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Barbara Abraham

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#### Cultural

Sami Najjar

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Gabriel Habib

#### Finance

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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.

**HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION IS OFFERED BY:** Ellen Ayoub in memory of her husband

Sami Joseph Ayoub; and by Nawal Ayoub in memory of her husband Fred Ayoub

1-Year Memorial for Sami Ayoub

40-Day Memorial for Fred Ayoub

9-Day Memorial for Antonios Fadel; father of William (Marie) Fadel; Memorial Lunch in the lower hall following Liturgy today

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR IS OFFERED BY:** Ellen Ayoub & family and Nawal Ayoub & Karim in memory of Fred and Sami Ayoub

# 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

Ellen Ayoub

Kathy Wolff & family

Jeannette Foltz & family

Yvonne Saa & family

Sandy M. Ayoub

Helen & Mike Khalil & family

George & Nuha Ayoub & family

The Saa family

Nawal & Karim Ayoub

Nick & Nyla Louh & family

William, Marie, Anthony, Kristen Fadel

Marcel Fadel

Gladys Infante

The people of the Philippines

Victoria Curtin

Asma Ayoub

Bill Chappell

Madelyn Nader

Kathy Habib

Abe & Lulu Brown

Issa Shammass

## DEPARTED

Sami Joseph Ayoub

Martha & Joseph Ayoub

Jack Ayoub

Naim Ayoub

Sami Ayoub

Said & Arjuna Ayoub

Fred Ayoub

Antonios Fadel

Espiro & Lowrice Bursheh

Zak & Mike Ayoub

Fadel Elias Taweel Nov 16