

FELLOWSHIP HOUR AND BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION

	BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
Jan 5	Jarboe/Rados	Jarboe/Rados
12	Saah family	Saah family
19		
26	The Emads	The Emads
Feb 2		
9		
16		
23		

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 29, 2013

Sunday after the Nativity of Christ, Commemoration of Joseph the Betrothed, David the Prophet and King, and James the Brother of the Lord

On this day, we commemorate: The fourteen thousand infants slain by Herod in Bethlehem; George, bishop of-Nicomedia; Venerable Markellos of the monastery of the "Unsleeping Ones"; commemoration of all Orthodox Christians who died from hunger, thirst, the sword and freezing

TROPARION (Tone 2)

When thou didst submit thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal one, then Thou didst destroy Hell with Thy Godly pow'r, and when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the pow'rs of heaven did cry aloud unto Thee O Christ thou giver of life glory to Thee.

TROPARION Sunday after the Nativity of Christ (Tone 2)

Proclaim, O Joseph, to David, the grandparent of God, the amazing wonders; for thou hast seen a Virgin great with child; for with the shepherds thou didst give glory, with the Magi thou didst worship, and by the angel it was revealed to thee. Wherefore, plead thou with Christ God to save our souls.

TROPARION Theotokion of the Nativity of Christ (Tone 4)

Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, hath given rise to the light of knowledge in the world; for they that worshipped the stars did learn there from to worship thee, O Sun of justice, and to know that from the east of the Highest thou didst come O Lord, glory to thee.

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 the Nativity of Christ (Tone 3)

Today the Virgin giveth birth to the Transcendent in essence; the earth offereth the cave to the unapproachable One; the angels with the shepherds glorify him; and the Magi with the star travel on their way; for a new child hath been born for our sakes, God before the ages.

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from Fr. Isaac

STEWARDSHIP AS CREATION CARE

By Dr. John Chryssavgis

PART III: WHAT CAN I DO?

There are numerous practical ideas available and readily accessible today for parishes and families that choose to become aware of their ecological impact on the planet and on people. Indeed, some of our Orthodox parishes --and even more of our sister Christian congregations have already undertaken initial steps or else made considerable progress toward this goal. Seeking their counsel, or offering our advice to others, is undoubtedly fundamental form of sharing and communion. Alternatively, parishes may consult professional environmental and energy auditors, often freely at the disposal of local communities. Parishes and parishioners can make a difference by becoming sensitive to what they use (energy-efficient light bulbs and heating/cooling systems), what they can reuse (recycled paper, bags, ink cartridges, glassware and cutlery), what they waste (electricity, water, heat, energy, even cups and plates), and what they do (carpooling or support of local products). Most importantly, however, we can all learn to do and live with less. In order to alter our self-image, what is required is nothing less than a radical reversal of our perspectives and practices. The balance of the world has been shattered. The ecological crisis will not be solved with sentimental slogans or smiley stickers but by proposing self-denial as a solution to self-centeredness or selfishness, by learning to exercise self-control or

self-restraint, by the ability to say "no" or "enough. "Here, I think, lies the heart of the problem. For we are unwilling — in fact, violently resist any call — to adopt simpler lifestyles. We have misplaced the spirituality of frugality and abstinence. The challenge is this: How do we live in such a way that promotes harmony — not division? How can we acknowledge — daily — "the earth as the Lord's" (Psalm 23.1)? This means that stewardship opens up more than simply our pockets and our hands to charitable institutions and tax-deductible options. It opens up our eyes and our hearts to proper and harmonious relations among all of God's creatures. Learning to give up in a spirit of self-control implies learning to give in a spirit of sharing. It is learning to live in such a way that communicates gratitude and generosity, not avarice and greed.

LOOKING AHEAD *Upcoming events...*

Dec 29 - Baptism of Noura El-Hage at 1pm
Dec 30 - Baptism of Mireille Leong at 12pm
Jan 4 - Arabic Liturgy @ 5pm
Jan 5 - Celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany & Great Blessing of the Water
Jan 5 - 6-Month Memorial for Kh. Jacqui Rados
Jan 7 - Adult Education Forum @7:15pm
Jan 11 - Un-decorate the church @ 7am
Jan 14 - Parish Council Meeting @7pm
Jan 18 - Baptism of Grace Sanchez @11am

SAVE THE DATE

Feb 15 -Hafla @ 7pm
Feb 21-23 - Weekend with Bishop Nicholas

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EXPLORING OUR FAITH

Adult Ed class will meet again on January 7th 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.

UNDECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, please help take down and properly store for next year our beautiful Christmas decorations on Saturday, January 11th from 8:30am to 12:00pm. Men and women are needed to help in this endeavor. Please volunteer and give as much of your time to your church as you can.

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.

CHARITY COLLECTION

Today we will receive this month's Charity Collection. Please make your check payable to Ss. Peter and Paul. Thank you for your generosity.

MISSION DINNER

The Metropolitan DC Orthodox Mission and Outreach Committee is sponsoring a Mission dinner at St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church, Falls Church, VA, February 9th, at 4:30pm. To benefit the OCMC, the Orthodox Christian International Orthodox Mission and Evangelization organization, Fr. Luke Veronis presents "Capturing the Spirit of Missions: Kenya, Albania and the World." Fr. Luke is a former missionary to Africa and Albania. The schedule includes Vespers at 4:30pm, hors d'oeuvres at 5:00pm, dinner and presentation at 6:00pm. Tickets are \$55 for adults over age 22, \$30 and for those under age 22, free for children under age 6. To make your reservation by February 4th contact Dr. John Demakis at demakis9931@gmail.com, Skip Mersereau at 301-229-0878 or jwmster@gmail.com, or Betty Slanta at 703-354-3242 or slanta@verizon.net. Make your check payable to "St. Katherine Greek Orthodox", note: "Mission Banquet" in the memo line and mail to: St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church, 3149 Glen Carlyn Rd, Falls Church, VA 22041.

Epistle Galatians 1:11-19 (Sunday after Christmas)

Deacon: Let us attend.

Reader: God is wonderful among his saints. Bless God in the Congregations

Reader: The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians

Deacon: Let us attend.

Brethren, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my own people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

Gospel Matthew 2:13-23 (Sunday after Christmas)

When the wise men had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I called my son." Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they were no more." But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." And he rose and took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus reigned of Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee and he went and dwelt in the city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

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.

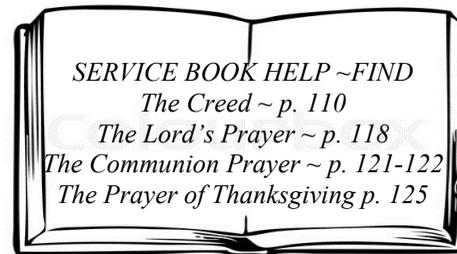
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- 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.



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

Parishioners who remain in our prayers continually

George Brown

Asma Ayoub

Kathy Habib

Abe & Lulu Brown

Issa Shammas

LIVING

Carol Laham

Paul & Robert Bridenhagen

Robert & Gladys Laham

Ken & Tricia Laham & family

Robert & Eileen Laham & family

Ruth & John Bridenhagen

Mary Misleh & family

Mike Rafeedie & family

Lillian Zarou & family

Judy Gamble & family

Yasmin Courtright

Courtright family

Gavin family

Moses family

George Kantakis

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

DEPARTED

Evelyn T. Coury Dec 11

Dolores Marge Dec 11

Jeane Athena Saah Dec 5

Fadel Elias Taweel Nov 16

Essa & Ellen Rafeedie

David Newkirk

Albert & Marie Moses

William Gavin

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION IS OFFERED BY:

Mary Misleh (in Memory of Essa Rafeedie) & Donna Gavin

JELLOWSHIP HOUR IS OFFERED BY: Carol Laham & Paul Bridenhagen