

	Bread of Holy Oblation	Fellowship Hour
02 Dec	Neam/Abdow/Boulos Families/IMO Edmond Neam	Neam/Abdow/Boulos Families/IMO Edmond Neam
09 Dec	OPEN	Teen SOYO Zaatar Fundraiser
16 Dec	Lorna Malooley	The Order of St. Ignatious Luncheon
23 Dec	Tawil Family/IMO Maim Tawil (HB & MW)	Tawil Family/IMO Maim Tawil (HB & MW)
30 Dec	Mary Misleh	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 Kogok Hall.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018

TONE 1 / EOTHINON 4

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST &
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE**

THE HOLY PROPHET HABAKKUK; MARTYR HABIB THE NEW;
MARTYR MYROPE OF CHIOS; VENERABLE JOHN, HERACLEMON,
THEOPHILOS AND ANDREW OF EGYPT; MARTYR STEPHEN UROSH,
THE SERBIAN KING; VENERABLE IOANNIKIOS OF DEVITCH

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 2)

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, 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**)*

On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to * God the Word ineffably, * Who was before all the ages. * Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing * the gladsome tidings; * with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him * Who is willing to be gazed on * as a young Child Who * before the ages is God.

If you wait for only agreeable conditions for salvation, then you will never begin a God –pleasing life.

St. Nikon of Optina

THE COSMOS AND THE MICROCOSM: ST. MAXIMUS THE CONFESSOR AND THE ENVIORMENT

Sara Kinslow

As Christians, the natural relatives of love are compassion and mercy, through which we can relate to those around us. This may seem to be easier to do with other humans. We go through similar trials and experiences, have similar emotions, and can understand the circumstances people find themselves in. How much do I have in common with the big tree outside, or some insect species I've never even heard of? Here, again, St. Maximus sees a role for us. In addition to being mediators between God and nature, humans are also microcosms, a smaller, better-contained version of whole cosmos. Take a moment to think about what St. Maximus means when he says, "The entire cosmos consisting of visible and invisible things is man. And man consisting of body and soul is cosmos." Within ourselves, we have the ability to understand the physical world because we have physical bodies. Yet we can also operate on the level of reason, having access to things unseen because we also have souls. So, not only can we relate to absolutely everything within the whole cosmos, cosmology becomes intertwined with anthropology. The world becomes a part of my life, Creation a part of my salvation.

In our own spiritual lives, the most powerful tool we have at our disposal is prayer. When we are sick or when there is something stressing us, we pray to God. We ask Him for a cure, for relief, for peace. As microcosms of the entire created world, it is also our duty to pray for the things that all the cosmos. Storms, droughts, deforestation, etc. are all very real, very urgent afflictions against the Earth. We as Orthodox have prayers that guide us in asking God to heal the world; we pray for reasonable weather and abundance of the fruits of the earth. When we pray about environmental problems, we are not only calling on God's help, we are also making the maladies affecting Creation part of our well-being. The microcosm meets the cosmos most intimately in prayer. This must be our starting point. To offer the cosmos back to God, it must first become a part of who we are.

For St. Maximus the Confessor, the thought that human salvation and wellbeing could be in anyway other to the salvation and wellbeing of the environment was unthinkable. I hope that we can see the truth in his teaching and seek to act on behalf of our ailing planet, so that we can join in with all of Creation in praising God saying, "How glorious are Thy works, O Lord, in wisdom hast Thou made them all."

Part 2 of 2

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN need funds, most especially toward homeless and shut-ins/elderly baskets and backpacks to cheer at Christmas. Those at Bethesda Cares, the organization who helps the homeless in our area expressed deep appreciation to our church. They said, "Your bags help a lot. . . clients look forward to this. . . not only for the supplies, yet also for the fact to have something waiting for them." There is suffering definitely in our area. Your support makes a difference to help bring Christ's love to challenging times. The biggest problem with the homeless situation is mental illness and people needing extra support to be able to survive. Affordable housing is lacking in this area, and the amount of people who are living on the edge is increasing. Thank you again!

Donations can be given online at the church website and designated for this Christmas project, or in person at the table during Coffee Hour. A dollar or small change helps! Together, our prayer makes a difference!

Bags for shut-ins and backpacks for Bethesda Cares will be assembled during the community night on December 8th. If we still have more to complete, we will finish the task during Coffee Hour on December 9th.

Hope you can come on December 8th to be a part of this project!

Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News and Events

CHURCH SCHOOL 2018-2019

Registration for Church School is ongoing using this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/G06uQSnltimwgwJW2>, include your email as most Church school announcements go out to the entire parish. Please list all/allergies.

Check out our new online Church School Newsletter
<https://tinyurl.com/PeterPaulCsoctober>

Dec 02 Christmas School Program Rehearsal
Dec 09 St. Nicholas Workshop
Dec 16 Church School Christmas Program/Christmas Lunch/
Special Visitor
Dec 23 No Church School/Christmas Holiday
Dec 30 No Church School/New Year's Holiday

TEEN SOYO

Ss. Peter & Paul Teen Youth Ministry Group (Teen SOYO) is open to all teens of the Parish (13—19 years). The teens meet regularly for social, spiritual, and community outreach events.

Lay Advisors:

Zaid Sharafudin/Zaid.sharafudin@gmail.com (412) 708-6726 and Marian Azar/azaremarian@gmail.com (703) 297-9638

Dec 02 *Antiochian Camp Liturgy
*Teen SOYO Mtg/12:30p
Dec 08 *Community Night/5p-8p/teens to help watch the kids
Dec 09 *Fellowship Hour/Zataar Sale!
Dec 15 *Teen SOYO/visit shut-ins for Christmas Caroling
/11a-6p

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

The Ss. Peter & Paul YAF welcomes all young people over 20 years of age to join in its social, educational, and outreach activities. Please contact Wayne Parr at wayneparr@gmail.com or Amal Michael at amal17m@yahoo.com for more information.

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

*Please pay your annual dues of \$25 to help support our outreach and charitable projects. Checks can be given to Janet Metz.

*Please provide your email address to Carol Laham @ claham@wilevrein.com for future notices.

*If you have a child in college, please provide their name and college address to Carol Laham at the above email address. The ladies are planning a new outreach to college students.

*PLEASE volunteer to help!

THE SS. PETER & PAUL PARISH LIBRARY & MEDIA CENTER

The new Parish Library and Media Center is up and running. The Center houses the Parish Library, audio visual materials, and Christian educational resources. The Center is located in the lower level inside room accessible from the Serge Malooley Conference Center room. Donations of books or materials related to the history, tradition and teaching of the Church and the Orthodox Faith are welcome. All are welcome to use the center by following its user guidelines. Contact Fr. Isaac, Fr. Luke, or Dn. Christian for access and information.

THE PARISH GIFT SHOP

Don't forget to stop by the Parish gift shop for your special Christmas gifts. It's open every Sunday following Liturgy. For more information contact Alma Jean Zaki at (703) 283-9338 or ajmzaki@gmail.com

"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 Library & Media Center. The next meeting is **Thursday, December 6, 2018**. Fr. Isaac facilitates the Forums using brief presentations as a springboard to open discussion on a variety of topics concerning our faith. ALL ARE WELCOME. Contact Fr. Isaac at frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org, Fr. Luke at frluke@peterpaulpotomac.org or Kate Niewen-hous at handmaidens20854@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 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.

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY REMINDER

Please remember to sign up to take your family/individual picture over the coming few Sundays. The pictures are taken right after the liturgy inside the church. Please check in with the bookstore across from the elevators. Please use the following link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945A4A823ABFF2-parish2>
Questions? email: FrLuke@peterpaulpotomac.org OR call: 301-765-3400 ext. 2.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Dec 02 *Antiochian Village "Camp" Liturgy (every 1st Sunday of the month)
*Church School Christmas Program Rehearsal
*Teen SOYO Mtg./12:30p
Dec 06 **Adult Religious Education Forum/"Exploring our Faith"/7:00p/
Library & Media Center
Dec 08 *Community Night/5p-8p/(see box on page 2 for more details)
Dec 09 *Church School St. Nicholas Workshop
*Teen SOYO Fellowship/Zataar sale
Dec 11 *Parish Council Mtg./7p/Serge Malooley Conf. Rm.
Dec 15 *Teen SOYO/visit shut-ins for Christmas Caroling/11a—6p
Dec 16 *Church School Christmas Play
*The Order of St. Ignatius Dinner (see box on page 2 for more details)
Dec 22 *Baptism/Aryana Sahouri/1:30p
Dec 23 *Choir Christmas Concert/following Liturgy
*No Church School/Christmas Holiday
Dec 24 *Feast of the Nativity/6:00p Matins & 7:00p Divine Liturgy
Dec 25 *Offices Closed for Christmas
Dec 26 *Baptism/Zaya & Zara Abdallah/12:00p
Dec 30 *Baptism/Elijah T. Mitchell/1:30p
*No Church School/New Year's Holiday

THE EPISTLE

(For the Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost)

The Lord is my strength and my song. With chastisement hath the Lord chastened me.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (6:10-17)

Brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand, therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Fourteenth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:35-43)

At that time, when Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

St. Ignatius Christmas Luncheon

****On Sunday, December 16, 2018**, following the Church School Nativity play in the Church, the Order of St. Ignatius will host their annual Christmas luncheon. All the faithful of the Parish are invited and there is no charge.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

****The Men's Fellowship** are sponsoring a 50/50 raffle from now until December 16 when the drawing will be made. Tickets are 5 for \$20.00 and proceeds to benefit the Church. See Sam Khalil and the ushers for tickets.

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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

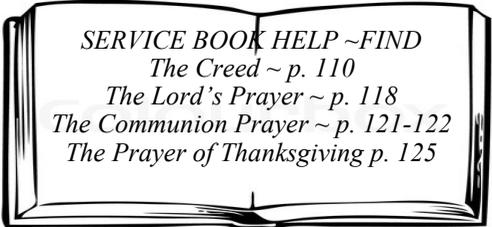
Orthodox Christians
Faithful Orthodox fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when they receive Holy Communion in fulfillment of Christ's command to eat His Body and drink His Blood. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, communicants should not be conscious of grave sin, 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.



Parishioners who remain in our prayers continually

Rt. Rev. Fr. Elias Bitar	Margaret Ashley	Mary Smith
Isabel Threddeh	George Brown	Nabeeha Ayoub
Holly Dubois	Nadim Zarour	Robert & Thelma Badwey
Sophie Neam	Miriam Yazge	Barbara Abraham
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John and Nymry (Ruby) Abdow
Barbara Shwayri

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:
Lorna Malooley/IMO Edward Neam

The communion bread is offered by Kh Dolly Crow on the occasion of the Feast of Saint Barbara on December 4 for the good health and blessing of Barbara Abraham, Barbara Bosworth, Barbara Ellis, Barbara Mullin, Barbara Lang, and Barbara Zamer and in memory of my grandmother Barbara Shwayri

FELLOWSHIP OFFERED BY:
Sophie Neam & Family/IMO Edward Neam

CHRISTMAS DECORATING COMMITTEE

On-Going *Today, the Antiochian Women are selling trays of pastries which are ideal for your holiday entertaining and gift giving. All the work is done for you! Please see Bette Adam after Liturgy in the Church Hall following Liturgy. *Donations for the Poinsettias and Shut-In & Homeless Projects. The Antiochian Women will be collecting for these 3 projects. See flyer and sign-up sheet in the Narthex on the glass table for more information. For questions, please see Thomaseena Cox, Leila Ayoub, Barbara Bosworth or any Ladies Auxiliary Member following Liturgy.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:
Saturday Dec. 8 *9:00am decorating the Church for Christmas. Volunteers are welcome!
Saturday, Jan 12, 2019 *9:00am take down Christmas decorations. Volunteers are welcome!

2018/2019 STEWARDSHIP DRIVE
The Stewardship Committee is launching our 2019 stewardship drive. Please support your church with your time, talents and treasure and fill out a stewardship form in paper (located in the Narthex) or online at peterpaulpotomac.elexiochms.com. Please make the commitment to support the Church through your generous free-will donation. If you have any questions or need more information, please see a member of the Stewardship committee member or in the fellowship hall for more information. Thank you for your support!