

	BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
17 May	Chris Malaska	The Church Family of Joe Charley
24 May	Bonita Khoury	Bonita Khoury
31 May	Lavinia Sidawy	Alganesh Piechocinski
07 June	Fellowship of St. John The Divine	Fellowship of St. John The Divine
June 14	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*

**SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2015**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA  
TONE 5/EOTHINON 8**

**SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN**

APOSTLES ANDRONIKOS AND JUNIA OF THE SEVENTY; ATHANASIOS THE NEW,  
BISHOP OF CHRISTIANOPOLIS; VENERABLE NEKTARIOS AND THEOPHANES,  
FOUNDERS OF THE BARLAAM MONASTERY ON METEORA; EUDOXIA, PRINCESS OF  
MOSCOW

**APOLYTIKION OF PASCHA (Tone 5)**

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

**THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF PASCHA**

In the gathering places bless ye God the Lord, from the springs of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

**APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRECTION (Tone 5)**

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

**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 OF PASCHA (Tone 8)**

O Immortal One, when Thou didst descend into the tomb, Thou didst destroy the power of Hades; and Thou didst rise victorious, O Christ God. Thou hast said to the ointment bearing women: Rejoice! And Thou gavest peace to Thy Disciples, O Bestower of Resurrection to those Who had fallen.

### THE EPISTLE

*Thou, O Lord, shalt keep us and preserve us.*

*Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared.*

**The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (16:16-34)**

In those days, as we Apostles were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, crying, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I charge you in the Name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates they said, "These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs which it is not lawful for us Romans to accept or practice." The crowd joined in attacking and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many

## PRAYER FOR THE DEPARTED

**Bishop Hilarion Alfeyev**

The practice of prayer for the departed is based on an understanding that the fate of the soul after death is not clear before the final, universal resurrection, and that the situation of the departed might be changed for the better by the prayers of the living.

One of the hymns sung at the Orthodox funeral service is written on behalf of the departed person, who asks the living to pray for him or her:

*As ye behold me lie before you all speechless and bereft of breath, weep for me, O friends and brethren, O kinsfolk and acquaintance. For but yesterday I talked with you, and suddenly there came upon me the dread hour of death. But come, all ye who loved me, and kiss me with the last kiss. For nevermore shall I walk or talk with you. For I go hence unto the Judge with whom is no respect of persons. For slave and master stand together before him, king and warrior, the rich and the poor, in honour equal. For according to his deeds shall every man receive glory or be put to shame. But I beg and implore you all, that ye will pray without ceasing unto Christ our God, that I be not doomed according to my sins, unto a place of torment; but that he will appoint unto me a place where is the light of life.*

These words reflect what the departed person wants most from his or her friends and relatives: not a splendid funeral, not mourning, but intense prayer, by which the soul is commended into God's hands.

Such prayer is an ancient tradition of the Christian Church. Leaving the body, the person departs from the visible world, but does not depart from the Church. He or she continues to be part of the Church, and it is the duty of those on earth to pray for him or her. The Church believes that prayer can assist the person in the journey after death, and that God accepts prayers not only for the righteous, but also for sinners.

The commemoration of the departed at the Divine Liturgy is particularly important. Liturgical prayer is all-inclusive and universal; it is offered both for the living and the dead. In the words of St Mark of Ephesus:

*The departed in faith are definitely assisted by Liturgies celebrated in their memory, as well as prayers and almsgiving ... Even the souls which are kept in hell and are already assigned to eternal torments ... can be assisted and given at least a little help, even if not completely liberated ... The fact that the souls of the dead by prayers are liberated from their imprisonment in hell, as if from a certain penitentiary, is confirmed, among many others, by Theophanes the Confessor, named Grapto ... In one of his canons for the departed he prays for them in the following way: 'O Saviour, from tears and grief liberate your servants who are in hell.' ... For, as St Theodore the Studite, himself a confessor and witness of truth, says in the beginning of his Canon for the departed: As we celebrate today the memory of the dead from the beginning, let us all entreat Christ to deliver from the everlasting fire those who have fallen asleep in faith and in the hope of eternal life.' ...*

Continued next Sunday...

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## Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News

### TEEN SOYO

**SUN MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>: MEETING AT 12:30**

**SAT JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup>: END OF SCHOOL YEAR GET TOGETHER – STAY TUNED**

### FSJD

**ADULT ED. FORUM : MAY 28<sup>TH</sup>, JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup> AND 24<sup>TH</sup>. NO MEETINGS IN JULY AND AUGUST. WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER.**

**SAT MAY 30<sup>TH</sup>: FSJD PICNIC - STAY TUNED**

**WED JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup> “EVENING WITH THE FATHERS” – DAILY LIFE LESSONS FROM THE SAINTS 8:00PM**

**SUN JUN 7<sup>TH</sup>: FSJD HOSTING FELLOWSHIP/COFFEE HOUR IN SUPPORT OF *Renée Moorad***

### ARCHDIOCESE CONVENTION

The 52nd Antiochian Archdiocese Convention, hosted by St. Mary, Cambridge, will be held **Sunday, July 19 thru Sunday, July 26, 2015** at the Sheraton Boston Hotel, Boston, MA. The convention room rate is \$199.00 per night plus tax. To book room at the hotel, register for the convention, purchase convention event tickets and tickets for Boston excursions and obtain forms to place a message in the Souvenir Journal, go to [www.acboston2015.com](http://www.acboston2015.com).

### LADIES OF SS. PETER AN PAUL

Please mark your calendars for June 27 to attend our End-of-the-Year Luncheon. More details to follow.

### ICON PAINTING WORKSHOP

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### 64th ANNUAL PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE

for the Diocese of New York and Diocese of Charleston and the Mid Atlantic will be held **Wednesday, July 1 thru Sunday, 5, 2015**. For more information go to [www.stjohnorthodoxchurch.com/pic](http://www.stjohnorthodoxchurch.com/pic) and [www.upskylongisland.com](http://www.upskylongisland.com) (hotel) for all the highlights, event schedule, registration, and reservation information. Early Bird Registration extended to May 13.

### Ss. PETER & PAUL MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

celebrating the life of Abe Brown is **Wednesday, June 24, 2015** at Bretton Wood Golf Course, 15700 River Road, Germantown, MD. Registration is \$135.00/individual, \$100.00/students, \$500.00/4some. For more information please contact Bob Simon (202) 253-0490 (phone or text) or email [bobsimonjr@mail.com](mailto:bobsimonjr@mail.com).

### FEAST OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL

On Sunday, June 28 following the Liturgy the Parish will observe the celebration of the Feast of our Patron Saints — Apostles Peter and Paul with a picnic and cookout.

### Upcoming events...

May 17—Food for Hungry Boxes due to Sunday School Office  
 May 17—Recognition of High School Seniors  
 May 17—Baptism of Roya Sahouri-12:30pm  
 May 17—Teen SOYO at 12:30pm  
 May 20—Evening Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Ascension 7:00pm  
 May 26—Men’s Club Meeting/LL Conf. Rm./7:30pm  
 May 28—Adult Ed Forum/LL Conf. Rm./7:15pm—Exploring Our Faith  
 May 30—FSJD Picnic –more details to follow  
 May 31—Feast of the Holy Pentecost  
 June 03—‘Evening with the Fathers’ @8:00pm  
 June 07—Last day of Sunday School  
 June 07—FSJD Hosting Fellowship in Support of Renée Moorad  
 June 11—Adult Ed Forum/LL Conf. Rm./7:15pm—Exploring our Faith  
 June 13—End of School Year Get Together—stay tuned  
 June 23—Men’s Club Mtg. LL Conf. Rm/7:15pm  
 June 24—Ss. Peter & Paul Memorial Golf Tournament  
 June 25—Adult Ed Forum/LL Conf. Rm./7:15pm—Exploring Our Faith  
 June 28—Baptism Aliya Oueid Barrick 1:00p  
 June 28 Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul (observed) picnic following Liturgy  
 July 1-5—64th Annual Parish Life Conference  
 July 12—Baptism/Audriana Mufarreh1:00pm  
 July 19-26—52nd Antiochian Archdiocese Convention  
 July 26—Baptism/Basil John Bitar  
 July 28—Men’s Club Meeting/LL Conf. Rm./7:30pm

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Blows upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened and every one’s fetters were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out and said, “Men, what must I do to be saved?” And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their wounds, and he was baptized at once, with all his family. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them; and he rejoiced with all his household that he had believed in God.

### THE GOSPEL

#### The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (9:1-38)

At that time, when Jesus was passing, He saw a man blind from his birth. And His Disciples asked Him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. I must work the works of Him Who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” As He said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man’s eyes with the clay, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” [which means Sent]. So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, “Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is he”; others said, “No, but he is like him.” He said, “I am the man.” They said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash’; so I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is He?” He said, “I do not know.” They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for He does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, “What do you say about Him, since He has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.” The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age, ask him.” So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, “Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “Whether He is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become His disciples?” And they reviled him, saying, “You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where He comes from.” The man answered, “Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where He comes from, and yet He opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, He could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him He said, “Do you believe in the Son of God?” He answered, “And Who is He, Sir, that I may believe in Him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen Him, and it is He who speaks to you.” He said, “Lord, I believe”; and he worshiped Him.

### 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 to enter the sanctuary quietly during the Divine Liturgy.

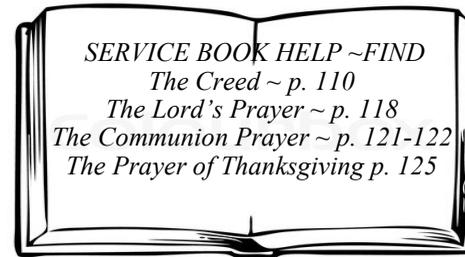
### PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- 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.



## One Year Memorial for Joe Charley

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY: Chris Malaska

MEMORIAL WHEAT OFFERED BY: Donna Gavin

FELLOWSHIP HOUR OFFERED BY: The Church Family of Joe Charley

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## 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	Edmond Neam
Issa & Suad Shammas	Richie Kogok
Lulu & George Brown	Brian Briggs
Renee Moorad	Robert Simon

Fr. Louis Mahshie  
 Kathy Habib  
 Bertha Aed  
 Josephine Lofgren  
 Ann Marie Moses  
 Catherine Bolus  
 Salwa Gabro  
 Mary Fillah and Family  
 Donna Gavin and Family  
 Chris Malaska and Family  
 Sherry Zacharia and Family  
 Alex and Thomaseena Cox

## DEPARTED

Abraham Brown  
 Joe Charley  
 Andre Bullata  
 Darryl Pedersen  
 Rose Yonkers  
 Georgette 'Lily' Hadaya  
 Nicholas Yanowsky  
 Leila Atallo  
 Julia Arwady  
 T.V. George