

DECEMBER 14, 2014

BLESSED IS HE THAT COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD  
WELCOME

“IN GRACE WE GROW,  
IN SERVICE  
WE TRANSCEND,  
AND IN LOVE  
THE STRUCTURE  
IS STRENGTHENED.”

† HIS BEATITUDE JOHN X †



OUR FATHER AND CHIEF SHEPHERD IN CHRIST  
HIS BEATITUDE, JOHN X  
PATRIARCH OF ANTIOCH AND ALL THE EAST

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR AND BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION**

	BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
21	Lorna Malooley	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		
8		

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

**Confessions:** call to schedule

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## TONE 2 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2014 EOTHINON 5 SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS (ANCESTORS) OF CHRIST

**Today we Commemorate:** Martyrs Thyrsos, Leukios and Kallinikos of Apollonia;  
Martyrs Philemon, Apollonios, Hypatios and Arrianos of Alexandria

### 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 the forefathers (Tone 2)

Thou hast justified by faith the ancient Forefathers, and through them Thou hast gone before and betrothed unto Thyself the Church of the Gentiles. Let the saints, therefore, take pride in glory; for from their seed sprouted forth a noble fruit, and she it was who gave birth to Thee without seed. Wherefore, by their pleadings, O Christ God, save our souls.

### 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.

## Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News

### FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICE

#### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Today, December 14th, in lieu of our annual Christmas program, the children will joyously sing Christmas carols after Liturgy to honor the Patriarch and Metropolitan.

#### 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.

#### 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 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 today, December 14th to either Lella Ayoub at layoub@finmarc.com, or Thomaseena Cox at Cox1903@aol.com.

### TEEN SOYO

2015 ICON LITURGICAL CALENDARS ARE HERE! Beautiful iconography! Made by Kh. Erin Kimmett, who has handwritten the icons herself, the 2015 liturgical calendars are available from Teen SOYO. Cost is \$15 each, or \$20 for two. For more information contact Majd Addawi 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.

### «THANKYOU»

Ss. Peter & Paul Church offers thanks and sincere gratitude to the following generous donors and benefactors of this weekend's events.

#### FRIDAY

Joe and Olivet Ghanem  
Denise Bolus  
George and Rima Tannous  
Tony and Amparo Moussa

#### SATURDAY

Habib and Hind Debs  
Rida and Sami Boulous  
Sophie and Edmond Neam  
David and Lydia Jackson  
George and Grace Malouf  
Frank and Renee Abdow  
Mark and Michelle Abdow  
Mel Abdow  
Dr. & Mrs. Geith Kallas  
Joy Yonkers

#### SUNDAY

Members of The Order of St. Ignatius

#### BENEFACTOR FOR THE WHOLE WEEKEND

Habib and Hind Debs  
Salim Haddad

### Upcoming events...

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  
Jan 13 - Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm  
Jan 20 - Iconography Installation in the Sanctuary begins  
Jan 22 - Adult Ed Forum @ 7:15pm  
Jan 27 - Men's Club Meeting



## Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News



The Biography of His Beatitude  
Patriarch JOHN X  
Greek Orthodox Patriarch  
of Antioch and all the  
East

His Beatitude John X was born in 1955 in the city of Lattakia, Syria. His father Mounah Yazigi was from Lattakia, a teacher of Arabic language. His mother Rosa Moussi is from Tripoli, Lebanon. They gave birth to four children – two boys and two girls. His Beatitude's brother is His Grace Metropolitan Boulos of Aleppo. One sister is a nun. His Beatitude lived and studied in the city schools. He graduated from the University of Teshreen with a Bachelor of Civil Engineering. During his university studies, he played an active and leading role with the youth, which led to the establishment of a Byzantine Music School and many spiritual youth programs. His work led to a great spiritual revival among his generation.

In 1978, His Beatitude graduated from the St. John of Damascus Institute of Theology, University of Balamand, with a Bachelors in Theology. In 1983 he graduated from the University of Thessaloniki, Greece with a doctoral degree in Liturgia. He was awarded the Doctorate with distinction. The title of his doctoral thesis published in Greek is: "The Service of Holy Baptism: An Historical, Theological, and Liturgical Study." In 1981, and simultaneously with his doctoral studies, His Beatitude earned a Diploma in Byzantine Music from the Conservatory of Byzantine Music in Thessaloniki, Greece.

His Eminence Metropolitan John Mansour of Lattakia ordained John Yazigi a deacon in 1979 and a priest in 1983. As priest he served in the Archdiocese of Lattakia. Since 1981, he taught courses on Liturgics at the St. John of Damascus Institute of Theology at the University of Balamand. During the periods of 1988-1991 and 2001-2005 he served as Dean of the Institute of Theology. In addition, he served as Abbot of

St. George Al Humayrah Patriarchal Monastery in Syria. There he founded a monastic community and a school of ecclesiastic studies. He also served as the Abbot of the Our Lady of Balamand Patriarchal Monastery in the years 2001-2005. His Beatitude is the spiritual father of the Convent of our Lady of Blemmana in Tartous, Syria.

In 1995, the Holy Synod of Antioch elected him as the Bishop of Pyrgou, an area called in Arabic Wadi An-Nasara or Al-Hosn. He served there till 2008 when he was elected by the Holy Synod as the Metropolitan of Europe. He was elected by the Holy Synod meeting in Balamand Monastery as Patriarch of Antioch and all the East on Monday December 17th, 2012.

In addition to his pastoral care in these parishes, he was involved in many worldwide activities at the ecumenical, Christian and especially Orthodox Christian spheres. He participated in many international conferences in Greece, Italy, Switzerland, Cyprus, United States of America, Russia, and the United Kingdom.

His Beatitude is distinguished by his ecclesiastic, national and ecumenical presence shown through his participation in many conferences, on the national and international levels. He is renowned for his clear vision, based on truth, and eagerness to find the best solutions for conflicts amongst parties. He is known by his compassionate and friendly character. He is a good listener, and a faithful steward for those in need.

Wherever he worked, His Beatitude proved to be a man of action and a good sower of the Word of God, seeking to reveal the beauty of the Spouse of Christ and making Her shiny and strong. He is known by his closeness to the Youth and his ability to involve them in the service of the church, their society and their nation. He is a good administrator, and a proven man who knows how to work with others and reinforce institutions. He played a leading role in Higher Education while he was Dean of the St. John of Damascus Institute of Theology.

His Beatitude is the author of several books on theology, education, music, and liturgy. He published a series on liturgical studies. He edited the liturgical books of the Orthodox Church in Arabic, and more specifically the liturgical books of the archbishops, priests and deacons. In addition, he translated and wrote many articles, and gave many lectures in different universities, parishes and institutes.

## THE EPISTLE (For the Holy Forefathers)

*Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.  
For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us.*

### The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians. (3:4-11)

Brethren, when Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

## THE GOSPEL (For the Holy Forefathers)

### The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (14:16-24)

The Lord spoke this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But, one by one, they all began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

## 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

### Men's Club

Sam Khalil

### Antiochian Women

Kate Niewenhaus

### Teen SOYO

Adviser:  
Majd Akkawi  
Facilitators:  
Phillip Allen  
Reema Guegel  
Stephen Zolnerowich  
Samia Zolnerowich  
Anees Mokhiber

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Bob Simon

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Barbara Abraham

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Sam Sahouri Ghanem

### 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.

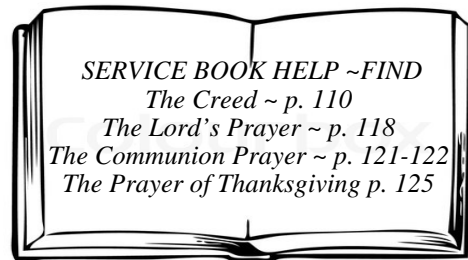
#### **PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS**

- 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.

### **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:** Offered by the Jweied family  
**LUNCHEON & RECEPTION** in honor of Patriarch JOHN X and  
Metropolitan JOSEPH sponsored by The Order of St. Ignatius

# 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

Ghassan, Zakieh, Elias, Serene & Maha Jweied

Roland, Reema & Nicholas Guegel  
Zaki, Diryana & Omar Nasser

Barbara Abraham  
Nicholas Najjar  
Roger Moukheiber  
Sammy & Helen Morcos  
Eleanor Husson

## DEPARTED

Elias, Martha, Naeem, Kamal, Jamal & Isam Jweied

Father Youssef, Hafeda, Farha, Najj, Najeeb, Raji, Raja, Miriam, Affaf, George, Lina & Hani Nasser

William Dora Sr.  
Theodore & Rose Yonkers

Abraham Brown  
Amahl Smiley  
Joanne Ibrahim  
James Addis