

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR AND BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION**

|       | BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION     | FELLOWSHIP HOUR            |
|-------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 28    | Mary Misleh                | Marty & Mary Pinstaff      |
| Jan 4 | Ramona Dora                | Ramona Dora                |
| 11    | Nadia & Michael El-Hage    | Nadia & Michael El-Hage    |
| 18    | Emad family                | Emad family                |
| 25    |                            | Mokhiber family            |
| Feb 1 |                            |                            |
| 8     |                            |                            |
| 15    | Sam & Margo Sahouri-Ghanem | Sam & Margo Sahouri-Ghanem |

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 3 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2014 EOTHINON 6 SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST (THE GENEALOGY)

**Today we Commemorate:** Virgin-martyr Juliana of Nicomedia;  
Martyr Themistokles of Myra in Lycia; Peter, metropolitan of Moscow and  
all Russia

### RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 3)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and became the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

### APOLYTIKION of the Forefeast of the Nativity (Tone 4)

Be thou ready, O Bethlehem; for Eden hath been opened for all. Prepare, O Ephratha; for the Tree of life hath blossomed forth in the cave from the Virgin; for her belly did appear as a noetic paradise in which is planted the divine Plant, whereof eating we shall live and not die as Adam. Verily, Christ shall be born, raising the likeness that fell of old.

### 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 SPEECH OF HIS BEATITUDE PATRIARCH JOHN X AT THE ENTHRONEMENT OF HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN JOSEPH

The Antiochian Church is the Church of the Word. She is the church of the incarnated Word and of theology applied in life. This same church extended her branches here in America and addressed herself to her sons and to the world with "The Word" in the year 1904 and onward. All these facts affirm that Antioch is a word of truth. Antioch is armed with the pacific word, the word of peace. This pacific word has an eastern identity. This eastern identity does not contradict the fact that the Antiochian faithful are spread out over all the world. The Antiochian church has a right and a duty, at all times and in all places, to take care of her sons wherever they exist and whenever necessary.

Over a century ago, our predecessor, Patriarch Meletius II said this: "How greatly the heart of a man rejoices when, having planted a tree, he sees it grow, flourish and bring forth fruit! Or better, how glad is the heart of a father who has laboured to raise a son, when he sees that his son justifies his hopes, as well as the hopes of his brothers and friends! In the same fashion, the heart of the holy Church of Antioch is glad today." These were the words of our predecessor so long ago, at the time he was proud to see the efforts of that great man, Raphael (Hawaweeny). Now, allow me to say, dear brothers and sisters, that the same words hold true today. They express the pride of the mother Church of Antioch when seeing the implanted tree, the Archdiocese of New York and All North America, flourishing and bringing forth fruit. This tree came to flower with the divine grace in her pious men sent earlier: Raphael Hawaweeny, Victor Abou-Assali, Antonios Bashir, Philip Saliba and now Joseph Zehlaoui, whose enthronement we celebrate.

I come to you from the Mariamite Church of Damascus, from the "strada recta", "the street called Straight" (Acts 9:11). I come to you carrying in my heart the symphony of love, steadiness and the strength of hope played by the bells of our churches in the East. I come to say that the historical territory of the Patriarchate of Antioch is not merely a symbolic aspect in our life. It is an essential part of our identity. This identity was baptized with Peter and Paul and immersed with the blood of the holy martyrs. This identity began with the first steps of those disciples called Christians in Antioch, continued with our ancestors who guarded their faith intact; and it now continues on, and it will continue

on, despite all the tragedies taking place in our homeland. This identity is carved on the mountain of Lebanon and implanted in her coasts and valleys. This identity embraces the sunrise of Syria and the sunrise of the history of Syria. This identity comes from the neighborhood of Bethlehem. It comes from Christian Jerusalem. It pours forth with waters of the Euphrates, the Jordan, the Nile and the Tigris, and with them, it gives life to the soil of Iraq, Egypt, Palestine and Jordan.

We come to the United States to be enriched with the presence of our beloved community. Fifth and sixth generation American, but still Antiochian, the Church of Antioch and the homeland of Antioch in the heart of every single individual in the midst of the Eucharistic assembly.

In this beloved community the borders of the countries of this homeland are dissolved in ardent love for each other and in prayer for peace in our beloved homeland. In this beloved Archdiocese evangelism realizes a full sense of the historic missionary vocation of Antioch. This Archdiocese does not know any difference between convert and cradle, but rather she truly acknowledges the Chalice of love, in which everybody is a part of the glorified Christ. Our people and clergy acknowledge and live their Christianity by maintaining a good and deep interrelationship, and a brotherhood with the other Christian confessions here present.

### TODAY'S CHARITY COLLECTION

This month we collect for *Our Military Kids* who provide grants to the children of National Guard and Military Reserve personnel deployed overseas and children of Wounded Warriors in all branches. This pays for participation in sports, fine arts, camps, and tutoring programs. All donations are tax deductible.

### Upcoming events...

Dec 24 - Feast of the Nativity Matins @ 7pm  
Dec 24 - Feast of the Nativity Divine Liturgy @ 8pm  
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 4 - Blessing of the new Parish Council @ 10:30am  
Jan 5 - Evening Divine Liturgy Feast of Theophany @ 7pm  
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 - Baptism Ava, Rose, Luke & Henry Akkad @ 12pm  
Jan 39 - Men's Club Meeting

## Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News

### THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

As has been the local custom in the Antiochian Archdioceses of North America, the feast of the nativity [Christmas] will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 24th beginning with the Matins Service at 7pm and the Nativity Liturgy at 8pm. All the faithful are strongly encouraged to structure their celebration of Christmas around the family attending the Christmas Liturgy on Wednesday evening. Please note, there will be no Liturgy on Christmas Day. May the blessings of the Feast of the birth of our Savior bring all the faithful and their families joy and peace in the new year.

### THANK YOU AND WELL DONE

To All the Ss Peter & Paul Parish Community, glory to God in all things, and in the coming of the birth of Our Savior. Fr. George and Fr. Isaac extend their heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the tremendous effort and work that all of the faithful of Ss Peter & Paul Parish community did for the success of this historical occasion in the life of our church. The events of the weekend were successful beyond all our expectations. We take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for the hard work, dedication, energy and patience you showed in making this weekend successful. Both His Beatitude, Patriarch JOHN X and Metropolitan JOSEPH, expressed to us their appreciation and gratitude for the outpouring of love and for the way Ss. Peter & Paul Church hosted the weekend and received them so honorably. Your pastors are very proud of the way you supported them and gave honor to the hierarchs of our Holy Church. May God bless you and keep you as we enter into the Nativity Season and prepare for the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. Please make sure to send to the church office all digital picture files of the event so we may compile a memorial record of the weekend.

Yours in Christ, Fr. George Rados  
and Fr. Isaac Crow

### TEEN SOYO

2015 ICON LITURGICAL CALENDARS ARE HERE! Beautiful iconography! Made by Kh. Erin Kimmatt, 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.

### SS PETER & PAUL PARISH COUNCIL 2015

Congratulations and blessings to the newly elected officers of the Ss Peter & Paul Parish Council: Chairman, Gary Farha; Vice Chairman, George Salem; Treasurer, Richard Mahan; and Secretary, Suzanne Hermes. On January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015, all the members of the Parish Council current terms and newly elected will receive the prayer of installation at the end of the Divine Liturgy. May God bless and guide our Parish Council granting them, unity and concord, to undertake this vital ministry, working together with the pastors in service to the Holy Church and to the Glory of God.

### FROM THE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

As we approach the end of the year, please consider donating your old Apple iPad or Android tablet device to the Church as a tax deductible donation. The church will be able to use these devices for multiple functions throughout the year that will include greatly reducing our weekly paper consumption, supporting organizations via credit card donations, and upgrading our Festival cash register system. Please contact Wayne Parr at wayne.parr@peterpaulpotomac.org or the church office at 301-765-3400 if you are interested in donating to this campaign. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! We pray that you have a blessed and joyous Nativity Season.

### NOT TOO SOON FOR SUMMER CAMP

Time to think summer...summer camp that is! Registration is open at the Village. There are 4 sessions including chant camp (during session 1) and iconography camp (during session 3). This is a wonderful experience for the kids to learn about and strengthen their faith, make friends, and enjoy the outdoors. As sessions fill quickly, go to avcamp.org and register today. Scholarship help is available; speak with Fr. George or Fr. Isaac. Additionally there is a wonderful family camp Memorial Day weekend for the whole family. Several Ss. Peter and Paul families have participated in family camp and can answer any questions you may have. Email us for more info at SundaySchool@peterpaulpotomac.org.

### ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

The Antiochian Women of Ss. Peter & Paul will meet next on Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> immediately following Liturgy in the lower level hall. We meet for fellowship, encouragement and lunch—bring a dish to share! All ladies are welcome.

### THE EPISTLE

*Blessed are Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers.*

*For Thou art justified in all that Thou hast done for us.*

### The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (11:9-10, 32-40)

Brethren, by faith Abraham sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, and put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

### THE GOSPEL

### The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (1:1-25)

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asa, and Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amon, and Amon the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, Who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ were fourteen generations. Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call His Name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and His Name shall be called Emmanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called His Name Jesus.

### 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

#### 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.

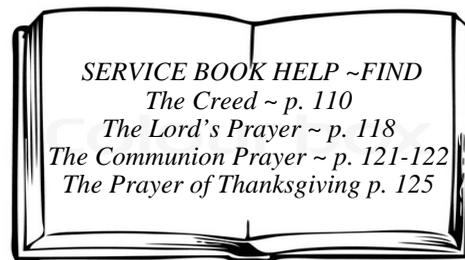
#### **PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS**

- 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

Lorna Malooley  
Alexandra Malooley  
Amanda Malooley  
Matthew Malooley  
Joseph & Kimberly Malooley & family  
Kristian & Kedsie Malooley & family  
John & Betty Slanta & choir members  
Barbara Abraham  
Nicholas Najjar  
Roger Moukheiber  
Sammy & Helen Morcos  
Eleanor Husson

## DEPARTED

Rudolph Sergei Malooley  
Katter & Mary Malooley  
John & Nymry Abdow  
William Dora Sr.  
Theodore & Rose Yonkers  
Suad Peter (Butros)  
Harry & Evelyn Hier

**HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION:** Offered by Lorna Malooley

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** Offered by Lorna Malooley

in honor of Alexandra Malooley's birthday