

ON THE LAST JUDGEMENT AND ETERNAL FIRE...

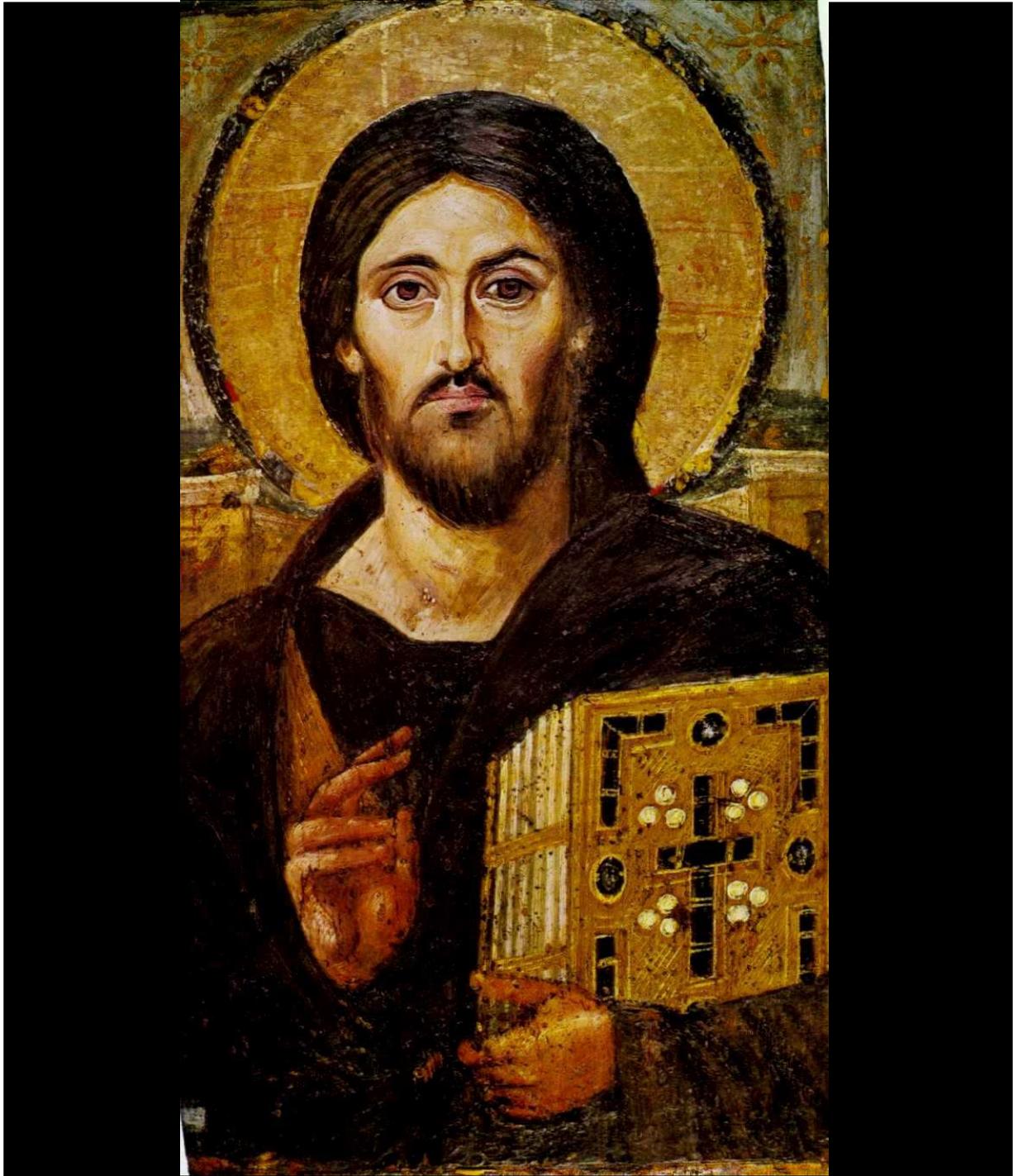
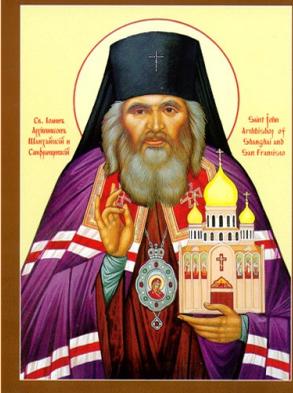
"The end of the world' signifies not the annihilation of the world, but its transformation. Everything will be transformed suddenly, in the twinkling of an eye.... And the Lord will appear in glory on the clouds. Trumpets will sound, and loud, with power! They will sound in the soul and conscience! All will become clear to the human conscience. The Prophet Daniel, speaking of the Last Judgment, relates how the Ancient of Days, the Judge, sits on His throne, and before Him is a fiery stream (Dan. 7:9-10). Fire is a purifying element; it burns sins. Woe to a man if sin has become a part of his nature: then the fire will burn the man himself. This fire will be kindled within a man; seeing the Cross, some will rejoice, but others will fall into confusion, terror, and despair. Thus will men be divided instantly. The very state of a man's soul casts him to one side or the other, to right or to left.

"The more consciously and persistently a man strives toward God in his life, the greater will be his joy when he hears: 'Come unto Me, ye blessed.' And conversely: the same words will call the fire of horror and torture on those who did not desire Him, who fled and fought or blasphemed Him during their lifetime! "The Last Judgment knows of no witnesses or written protocols! Everything is inscribed in the souls of men and these records, these 'books', are opened at the Judgment. Everything becomes clear to all and to oneself." And some will go to joy, while others — to horror.

"When 'the books are opened,' it will become clear that the roots of all vices lie in the human soul. Here is a drunkard or a lecher: when the body has died, some may think that sin is dead too. No! There was an inclination to sin in the soul, and that sin was sweet to the soul, and if the soul has not repented of the sin and has not freed itself from it, it will come to the Last Judgment also with the same desire for sin. It will never satisfy that desire and in that soul there will be the suffering of hatred. It will accuse everyone and everything in its tortured condition, it will hate everyone and everything. 'There will be gnashing of teeth' of powerless malice and the unquenchable fire of hatred.

"A 'fiery gehenna' — such is the inner fire. 'Here there will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.' Such is the state of hell."

St. John Maximovich



FELLOWSHIP HOUR AND BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION

	BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
22 Feb	Miriam Erickson (40 day memorial for Gloria Swyden)	Miriam Erickson
1 Mar		Dora & Theodores Potter
8 Mar	Gary Farha	Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Council
15 Mar		Men's Club Spaghetti Luncheon

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

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All Things Are Possible to Him Who Believes

Matins: Sundays 9:30am

Divine Liturgy: Sundays 10:30am

TONE 3 SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2015 EOTHINON 3

Apostle Onesimos of the Seventy; Venerable Eusebios of Syria; Martyr Major of Gaza; Venerable Dalmatos of Siberia

Today we Commemorate: Sunday of the Last Judgment (Meat-Fare)

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 SAINTS PETER AND 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 FOR SUNDAY OF LAST JUDGEMENT (Tone 1)

When Thou comest, O God, to earth with glory, and all creatures tremble before Thee, and the river of fire floweth before the Altar, and the books are opened and sins revealed, deliver me then from that unquenchable fire, and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O righteous Judge.

THE EPISTLE

(For Sunday of the Last Judgment)

Patristic Corner

time appropriate to their salvation in the pursuit of sin, and be suddenly overtaken by death, the divine Fathers decree that on this day the remembrance of the Second Appearance of Christ may be celebrated. The intention is to remind them that, as God is good and loving to mankind, He is also a very righteous Judge Who recompenses each according to his deeds. Our Lord teaches us that when we minister to our brother or sister, we really minister to Him. This brings us righteousness and life eternal.

An Antiochian Prayer for Peace

Our Lord and God,

Thou art our Life and our Creator. What shall we offer Thee for that which Thou hast granted unto us? We accept the chalice of salvation and we proclaim in the name of the Lord that Christ, faced with the Chalice of His Passion, prayed to the Father to take away the bitter cup.

Then he prayed again thus: "Thy will be done, not mine". So if Though, O Lord, desirest that we should learn the meaning of these good sayings of salvation for our lives today, then indeed we draw close to the throne of Thy majesty and with humility and fear we worship Thee with supplications for our two beloved Metropolitans, Paul and Youhanna. We implore Thee to return them safe from this quiet work of love, witnessing to Thy righteousness and glorifying Thy name. As for Thy beloved children of Syria, we ask Thee to inspire those who bear this great responsibility to bring about peace. As for Thy beloved Lebanon, we beg Thee to keep this as a land of peace and harmonious coexistence. As for ourselves, we ask Thee to grant us strength of faith, hope and love, of patience and wisdom, so that we might prove trustworthy for Thee who art our Saviour and Redeemer.

So shall we proclaim Thy Name always, Thou Who art the Creator of all and Light of the heavens and of the earth, the God Whom we implore; come and save us? Amen.

Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News

YOUTH CORNER

Feb. 21-22: TeenSOYO Retreat at St. Thekla's Convent, Glenville, PA. RSVP: majd@peterpaulpotomac.org

Feb. 28: Fellowship of Saint John the Divine (FSJD) Pot-Luck Lenten Lunch and Retreat with Bishop ANTHONY 12:30-5:00 P.M.

March 14th: Day Retreat at St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church in Baltimore. TeenSOYO visiting the Myrrh-Streaming Icon of the Mother of God of Taylor, PA.

service. Finger food, fruit and vegetable platters and fasting sweets are examples of what is typically offered. If you are not attending the evening service, please bring your dish on the morning of March 1st. A form will be available for you to fill out if you are preparing something. Please return it to Janet Zagby Metz: titajzm@yahoo.com; (703) 821-2628. We would like to know your commitment by FEBRUARY 22.

FOR SALE IN HALL AFTER CHURCH

Spinach Pies (partially cooked) \$12/doz. Kibbee Pan \$15/tray, half tray \$10

SUNDAY SCHOOL

A very big THANK YOU to everyone who donated hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves in December and January. We were able to donate 10 hats, 4 scarves, and 15 pairs of gloves & mittens.

Sunday school is in need of snacks and drinks for the children. If you haven't already, please provide 2-3 (or more if you'd like) multi-packs of snacks and/or drinks. Snacks should be individually packaged (100-calorie snacks work well) and **completely free of peanuts/peanut but-**

ter and tree nuts due to allergies. For drinks, we need small (8 oz.) bottles of water, regular size juice boxes/pouches, and small (~4 oz.) juice boxes for the younger children. If possible, please provide 100% juices.

MEN'S CLUB SPAGHETTI LUNCHEON

Sunday, March 15th after Liturgy. Adults: \$10; Children under 14 \$6.00. 50/50 Raffle and Prizes Tickets available after Liturgy through March 8th or contact Sam Khalil (sk1943@aol.com)

MESSAGE OF THANKS

The Slanta family would like to thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy and personal remembrances on our recent loss of John Slanta's mother Katherine (Kay). It was so thoughtful of our Church family to remember us at this time. Thank you for taking the time to share your memories of Kay with us; your words are a comfort. John and Betty Slanta and family

The Last Judgment Synaxarion

Today, we commemorate the Second and impartial Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is the Sunday of the Last Judgment—known also as Meat Fare Sunday—the lesson of which occurs in today's Holy Gospel in the Divine Liturgy. Jesus illustrates to us God's ineffable goodness and His great love for mankind. And so lest some who are lazy should loiter and spend the

Upcoming events...

Feb 19—Adult Ed 7:15 pm—'Exploring Our Faith'
Feb 20/21—Teen SOYO Retreat @ St. Thekla's Convent
Feb 22—Cheese Fare Sunday
Feb 22—Baptism of Jackson Hines @ 1:00 pm
Feb 23—Great Lent Begins
Feb 24—Men's Club Meeting
Feb 28—FSJD Day Retreat with Bishop ANTHONY
Feb 28—Baptism of Aurora Farmand @ 12:00 noon
Mar 1—Sunday of Orthodoxy Great Vespers @ 5:00 pm
Mar 7—Baptism of Elena & Karen Tannous @ 12:00 noon
Mar 14—Miraculous Icon Retreat @ St. Mary's in Baltimore
Mar 15—Men's Club Spaghetti Luncheon after Liturgy

The Lord is my strength and my praise.

The Lord chastising hath chastised me, but He hath not delivered me over to death.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (8:8-9:2)

Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care, lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you—a man of knowledge—at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

THE GOSPEL

(For Sunday of the Last Judgment)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (25:31-46)

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and He will place the sheep at His right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at His right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see Thee hungry and feed Thee, or thirsty and give Thee drink? And when did we see Thee a stranger and welcome Thee, or naked and clothe Thee? And when did we see Thee sick or in prison and visit Thee?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Then He will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see Thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to Thee?' Then He will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to Me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Samia Zolnerowich
Jennifer Buchko

Teachers

Jumana Misleh
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Razan Abdallah
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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

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Fellowship of St. John

Majd Akkawi

Christine & Samer Korkor

Dn. Christian & Zeina

Manasseh

Adornment

Shams Akkawi

Jamil Hermes

Facility Management

Nick Nahas

Bob Simon

Rental Coordinator

Barbara Abraham

Charities

Sam Sahouri Ghanem

Finance

David Jackson

Stewardship

Lorna Malooley

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.

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

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.

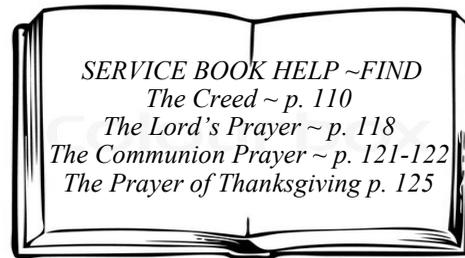
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- 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: Sam & Margo Sahouri-Ghanem

FELLOWSHIP HOUR OFFERED BY: Sam & Margo Sahouri- Ghanem

Commemorations

LIVING

Parishioners who remain in our prayers continually

Margaret Ashley
Lulu & George Brown
Issa & Luis Nishanic
Barbara Abraham
Richard Boges
Sam, Margo, Rana, Oudma and Miko
Radi & Hala
Taghreed Massarweh & Family
The Massarweh Families
David & Carla Fitzsimons & Baby Daniel
Brenda Fitzsimons & Family

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

Father Gordon
Kh. Mary Sue Walker
Deacon David Daumit
Gloria Swydan
Katherine Slanta
Nemer
Youseff
Afifa
Yaquob
Wadeha
Michael
Hannah
Salem
Sabha
Najama
Infant Georgia Fitzsimons
George Daher

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

On Sunday, March 1, 2015, Great Vespers will be held at 5:00 p.m. at Ss Peter & Paul Church, followed by a reception in Kogok Hall. Co-sponsoring churches are St. George, St. Gregory and St. Raphael Mission. We need donations of LENTEN fare for the reception following the