

|                    | BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION            | FELLOWSHIP HOUR                   |
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| <b>24<br/>May</b>  | Bonita Khoury                     | Bonita Khoury                     |
| <b>31<br/>May</b>  | Lavinia Sidawy                    | Alganesh Piechocinski             |
| <b>07<br/>June</b> | Fellowship of St. John The Divine | Fellowship of St. John The Divine |
| <b>14<br/>June</b> | Zeina Manasseh                    | OPEN                              |
| <b>21<br/>June</b> | OPEN                              | OPEN                              |

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR AND BREAD OF HOLY OBLIGATION**

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

*All Things Are Possible to Him Who Believes*

Matins: Sundays 9:30am

Divine Liturgy: Sundays 10:30am

**SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2015**

## **SUNDAY OF THE AFTER-FEAST OF THE ASCENSION TONE 6/EOTHINON 10**

### **COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**

VENERABLE STYLITES SIMEON THE YOUNGER OF THE MOUNTAIN OF WONDERS AND NIKITAS OF PEREYASLAVL-ZALESSKI; MARTYR MELETIOS THE GENERAL OF GALATIA; VENERABLE VINCENT OF LERINS

### **THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF ORDINARY SUNDAYS**

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

### **APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRECTION (Tone 6)**

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb. And the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

### **APOLYTIKION OF THE ASCENSION (Tone 4)**

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Thy Disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit, having become confident of the blessing. Verily, Thou art the Son of God, and Deliverer of the world.

### **APOLYTIKION OF THE HOLY FATHERS (Tone 8)**

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

### **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 THE ASCENSION (Tone 6)**

When Thou didst fulfill Thy dispensation for our sakes, uniting the terrestrials with the celestials, Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, inseparable in space, but constant without separation, and crying unto Thy beloved: I am with you, and no one shall be against you.

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## **PRAYER FOR THE DEPARTED**

### **Bishop Hilarion Alfeyev**

Whether the saints are heard by God when they pray for this, it is not our duty to investigate: this was known to them and to the Spirit, which dwelt in them. This was equally known to the Lord Christ, who gave the commandment that we should pray for our enemies, Who Himself prayed for those who crucified him and who compelled Stephen to the same, when the latter was stoned. And even if, perhaps, someone would say that when we pray for people of this kind we are not heard by God, yet we do whatever we can. Some of the saints who prayed not only for the faithful but also for the unlawful were heard and by their prayers released them from eternal torment, as, for example .. the divine Gregory the Dialogos, who is reported to have liberated Trajan. So, for all people of this kind the offerings of prayers and Liturgies are brought by the Church and by us.

These words are of special interest because they deal with the question of prayer for non-Christians, which presents difficulties for some people. In particular, reference is made to a story which is found in some ancient accounts of the life of Gregory the Great. He is said to have prayed for the Emperor Trajan, who was a persecutor of Christians, until he received confirmation from God that his prayer had been heard. The hagiographical sources claim that Trojan's soul was 'baptised' in hell by the tears of St Gregory.

Mark of Ephesus does not seem to make any distinction between the faithful and the 'unlawful' in this context. In some parts of the Orthodox Church today, only departed members are commemorated at public liturgical celebrations, while others are remembered privately. Because of this, some Orthodox have come to believe that they are not allowed to pray at all for the non-Orthodox. A Russian priest wrote in 1905 that prayer for a departed Lutheran would not please this Lutheran since he did not recognise the practice of prayers for the departed and 'at his last hour did not think about converting to Orthodoxy'. The priest made an analogy with certain scientific and economic enterprises and societies that maintain strict 'corporational boundaries'. Orthodox Christians, he argued, 'must educate themselves in the spirit of Orthodox corporation and solidarity' and not pray for the non-Orthodox.

This point of view was firmly opposed at the time by a professor at the Moscow Theological Academy:

*In all these comments, one can discern a certain extraordinary callousness, a certain selfish and punctilious care for not doing somebody an additional service and not appearing as someone uninvited. It is completely forgotten here that, in spite of confessional differences, we are all Christians, and therefore out of love for our neighbours we must render them great assistance. Did the departed Lutherans or members of the Reformed Church not believe in prayers for the departed during their lifetime? So what? Are we not Orthodox? We do believe that our prayer can be of much help to the departed.*

True Orthodoxy, the author concludes, breathes not with 'a spirit of corporation', but rather with a spirit of love and mercy to all people, including those who are or were outside the Orthodox Church."

Continuation from Sunday, May 17, 2015

# Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News

## TEEN SOYO

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

### FSJD

**ADULT ED. FORUM : MAY 28TH, JUNE 11TH AND 25TH. NO MEETINGS IN JULY AND AUGUST. WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER.**

**SAT MAY 30<sup>TH</sup>: FSJD PICNIC - 10 A.M—3 P.M. @ ROCK CREEK PARK PICNIC SITE 8**

**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

Contact Tasia Pappas (202) 494-0470 or Tasia @LNF.com or see Bulletin Board for Flyer

## **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.

## Ss. PETER & PAUL MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

celebrating the life of Abe Brown is **Wednesday, June 24, 2015** at Bretton Woods 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 25—Church Office closed  
May 26—Men's Club Meeting/LL Conf. Rm./7:30pm  
May 27—Festival Cmte. Mtg. I LL Conf. Rm 7:00pm  
May 28—Adult Ed Forum/LL Conf. Rm./7:15pm—Exploring Our Faith  
May 30—FSJD Picnic - 10-3 @ Rock Creek Park site 8  
May 31—Feast of the Holy Pentecost  
June 03—“Evening with the Fathers” @8:00pm  
June 06—Arabic Liturgy 5:00pm  
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 1:00pm  
June 28 Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul (observed) picnic following Liturgy  
July 1-5—64th Annual Parish Life Conference  
July 12—Baptism/Audriana Mufarreh 1:00pm  
July 19-26—52nd Antiochian Archdiocese Convention  
July 26—Baptism/Basil John Bitar  
July 28—Men's Club Meeting/LL Conf. Rm./7:30pm

## THE EPISTLE

*Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers. For Thou art just in all Thou hast done.*

**The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (20:16-18, 28-36)**

In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: “Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

## THE GOSPEL

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (17:1-13)**

At that time, Jesus lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son that the Son may glorify Thee, since Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom Thou hast given Him. And this is eternal life, that they know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ Whom Thou hast sent. I glorified Thee on earth, having accomplished the work which Thou gavest Me to do; and now, Father, glorify Thou Me in Thy own presence with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was made. I have manifested Thy Name to the men whom Thou gavest Me out of the world; Thine they were, and Thou gavest them to Me, and they have kept Thy word. Now they know that everything that Thou hast given Me is from Thee; for I have given them the words which Thou gavest Me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from Thee; and they have believed that Thou didst send Me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom Thou hast given Me, for they are Thine; all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to Thee. Holy Father, keep them in Thy Name, which Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one. While I was with them, I kept them in Thy Name, which Thou have given Me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to Thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.”

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

### **Directors**

Samia Zolnerowich  
Jennifer Buchko

### **Teachers**

Jumana Misleh  
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Saleem Mokhiber  
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### **Men's Club**

Sam Khalil

## **Antiochian Women**

Kate Nierenhous

### **Teen SOYO**

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Majd Akkawi

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Robert Bridenhagen  
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Barbara Abraham

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Sam Sahouri Ghanem

### **Finance**

David Jackson

### **Stewardship**

Lina Eid

### **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.

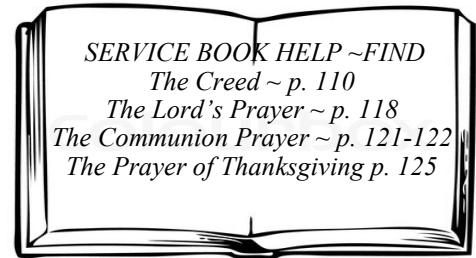
#### **PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS**

- 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.



### **40-Day Memorial for Georgette Lily Hadaya**

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION, MEMORIAL WHEAT, FELLOWSHIP HOUR

OFFERED BY:

Wasfi Alnabki, Ruby Alnabki & George Jaboure, Benita Khoury & Raja Khoury

# **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

### **LIVING**

#### **Parishioners who remain in our prayers continually**

|                     |              |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Margaret Ashley     | Edmond Neam  |
| Issa & Suad Shamas  | Richie Kogok |
| Lulu & George Brown | Brian Briggs |
| Renee Moorad        | Robert Simon |

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Michael Procelli

Markos Daniel

Sandra Ramos

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**

Abraham Brown

Andre Bullata

Georgette 'Lily' Hadaya

Nicholas Yanowsky

Leila Atallo

T.V. George

Ann Kalill

Said Ayoub

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Lodi Daoud Khoury