

	BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
5 Apr	Mary Misleh	Mary Misleh
12 Apr	Lorna Malooley	Ghanem Family Holy Resurrection Breakfast
19 Apr	Donna Gavin	Benita Khoury
26 Apr	Olivia Azat	Olivia Azat
03 May	OPEN	OPEN

FELLOWSHIP HOUR AND BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION

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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Ss. PETER AND PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

All Things Are Possible to Him Who Believes

Matins: Sundays 9:30am
Divine Liturgy: Sundays 10:30am

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2015

Sixth Sunday of Lent and Commemoration of Palm Sunday
ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST INTO JERUSALEM

APOLYTIKION OF LAZARUS SATURDAY (Tone 1)

O Christ God, when Thou didst raise Lazarus from the dead, before Thy Passion, Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection. Wherefore, we, like children, carry the insignia of triumph and victory, and cry to Thee, O Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord.

APOLYTIKION OF PALM SUNDAY (Tone 4)

O Christ God, when we were buried with Thee in Baptism, we became deserving of Thy Resurrection to immortal life. Wherefore, we praise Thee, crying: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

KONTAKION OF PALM SUNDAY (Tone 6)

Upborne upon the heavenly throne, and seated upon the earthly foal, O Christ our God, receive the praises of angels and the hymns of men, exclaiming before Thee: Blessed is He that cometh to restore Adam.

VISIT OF HIS GRACE BISHOP NICHOLAS

Ss. Peter and Paul Church welcomes His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS for a Pastoral visit this weekend April 4 Lazarus Saturday and April 5 Palm Sunday. His Grace is Auxiliary to the Metropolitan and Bishop of Brooklyn responsible for our Diocese of New York and Washington.

His Grace will preside at the Liturgy for Palm Sunday and the Bridegroom Service at 7:00pm on April 5 the start of Holy Week.

PALM SUNDAY

Feast Of The Glorious Entrance Of Our Lord Jesus Christ Into Jerusalem.

With great joy, the Church celebrates the glorious entry of Christ into Jerusalem, The Feast of Palms. How strange is this in that he enters the city, to be betrayed, to be scourged and tortured, and then to die nailed on a wooden Cross.

But today, is a day of Joy and we gather to greet God and to cry out proclaiming: “Hosanna in the highest, blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.”

Today we gather to receive the coming of the King. He is a new King and a King for all people and for all nations. He is the King who comes after the priestly order of Melchizedek; that is the King of Righteousness. He is Christ God, the first and the last, the true King of Peace.

If this same Christ is the King of Peace, then we, his subjects and followers, are we not those who look for His righteous Kingdom, the very Kingdom of Peace?

By nature man seeks peace for in it he abides in stability, happiness, joy, and prosperity. But where is this elusive peace, and where is it to be found? How often do we seek for it in strange places and in the kingdom of idols and in the byways of the domains of life? For the sake of peace, we often stumble into cycles of confusion and strife. Some rush to amass wealth and possessions, prestige and power, believing that by doing so they will also find peace.

The Jews themselves, whom we hear in the Gospel of St John (12: 1-18), shouted: “Hosanna! (save us). Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord” lived a long history in suffering and seeking after peace. They desired it and sought to achieve it through political power, nationhood, and ethnic liberation even if this involved tyranny over others. To this day there are those among them who still seek it under the notion of ‘security’. They sought peace through the dream of domination and autocracy forgetting the prophecy of Zachariah (9.9):

“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion, shout O daughter of Jerusalem, behold the King cometh unto thee. He is just having salvation, lowly and riding upon a colt who is the foal of a donkey”

After years of wandering and teaching, Jesus enters the royal city of Jerusalem. He enters as a King having power even over the chains of death. Strangely however he comes riding on the foal of a donkey, the throne of the King of humility. By this entrance Jesus announces to all that His Kingdom is not of “this world,” for the Kingdom of Truth, Peace, and Righteousness is entered through the gateway of humility. His entrance proclaims to us once and for all time that “the God of peace shall be with you” (php 4:8-9). That this is to be our first purpose that we are to become the peace makers of the world, carrying in our hands the weapons of peace. And so today we take up the branches of palms and walk in the procession of God’s peace. This procession is the very journey of our life in Christ, wherein we walk in the pathway of the virtue of God.

Strangely this is how our Lord Jesus Christ conquered Jerusalem. This is how he opened up for us the Kingdom of Peace. And in doing so, he leaves for us, his followers, the mission of enacting peace upon all the earth.

By living, practicing, and producing righteousness, the Christian becomes the creator of peace among peoples and nations. Such a peace is infused with an invincible power, able if we but possess it, to overcome every adversary, even the demons of gravity and death itself.

Come Brethren, let us today lift up our branches of Psalms and enter into the Holy city. Let us walk in the procession of righteousness and following the King of Peace, let us proclaim; “Hosanna O King of the highest glory, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.”

Fr. Isaac Crow

Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News

Youth Corner

April 10: Good Friday Teen SOYO All-Night Vigil

April 19: Eastern Region Teen SOYO Delegates Meeting

CHARITY COLLECTION

SS Peter & Paul Orthodox Church "Antiochian Women's 'Angel Fund'": The SS Peter & Paul Antiochian Women (formerly Ladies' Auxiliary) Angel Fund began last year as a bequest donation to provide periodic support for SS Peter & Paul Church parishioners who could temporarily use a helping hand financially. The fund provides a gift cards from local food stores to supplement the food buying power for a single or family parishioner unit. The Angel Fund is administered by the SS Peter & Paul Antiochian Women, and recipients blessed by Fr. Isaac Crow. The Angel Fund is for your parish family members; **please give generously so that we may help those in need within our parish.**

SS. PETER & PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH 12TH ANNUAL FASHION SHOW & LUNCHEON

Saturday, May 9, 2015 @11:30am at Congressional Country Club, 8500 River Road, Bethesda, MD. Tickets are \$50.00 and 10% of the proceeds will benefit The Wounded Warrior Project. Contact Rida Boulos Frita18@aol.com (703) 319-3415 or Suzanne Hermes, suzannehrms315@gmail.com

CHRIST'S TOMB (NAACH) FLOWER DONATION

This Sunday the Ladies Auxiliary will be collecting for the Naach. Proceeds are used to purchase the flowers needed to decorate the Tomb of Christ. All women of the parish are invited to participate on Good Friday, April 10 at 10am. A dish to share at lunch would be most welcome. Don't forget to bring your pruning shears!!! Please fill out the Naach forms and give them with your donation to the coordinators. The Ladies and the forms will be located outside the Parish Hall.

ORTHODOX MISSION & OUTREACH DINNER

Sponsored by The Metropolitan DC Orthodox Mission & Outreach Committee at St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church, 3149 Glen Carlyn Rd. Falls Church, VA 22041 on Sunday, April 26, 2015. 5:00pm Pan-Orthodox Vespers, 5:30pm Hors d'oeuvres, 6:00pm Dinner & Presentation to benefit th OCMC, the International Orthodox Mission & Evangelization organization. Speaker is Rev. John Chakos, Missionary to Guatemala, speaking on "Orthodoxy in the Guatemalan Highlands: a light shines brightly". Tickets are \$55.00/adults, \$30.00/under 22, & children under 6 are free. Table for 10 is \$500.00. Reservation deadline is April 21. Contact Dr. John Demakis/ demakis9931@gmail.com; Skip Merserau/jwmster@gmail.com; Betty Slanta/slanta@verizon.net. Enclose check payable to St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church, & note Mission Banquet on memo line. Mail to St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church, 3149 Glen Carlyn Rd., Falls Church, VA 22041

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

The Antiochian Women's luncheon has been rescheduled to April 19 immediately following Liturgy in the LL Hall. For more information on both, please contact Kate Niewenhaus at handmaidens20854@gmail.com.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

It's that time of year again — high school graduation! If your child is graduating from High School this spring, please send us the following information by **Sunday, April 19th**: child's name, high school, plans after graduation [e.g. attending college/university (which one), major, etc.] We will be honoring this year's graduates on Sunday, May 17th after Liturgy. Congratulations in advance!

Upcoming events...

Apr 05— Palm Sunday Liturgy & Procession
Apr 05—Bridegroom Service 7:00p, Bishop NICHOLAS presiding
Apr 06—11— Holy Week
Apr 10—Good Friday Teen SOYO All-Night Vigil
Apr 12—Pascha
Apr 18—Baptism of Eleni Misleh 3:00pm
Apr 19—Antiochian Women's Potluck Luncheon following Liturgy in the LL Hall
Apr 19—Eastern Regional Teen SOYO Delegates Meeting
Apr 28—Men's Club Meeting
May 02—Baptism Luke Robles
May 26—Men's Club Meeting

THE EPISTLE (The Sixth Sunday of Lent)

*Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord.
O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians. (4:4-9)

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, these do; and the God of peace will be with you.

THE GOSPEL (The Sixth Sunday of Lent)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (12:1-18)

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus who had died was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with Him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, one of His Disciples (he who was to betray Jesus), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not because he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the moneybox he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of My burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have Me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that He was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His Disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of Him and had been done to Him. The crowd that had been with Jesus when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Jesus was that they heard He had done this sign.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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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 to enter the sanctuary quietly during the Divine Liturgy.

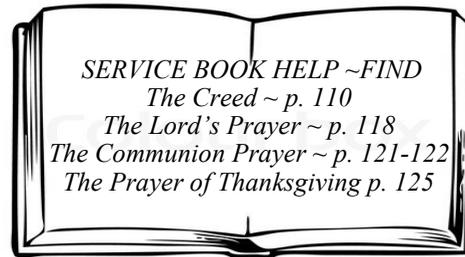
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- 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: Mary Mislah

FELLOWSHIP HOUR OFFERED BY: Mary Mislah

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 Shammas Richie Kogok
 Edmond Neam Brian Briggs
 Renee Mourad Robert Simon
 Nicholas Yanwsky

Fr. Thomas Falke
 Fr. Louis Mahshie
 Barbara Abraham
 Kathy Habib
 Jennifer Buchko
 Bertha Aed
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 Josephine Lofgren
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 Lillian & Family
 Judy & Family

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 Andre Bullata
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 Katter & Mary Malooley
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 Henry & Margaret Abdow
 Alexandria Abdow
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 Nazzal Hanna Nazzal
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 Rose Yonkers
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