

FELLOWSHIP HOUR AND BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION

	BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION	COFFEE HOUR
15	Sherrie Zacharia	St. Ignatius Christmas Dinner
22		
24		NO COFFEE HOUR
29	Mary Misleh	
Jan 5	Caroline Jarboe	Caroline Jarboe
12	Saah family	Saah family
19		
26	The Emads	The Emads

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



Sunday

December 8, 2013

24th Sunday after Pentecost

On this day, we commemorate: Venerable Patapios of Thebes; Sophronios, bishop of Cyprus; Apostles Sosthenes, Apollos, Crispos, Caesar and Epaphroditos of the Seventy; Martyr Parthenios

TROPARION (Tone 7)

Thou didst shatter death by thy Cross; thou didst open paradise to the thief; thou didst turn the mourning of the ointment-bearing women into joy, and didst bid thine Apostles proclaim warning that thou hast risen, O Christ, granting the world Great Mercy.

TROPARION St. Patapios (Tone 8)

The image of God was truly preserved in thee, O Father, for thou didst take up the cross and followed Christ! By so doing thou didst teach us to disregard the flesh for it passes away, but to care instead for the soul since it is immortal. Therefore thy spirit, Holy Father Patapios, dost rejoice with the angels!

KONTAKION Preparatory 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.

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, December 22nd from 1:00 to 1:45pm in the sanctuary, *La Camerata Nuove*, 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 Fellowship 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 15th to either Leila Ayoub or Thomaseena Cox at Cox1903@aol.com.

PROJECT ROOTS

Project Roots is a Christian endeavor to help all Americans of Lebanese descent to register their Births and Marriages in Lebanon to obtain status in Lebanon. This process of Lebanese registration is free of charge and is an important part of preserving the Christian presence and heritage in Lebanon and the Middle East. For information contact Janet Doumit Barakat at 240-463-2421 or janodoumit@yahoo.com and go to www.projectroots.net.

CATECHISM

from Fr. Isaac

STEWARDSHIP AS CREATION CARE

By Dr. John Chryssavgis

When we think of the term stewardship, we frequently consider only matters related to financial support. The prevalent rendering of the term oikonomia as "Stewardship" of "economy" is not very illuminating as it provides both a linguistic as well as conceptual reduction of this critical and originally scriptural word. In so doing, however, we have narrowed the scope of the Bible's teaching and neglected the depth of our Church's tradition about our place and role in the world, indeed at a time when such knowledge is more vital and critical than ever before. *Stay tuned for more each week of a portion of Rev. Dr. Chryssavgis' four-part article.*

MEMORY ETERNAL

Jeane Athena Saah

1936—December 3, 2013

Visitation St. James Episcopal Dec 11 @ 2-4pm

Funeral St. James Episcopal Dec 11 @ 4pm

Meal of Mercy Ss. Peter & Paul Dec 11 @ 5:30pm

LOOKING AHEAD *Upcoming events...*

Dec 10 - Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm

Dec 11 - Meal of Mercy for Jeane Saah @ 5:30pm

Dec 14 - Baptism of Chris Legge & Lyla Conlin

Dec 15 - St. Ignatius Christmas Dinner @1pm

Dec 17 - Adult Education Forum @ 7:15pm

Dec 22 - Baptism of Amar Choueiri @ 1pm

Dec 24 - Christmas Liturgy @ 7:30pm

Dec 26 - Baptism of Kaia McFadden @ 1pm

Dec 29 - Baptism of Noura El-Hage at 1pm

Dec 30 - Baptism of Mireille Leong at 12pm

Jan 4 - Arabic Liturgy @ 5pm

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CHOIR AND CHANTER APPRECIATION SUNDAY

The second Sunday in December each year we honor our choir members and chanters in appreciation for their dedication and commitment to the beauty of our church services. Whether at the Divine Liturgy, vespers, orthros, sacraments or various other services of the Church, they give of their time and talents to offer up glory to God. Can we imagine one of our beautiful services without our choirs or chanters? Let us therefore honor them by praying for their good health and thanking them on this day for their special offering as part of the body of Christ.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR WREATHS

See the variety of beautiful Christmas Wreaths in Kogok Hall for sale today. Made by members of the Ladies Auxiliary two days ago, the wreaths are fresh this year. The cost of the wreaths are the same as last year--\$35.

Additionally the Ladies are selling freshly made trays of Baklava.

LADIES CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Ladies don't forget to make your reservation for the Christmas luncheon on December 14th 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.

SUNDAY LUNCH DEC 15

Next week—December 15th—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.

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 *next Sunday*—December 15th. See Rida Boulos for more information.

EXPLORING OUR FAITH

This Adult Religious Education Forum and Ministry of the Fellowship of St. John the Divine will meet again On Tuesday, December 17th 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.

Epistle

Ephesians 2:14-22 (24th Sunday after Pentecost)

Deacon: Let us attend.

Reader: The Lord will give strength to his people.

Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory.

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

Deacon: Let us attend.

BRETHREN, Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Gospel

Luke 13:10-17 (10th Sunday of Luke)

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who 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, and daughter of Abraham who 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

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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.

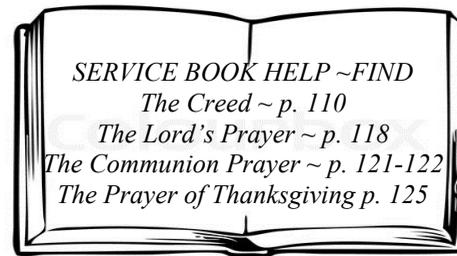
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- 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 IS OFFERED BY: The Nasr family and the Moussa family

FELLOWSHIP HOUR IS OFFERED BY: The Nasr family and the Moussa family

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

Tony & Amparo Moussa family

Hikmat & Julia Nasr

Patricia Viala & family

Christine Williams & family

Samia & Michel Saad

Souhaila Kafrouni & family

Choir & Chanters of Ss. Peter & Paul

George Brown

Dee Garvin

Madelyn Nader

Gladys Infante

George Kantakis

Victoria Curtin

Asma Ayoub

Bill Chappell

Madelyn Nader

Kathy Habib

Abe & Lulu Brown

Issa Shammas

DEPARTED

Jeane Athena Saah Dec 5

Kafa & George Nasr

Michel, Mary, Sami & George Saad

Burgess Thomas

William Thomas

Adel Nagle

Fadel Elias Taweel Nov 16

Fred Joseph Ayoub

Alex Hier