

FELLOWSHIP HOUR AND BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION

	BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
Dec 14	Jweied family	Patriarchal Luncheon
21	Lorna Malooley	
28	Mary Misleh	
Jan 4		Ramona Dora
11	Nadia & Michael El-Hage	Nadia & Michael El-Hage
18	Emad family	Emad family
25		
Feb 1		

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 8 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2014 EOTHINON 3 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & TENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

Today we Commemorate: Ambrose, bishop of Milan; Martyr Athenodoros of Mesopotamia; Venerable Gregory, founder of Gregoriou monastery on Athos

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 1)

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

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.

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CATECHISM

THE ATTRIBUTES OF THE CHURCH

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

The apostolicity of the Church is derived from the fact that it was founded by the apostles, preserves the truth of their teaching, receives succession from them and continues their mission on earth. The Church is 'built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets', states St Paul (Eph. 2:20). By apostolic succession we mean the unbroken chain of ordinations (episcopal consecrations) going back to the apostles and coming down to present-day bishops: the apostles ordained the first generation of bishops, who in turn ordained the second generation, and so on down to our times. Christian communities whose succession has been broken are considered to have fallen away from the Church until their apostolic succession is restored. The bishops continue the apostles' mission on earth — a mission of ministry, preaching, the guidance of existing church communities and the creation of new ones. This idea was expressed in the second century by St Clement of Rome:

The apostles have preached the Gospel to us from the Lord Jesus Christ; Jesus Christ was sent from God ... Having therefore received their orders, and being fully assured by the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, and established in the word of God, with full assurance of the Holy Spirit, the apostles went forth proclaiming that the kingdom of God was at hand. And thus preaching through countries and cities, they appointed the first-fruits of their labours, having first proved them by the Spirit, to be bishops and deacons of those who should afterwards believe ... Our apostles appointed those (ministers) already mentioned, and afterwards gave instructions, that when these should fall asleep, other approved men should succeed them in their ministry.

Not only the bishops and priests, but every member of the Church is called to an apostolic, missionary service, to preach Christ in word and deed: 'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit' (Matt. 28:19). This mission, which was laid by Christ on the apostles and their successors, is far from complete. There are whole nations on earth which have barely been touched by the preaching of Christ. Many countries that were once Christian are now in spiritual crisis and are in need of new apostles.

The community of the apostles became fully aware of itself as the Church at Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles in the form of tongues of fire and they received the power to preach the Gospel 'to all nations'. A liturgical hymn reveals the inner meaning of this event: 'When the Most High confounded the tongues, he dispersed the nations: but when he distributed the tongues of fire, he called all men into unity. Wherefore, with one accord, we glorify the All-Holy Spirit.' Here we are reminded of the tower of Babel when God, seeing the folly of people who tried to erect a tower to the heavens, descended and confused their languages. No longer understanding one another, they stopped building the tower, which collapsed and buried them under the rubble. The unity of the human race once destroyed by people is now restored in the Church, where neither national nor linguistic distinctions are made. Rather, each person is granted a 'new tongue': the language of faith and prayer, of unity of mind and love. Every time the tower of Babel collapses (and it has fallen repeatedly throughout the course of history), there is a new 'confusion of tongues': conflicts among nations arise, misunderstandings and distrust grow. Only the Holy Spirit, who is the 'spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD' (Isa. 11:2), who lives and acts within the Church, can reconcile all people, calling them to unity and accord.



Upcoming events...

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 @ 10:30am
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
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 @ 12pm
Jan 11 - Antiochian Women's Luncheon Meeting @ 12pm

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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 12th • 7:30pm
Concert of Orthodox Liturgical Hymns

Saturday December 13th • 5:30pm
Great Vespers • Advent Great Banquet

Sunday December 14th • 9:30am
Hierarchal Divine Liturgy • Luncheon

FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICE ST. NICHOLAS WORKSHOP

Today, 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.

SCARVES AND GLOVES/MITTENS
Sunday school children are asked to donate scarves and gloves/mittens for the needy in our community. A small Christmas tree will be decorated with their donations. Please encourage and support your children as they are invited to bring their donation to church anytime now until January 11th.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
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.

DONATION
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.

**ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN
CHRISTMAS WREATHS-ON SALE TODAY!!!**
A variety of fresh beautiful Christmas Wreaths are for sale in Kogok Hall today, made by members of the Antiochian Women two days ago, and available to you for only \$35.

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 14th.

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN (CON'T) 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, Ann Marie Moses amoses00@verizon.net or Bette Adam johnbette@aol.com for more information. Join in the fun, happiness and great food!

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 ones, complete the form in the vestibule and turn it in no later than December 14th to either Leila Ayoub at layoub@finmarc.com, or Thomaseena Cox at Cox1903@aol.com.

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 with their name, age, and why you feel they should be recognized.

TEEN SOYO

2015 ICON LITURGICAL CALENDARS ARE HERE!
Beautiful iconography! Made by Kh. Erin Kimmet, who has handwritten the icons herself, the 2015 liturgical calendars are available today. Teen SOYO has a booth set up, stop by Kogok Hall after Liturgy. Get yours today and support Teen SOYO. Cost is \$15 each, or \$20 for two.

CHRISTMAS CARD

Greet all your fellow parish family members with our parish wide Christmas card. The card will be from everyone to everyone, sponsored by Teen SOYO. Suggested donation is \$30, but any amount above or below is much appreciated. Please find the donation box in Kogok Hall. Blessed Nativity!

PATRIARCHAL BANQUET BABYSITTING
Teen SOYO will be babysitting during the banquet between 6:30-9:30pm in the lower level conference room. A donation in any amount is greatly appreciated. Limit is 20 children, first come first serve. To reserve a spot email Majd Akkawi at majd@peterpaulpotomac.org.

WINTER CAMP AT THE VILLAGE
Prepare for Winter Camp, February 13-16, 2015. If you are in the range of grades 7-12, join us for amazing talks from Deacon Nicholas Belcher, liturgical services; fun and fellowship. Register avcamp.org.

THE EPISTLE

(For the Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (5:8-19)

Brethren, walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

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.

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

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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.

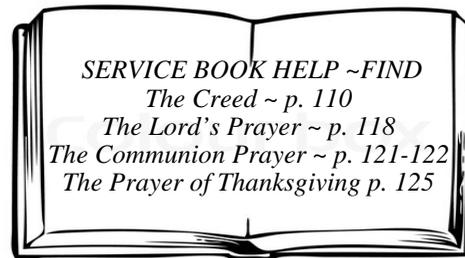
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- 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.



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
 Renee Mourad

Slanta, Bosworth, Yanowsky, Hawkins & Boulanger families
 Christakis, Kassir & Leahy families
 Barbara Abraham
 Sam & Margo & family
 Nicholas Najjar

DEPARTED

Marie L. Yanowsky
 William Slanta
 Beny & Vangi Christakis
 George, Eliana & Bishara Kassir

Khalil Mouchantaf Oct 25
 William Dora Sr.
 Theodore & Rose Yonkers
 Darryl Peterson

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION: Offered by the Christakis family

1-Year Memorial for Jeane Athena Saah

St. Barbara Memorial Wheat in honor of Barbara Abraham by Sam & Margo Sahouri-Ghanem

FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Offered by the by Slanta, Bosworth, Yanowsky, Hawkins & Boulanger families

IHO the first birthday of Alexandra Clare Hawkins and to commemorate St. Nicholas Day