

	BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
03 May	Lorna Malooley	Suhaila Haddad & Family
10 May	Karim & Lama Najjar	OPEN
17 May	The Family of Joe Charley	The Family of Joe Charley
24 May	Bonita Khoury	Bonita Khoury
May 31	Lavinia Sidawy	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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CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!

Christ is Risen!

From the Writings of Patriarch Ignatius IV (Hazim)

Death & Resurrection

One and Only is the Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Incarnate Son of God, who died and then rose again and never returned to death after that. He is the Only One. Because of the Resurrection of Christ, we believe that none of us remains in the state of death. Christ truly died and rose again for our sakes, not his own. Whenever we remember a dying man, it is in the hope of resurrection and eternal life.

When we remember the Resurrection as it appears in the New Testament, the Holy Gospel, we recall that opinions about it varied among the Jews; likewise, our opinions vary when we hear about the Resurrection and the Lord Jesus saying that the Son of Man will die and be buried, and on the third day he will rise again.

What is the Resurrection? When the Apostle Paul was speaking to the Greeks and telling them what had happened to him in Damascus and other places, and the Resurrection was mentioned, they said to him, 'Paul are you mad? What is this Resurrection? Are you talking to us about a new goddess? Do not we Greeks have many such goddesses as you are talking about? Have you lost your senses?'

Beloved as scholars are aware, the Greek thinkers and philosophers did not have any concept of resurrection. They spoke about the immortality of the soul, meaning that the soul does not die; neither, therefore, does it rise again. Resurrection was something completely new to their ears. The philosophers in Arab world adopted Greek thought for the most part, and they too spoke about the immortality of the soul. The soul does not die, nor does it rise again. They spoke about that more than they spoke about resurrection. In the East, only believers spoke about resurrection.

The great and mighty religions founded in the East taught about resurrection, that man inevitably dies in spirit and body and inevitably rises again after passing through Death. Death is the fate of every man, whether in the spirit or in the body, or in both together. We believe that death comes to both spirit and body together.

We rise again by the divine will, which, from the beginning, wanted us to exist from a grain of earth or from nothingness.

The Apostle Paul knew that he would be regarded as senseless when he mentioned resurrection, that he would be doubted by many. At that time, in the first period of Christianity, he was obliged to defend himself when he spoke about resurrection. He was asked how we rise from the dead, how it was possible. He answered that it seemed impossible, yet it happened, since Christ really died and rose again. The Risen Christ appeared to many, spoke with them, and ate and drank with them, which means that resurrection can truly take place. He also said that whoever does not believe in Christ does not believe sufficiently in resurrection, because Christ is the channel through which appears the true resurrection without restriction.

They asked him how man rises again. We know that he dies and we see him dead; we place him in the grave and when we look in the grave after a while, we only find his remains. From these remains, does a man rise again from the dead? Paul told them to look at the farmers who sow the seeds of wheat inside the ground. They die at first, but then new plants grow from them, which are not in the image of the seeds that bore them. Something dies in the seed of wheat, but something always come to life from it. Similarly something in man goes to corruption and something in him goes to life. Something of him is placed in the grave, and from it, another thing rises again. And what rises is no less that the living person before he was placed in the grave.

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All Things Are Possible to Him Who Believes

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2015

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA
TONE 3/EOTHINON 5**

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

MARTYRS TIMOTHY THE READER AND HIS WIFE MAURA OF EGYPT; PETER, ARCHBISHOP OF ARGOLIS; EKUMENIOS, BISHOP OF TRIKALA; VENERABLE LUKE OF MT. STIRION

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.

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 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.

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TEEN SOYO

SUN MAY 17TH: MEETING AT 12:30

SAT JUNE 13TH: END OF SCHOOL YEAR GET TOGETHER – STAY TUNED

FSJD

WED MAY 6TH “EVENING WITH THE FATHERS” – DAILY LIFE LESSONS FROM THE SAINTS 8:00PM

THU MAY 14TH AND 28TH: “ADULT ED. FORUM” - EXPLORING OUR FAITH

SAT MAY 16TH: 7-9 A.M. UNRWA 5K GAZA RUN

SAT MAY 30TH: FSJD PICNIC - STAY TUNED

SUN JUN 7TH: FSJD HOSTING FELLOWSHIP/COFFEE HOUR IN SUPPORT OF *Renée Marie*

ICON PAINTING WORKSHOP

June 8-13, 2015. at St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral in the Atrium. It is a 6-day intensive course painting “Jesus Christ” in the techniques of Byzantium w/instructor Theodore Papadopoulos. Contact Tasia Pappas (202) 494-0470 or Tasia @LNF.com or see Bulletin Board for Flyer.

SS. PETER & PAUL CHURCH 12TH ANNUAL FASHION SHOW & LUNHCHEON

May 9 at Congressional Country Club is

SOLD OUT

64th ANNUAL PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE

of the New York and Diocese of Charleston and the Mid Atlantic will be held July 1-5, 2015. For more information go to www.stjohnorthodoxchurch.com/pic and www.upskylongisland.com (hotel) for all the highlights, event schedule, registration, and reservation information.

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.

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.

Upcoming events...

May 06—Evening With The Fathers @8:00pm
 May 09—Ss. Peter & Paul 12th Annual Fashion Show @ Congressional Country Club 11:30am
 May 10—Mother’s Day
 May 12—Parish Council Mtg. 7:00pm
 May 14—Adult Ed Forum/LL/conf .rm. 7:15pm Exploring Our Faith
 May 16—Baptism of Landon Stone Eways 12:00pm
 May 16—UNRWA 5K Gaza Run
 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 07—FSJD Hosting Fellowship in Support of Renée Marie
 June 13—End of School Year Get Together
 June 24—Ss. Peter & Paul Memorial Golf Tournament
 June 30—Men’s Club Mtg. LL Conf. Rm/7:15pm
 July 1-5—64th Annual Parish Life Conference
 July 19-26—52nd Antiochian Archdiocese Convention

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THE EPISTLE

Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Clap your hands, all you nations.

The Reading from the Acts of the Sainly and Pure Apostles. (9:32-42)

In those days, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, “Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed.” And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, “Please come to us without delay.” So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments, which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, “Tabitha, rise.” And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (5:1-15)

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first, after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for 38 years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, He said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” The sick man answered Him, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me.” Jesus said to him, “Rise, take up your pallet, and walk.” And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, “It is the Sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet.” But he answered them, “The man who healed me said to me, ‘Take up your pallet, and walk.’” They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take up your pallet, and walk?’” Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, “See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befalls you.” The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus Who had healed him.

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.

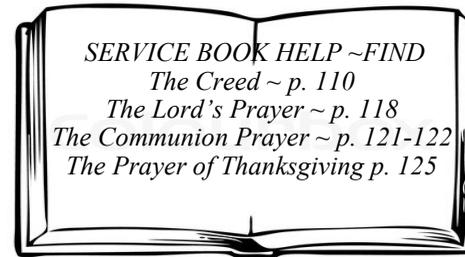
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- 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:

Lorna Malooley

FELLOWSHIP HOUR OFFERED BY:

Suhaila Haddad & Family

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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	Lulu & George Brown
Issa & Suad Shammak	Richie Kogok
Edmond Neam	Brian Briggs
Renee Mourad	Robert Simon

Archpriest George Rados & Family

Fr. Thomas Palke
 Fr. Louis Mahshie
 Kathy Habib
 Jennifer Buchko
 Bertha Aed
 Peter Zolnerowich
 Josephine Lofgren
 Andrew Gavin
 Moses Family
 Ann Marie Moses
 Catherine Bolus
 Salwa Gabro
 Judy Zuccarello

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 Adieb Brown
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 Andre Bullata
 Nazzal Hanna Nazzal
 Darryl Pedersen
 Rose Yonkers
 Georgette 'Lily' Hadaya
 Khalil B. Haddad
 Raymond Yazge
 Nicholas Yanowsky