

	<b>Bread of Holy Oblation</b>	<b>Fellowship Hour</b>
<b>04 Dec</b>	Slanta & Bosworth Families In honor of Alexandra's 3rd. Birthday & Baptism of Colette Grace Boulanger	Slanta & Bosworth Families In honor of Alexandra's 3rd. Birthday & Baptism of Colette Grace Boulanger
<b>11 Dec</b>	David & Dolly Browning	St. Ignatious Luncheon
<b>18 Dec</b>	Grace Malouf & Family	Grace Malouf & Family
<b>24 Dec</b>	Bill Barbari, Katie & Daniel Nassif, Zeina Manasseh	No Fellowship
<b>01 Jan</b>	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 vestibule.

## SS. PETER AND PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

*All Things Are Possible to Him Who Believes*

**Matins:** Sundays 9:30am

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

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2016**

**TONE 7/EOTHINON 2**

**GREAT-MARTYR BARBARA OF SYRIA & TENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE**

**VENERABLE JOHN OF DAMASCUS**

MARTYR JULIANA; NEW-HIEROMARTYR SERAPHIM, BISHOP OF PHANARION  
IN GREECE

### APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURECTION (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 ST. BARBARA (Tone 4)

Let us honor the all-revered Saint Barbara; for she demolished the gins of the adversary, and escaped from them like a sparrow by the help and weapon of the Cross.

### APOLYTIKION OF ST. JOHN OF DAMASCUS (TONE 3) (\*\*Awed by the beauty\*\*)

Ye faithful, come let us honor with songs of praise \* the comely sounding and sweet-spoken nightingale, \* who doth adorn and captivate the Church of Christ with his sweet songs: \* John, the all-wise Damascene, \* let us honor resplendently, \* the divine and eloquent, \* and the chief of hymnographers; \* who verily was filled to the utmost \* with every divine and earthly wisdom.

### 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)

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.

Nothing is so characteristically Christian as being a peacemaker.  
*St. Basil the Great*

### PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD

Each year Teen SOYO produces the parish Christmas card on behalf of the families of our parish. Donations to this project provide much needed financial support to a variety of charities that the teens work with and allows them to put special programs and activities together. The suggested donation is \$30.00. The teens will be collecting donations every Sunday through the end of December during Fellowship Hour or you can mail your donation to the Church, Attn. Jamilee Bellone/Teen SOYO.

## *FROM THE SYNAXARION (The Lives of the Saints) Antiochian Saints Commemorated on December 4th*

### GREAT MARTYR BARBARA AND MARTYR JULIANA at HELIAPOLIS IN SYRIA

Barbara grew up shielded from the world by her father, who had her housed in a high tower. He had given her a life of ease with servants, a bath with two windows, and idols to worship. However, through her own intelligence she began to question the validity of her beliefs. She left the tower once and met a few Christians who taught her their faith. When she returned to the tower, she had a third window cut into the bath to represent the Holy Trinity. When she traced a cross onto the wall, it was etched as if made by a chisel. A holy spring came out of the floor that later healed the sick. When her father heard what she had done, he was so enraged that he beat her and attempted to kill her, but she found refuge in a cliff that opened for her. He reported her to Marcian, the governor, who had her arrested and beaten until her entire body was one wound. Jesus appeared to her in prison with angels and healed her. Seeing this, another woman, Juliana, also desired to suffer for the faith. They were tortured, disfigured, and executed. Juliana was killed by soldiers, and Barbara by her own father. That day, lightning killed both her father and the governor.

### VENERABLE JOHN DAMASCENE

John was born in seventh century Damascus, Syria, into a Christian family. John's father, Sergius, found a learned monk to teach John and his adopted brother, Cosmas. The children studied secular and spiritual subjects, as well as music. John made great progress in theology. At last the Monk departed, saying that John and Cosmas had become remarkably wise. Sergius soon died, and John was chosen to take his office as treasurer at the court of the caliph. During this time, John wrote three treatises against the iconoclasts and the emperor Leo the Isaurian. His letters were circulated to the people to strengthen and prepare them to answer the attacks of the heretics. The enraged emperor wrote a counterfeit letter under John's name that was sent to the caliph. The caliph removed John from his post, and had his right hand cut off and led him through the city in chains. That night, the cut off hand was returned to John. He prayed for healing before an icon of the Mother of God, known as the "Theotokos of the Three Hands." As he slept, he heard the Mother of God telling him that he had been healed, and commanded him to unceasingly write with his healed hand. When the caliph learned of this miracle, he freed John and asked forgiveness. John and his brother Cosmas entered the monastery of St. Sava the Sanctified in Jerusalem. Until the end of his days, John wrote canons, troparia, and festal homilies for feast days. He established the Typikon, the order of services, and wrote a collection and summary of the dogmatic teachings of the fathers. He died peacefully at 104 years of age.

**ANTIOCIAN WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE** is after church today. Proceeds are for the two children sponsored from Children's Relief Fund. Please see Donna Gavin in Kogok during the Fellowship.

### POINTSETTA FLOWER DONATIONS

The Antiochian Women are collecting donations for the Poinsettias displayed in our Church during the Christmas Holiday. If you would like to make a donation for the health of or in memory of your loved ones, please complete the form available in the vestibule. Completed forms can be returned to the Antiochian Women attention of Thomaseena Cox or Leila Ayoub, Thomaseena Cox – [cox1903@aol.com](mailto:cox1903@aol.com) or Leila Ayoub – [layoub@finmarc.com](mailto:layoub@finmarc.com) or fax 301-497-9472. Completed forms need to be returned no later than **Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**.

**ATTENTION LADIES OF THE PARISH: THE ANNUAL Ss PETER AND PAUL ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON is fast approaching.** It will be held on December 10, from 11:30 to 2:00 at Maggiano's Restaurant at Tyson's Galleria. Delicious and generously served foods will be prepared for us. Let me know if you have special needs (GF, etc). The cost is \$42.00 per person and we are limited to 60 guests. Call or email Lorna or see me at church on Sunday. This will be another fun luncheon and you can shop afterwards! Lorna Malooley — Cell: 703-503-3344 or email: [LornaAM@aol.com](mailto:LornaAM@aol.com)

# Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News and Events

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

We have classes for children 3 years old through 12th grade and meet following Communion. Registrations are handled online at <http://tinyurl.com/registerSunSchool>. We are in need of snacks & drinks for the kids. Individually wrapped snacks, juice pouches, flavored water pouches in the 4oz-6oz & small 8oz bottles for water. We ask each family to contribute throughout the year. **We are looking for one more teacher for this school year. Please contact [peterpaulsundayschool@gmail.com](mailto:peterpaulsundayschool@gmail.com).**

**Sun. Dec. 4** — Annual St. Nicholas workshop. LL/pizza provided. Link <http://signup.com/go/FS9wPH> to sign up to bring other lunch foods/drinks and to help with the workshop crafts. We will provide all you need for the crafts.

**Sun. Dec. 11** — The Christmas Sunday school play followed by St. Ignatius Luncheon and a special visitor.

**Sun Dec. 18, 25, Jan 1** — No Sunday school

## TEEN SOYO

**Now thru - Dec. 31**

Teens collecting donations for the parish Christmas card during Fellowship. After Dec. 18 please mail to the Church Attn: Jamille Bellone/Teen SOYO

**Dec. 04**

Teen SOYO monthly mtg./12:30 p.m. LL Conf. Rm.

**Dec 10**

\*Christmas caroling for the elderly in the Church daytime. More details to follow.

\*St. George Teen SOYO Winter Hafli/6p - 10p

**Jan 8**

\*Teen SOYO monthly mtg./12:30p LL Conf. Rm.

## YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

All young adults in the parish (20-40 years of age) are encouraged to participate in this important ministry of the church. The fellowship is planning a number of activities for the new year including resumption of its study group meetings, potluck dinners, and Orthodoxy-on-Tap get togethers. For more information contact Jad Ibrahim Jr. at [jad.ibrahim.jr@gmail.com](mailto:jad.ibrahim.jr@gmail.com), Lizzy Cassar or Dn. Christian Manasseh at [dchristian@peterpaulpotomac.org](mailto:dchristian@peterpaulpotomac.org).

**Dec. 15**

\*Orthodoxy on Tap at 7:30pm. Barrel & Bushel, 7901 Tysons One Pl, Tysons Corner, VA/Jad Ibrahim will lead the discussion

## ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

**Antiochian Women Christmas Charity Outreach**

Donations are being sought for the homeless and shut-ins and for gift baskets and backpacks as an outreach ministry program. Please give generously to this good cause and come and join the Antiochian women in assembling the baskets and backpacks today during coffee hour.

**Dec 04**

\*Backpacks & baskets for the homeless & Shut-ins. Parish Service Event (see insert & flyer on round table in Narthex)

**Dec 10**

\*The Antiochian Christmas Luncheon (see text box next page)

## MEN'S CLUB

**Jan 7, 2017**

Take down Church decorations

**Jan 29, 2017**

Falafal Lunch

**Feb 11, 2017**

Valentine Dinner Dance (more details to follow)

**Jun 14, 2017**

Golf Tournament

**Jun 25, 2017**

Ss. Peter & Paul Picnic/Bretton Woods Rec Ctr (more details to follow)

## "EXPLORING OUR FAITH" THE SS. PETER AND PAUL ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORUM

"Exploring Our Faith" will meet every other Thursday evening from **7:15pm to 8:30pm** in the lower level conference room. The next meeting is **Thursday, December 15, 2016**. Fr. Isaac facilitates the meetings using brief presentations as a springboard to open discussion on a wide range of topics concerning our Faith. Please contact Fr. Isaac at [frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org](mailto:frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org) or Kate Niewenhaus at [handmaid-ens20854@gmail.com](mailto:handmaid-ens20854@gmail.com) for more information. ALL ARE WELCOME..

## SS. PETER & PAUL OUTREACH VISITATION MINISTRY

Our Parish is starting a new outreach ministry 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 ([georgezaki@gmail.com](mailto:georgezaki@gmail.com) or [ajmzaki@gmail.com](mailto:ajmzaki@gmail.com)), Alex Cox ([alexcoxsells@gmail.com](mailto:alexcoxsells@gmail.com)) or Fr. Isaac ([frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org](mailto:frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org)). Our Parish is grateful for this ministry remembering that when we visit the sick and the infirm we visit Christ himself.

## ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE NEWS

**Antiochian Village News:** Winter Camp registration is now open! Winter Camp will be February 17-20, 2017. Please go to [www.avcamp.org](http://www.avcamp.org) for more information. The session will likely fill up quickly so please don't delay if you would like to send your child!

## CHURCH CALENDAR

- Dec 04 \*St. Nicholas Workshop/Sunday School/LL Hall  
\*Parish Service Event/packing backpacks & baskets for homeless & shut-ins following Liturgy  
\*Colette Grace Boulanger Baptism/1:30p  
\*Teen SOYO mtg. to follow Liturgy
- Dec 10 \*Ladies Christmas Luncheon (see text box p2)  
\*Teen SOYO Christmas Caroling  
\*St. George Teen SOYO Winter Hafli/6p-9p
- Dec 11 \*Christmas Sunday School Play  
\*St. Ignatius Luncheon to follow Sunday School Play
- Dec 15 \*Young Adult Fellowship/Orthodoxy on Tap (see above under Young Adult Fellowship)  
\*Adult Education Forum LL Conf. Rm. @7:15p (see above for more details)
- Dec 18 \*Ss. Peter & Paul Choir Concert directly following the Liturgy.

## 2017

- Jan 01 \*Feast of the Circumcision of Christ & St. Basil the Great
- Jan 05 Thursday  
\*9:00a/Royal Hours of Theophany  
\*6:00p/Orthros  
\*7:00p/Divine Liturgy for The Feast of Theophany
- Jan 07 \*take down Church decorations
- Jan 08 \*The Sunday after Theophany/Great Blessing Of the Waters
- Jan 10 \*Parish Council Mtg./7p
- Jan 12 \*Adult Education Forum LL Conf. Rm. @7:15p (see above for more details)
- Jan 15 \*Issa Saleh Baptism/1:30p
- Jan 29 \*Falafal Lunch (in lieu of Coffee hour)

## THE EPISTLE

(For St. Barbara)

*God is wondrous in His saints. Bless God in the congregations.*

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (3:23-4:5)**

Brethren, before faith came, we were confined under the Law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the Law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son, to redeem those who were under the Law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

## THE GOSPEL

(For the Tenth Sunday of Luke)

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (13:10-17)**

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrite! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" As Jesus said this, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by Him.

## 2017 CHURCH CALENDARS

The Church Calendars for the New Year 2017 have arrived and are available in the Narthex (Church Entrance). Please take only **ONE** per family or household. May the coming New Year be a blessing to all our Parish Family.

## Ss. Peter & Paul Church Library & Learning Center

Work has begun on setting up the new Parish Library and Learning Center in the lower level of the Church. Donations are still needed to support this important educational and informational resource center for the Parish. Please send all donations to St. Peter & Paul Church earmarked "Library Fund." In addition, donation of books on topics related to the Orthodox Faith, Doctrine, Church History, Liturgy, and Scripture will be gratefully accepted. Please contact Fr. Isaac, Dn. Christian, or Kate Niewenhaus for more information.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Directors

Samia Zolnerowich  
Jennifer Buchko

### Teachers

Jumana Misleh  
Susan Kozlov  
Michelle Zook  
Christine Morin  
Lizzy Cassar  
Caroline Jarboe  
Chrissy Mackoul  
Anees Mokhiber  
Philip Allen  
AJ Wood  
Jennifer Montgomery  
Dina Saah  
Stephen Zolnerowich

### Men's Club

Sam Khalil

### Antiochian Women

Carol Laham

### Teen SOYO

#### Advisor

Jamilee Bellone

#### Officers

Danielle Bellone  
Kinda Callas  
Maya Saah  
Joud Al-Kallas  
Juliana Natour

### Young Adult Fellowship

Jad Ibrahim, Jr.  
Lizzy Cassar

### Adornment

Shams Akkawi  
Jamil Hermes

### Facility Management

Sam Berberian  
Nick Nahas  
Bob Simon

### Rental Coordinator

Barbara Abraham

### Charities

Sam Sahouri Ghanem

### Finance

Gary Farha

### Stewardship

Lina Eid

# 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

Archpriest George Rados  
Margaret Ashley  
Helen White  
Holly Dubois  
Edmond & Sophie Neam  
George & Joan Abraham  
Barbara Abraham  
Everett Alvarez

Brian Briggs  
Isabel Thredch  
Thelma Badwey  
Tesia Yonkers  
Lulu Brown  
Mary Smith

**DEPARTED**  
May Fillah  
Irfan Shahid  
Hanna Saba  
Adel Nagle  
Nicholas & Marie L. Yankwsky  
Raymond Bosworth  
William & Katherine Slanta  
Ted Malaska

## LIVING

Leena Haddad	Debbie Brown
Dr. Eyad Hamameh	Janice
Mary Shahid	Zaina Ayvaz
Susan Borst	Leila Zarour
Madelyn Nader	John & Betty Slanta
Thomas & Vicki Yanowsky & Family	Michael & Barbara Bosworth & Family
Jessica, Justin, & Alexandra Hawkins	Isaac & Sarah Boulanger & Family
Colette Grace Boulanger	Christine Malaska & Family
Ss. Peter & Paul Liturgical Choir Members & Family	
Sam, Margo, Hanneh, Osama & Miko	
Radi, Hala & Raya	The Massarweh Families
Joe Ghanem & Family	Kathy Ghanem

## Ss. Peter & Paul Church Choir Concert

On Sunday, December 18, as part of our preparation for the Feast of the Nativity, our church choir will offer a short concert of Nativity Hymns and Christmas Carols. The concert will take place directly following Liturgy and will be followed by the Fellowship Hour. Please plan on being in attendance.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

*Theology of Giving Series* – Week 49 – December 4, 2016

**Word, November, 2005, Fr. John Adbalah, referencing remarks by Metropolitan Philip to the 2005 General Assembly of the Antiochian Archdiocese in Detroit, Michigan ...** “At our Archdiocese Convention this year in Detroit, Metropolitan Philip initiated an ear of tithing. He led the assembly to an even greater level of commitment to Jesus Christ that we had been previously called. When the assembly followed our shepherd in making this historic step, we recognized that it was time to demonstrate the freedom that began with our prayer and fasting.”

What does this message from God require from me, His loyal and obedient servant?

What must I change in my life to be able to follow this teaching in both word and in deed?

Select the link to read the entire *Theology of Giving* series on our website blog: <https://www.peterpaulpotomac.org/stewardship-corner>

## 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.

*SERVICE BOOK HELP ~FIND*  
The Creed ~ p. 110  
The Lord's Prayer ~ p. 118  
The Communion Prayer ~ p. 121-122  
The Prayer of Thanksgiving p. 125

## HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:

Slanta & Bosworth Families

In honor of Alexandra's 3rd. Birthday & the Baptism of Colette Grace Boulanger

## HOLY WHEAT FOR THE FEAST OF ST. BARBARA OFFERED BY:

Margo Ghanem For The Good Health Of Barbara Abraham & Fr. George

## FELLOWSHIP OFFERED BY:

Slanta & Bosworth Families

In honor of Alexandra's 3rd. Birthday & the Baptism of Colette Grace Boulanger