

|                | <b>BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION</b>              | <b>FELLOWSHIP HOUR</b>       |
|----------------|--|------------------------------|
| <b>14 June</b> | Zeina Manasseh<br>Avak & Seta Khachadorian | Avak & Seta Khachadorian     |
| <b>21 June</b> | David Jackson<br>Halim & Hayat Barakat     | Halim & Hayat Barakat        |
| <b>28 June</b> | Madelyn Nader                              | Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul    |
| <b>05 July</b> | Nawal Musleh                               | Open                         |
| <b>12 July</b> | Jennifer & Darren Montgomery               | Jennifer & Darren Montgomery |

**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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*All Things Are Possible to Him Who Believes*

**Matins:** Sundays 9:30am

**Divine Liturgy:** Sundays 10:30am

**SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2015**

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**&**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

**TONE 1/EOTHINON 2**

**THE HOLY PROPHET ELISSEUS (ELISHA)**

METHODIUS THE CONFESSOR, PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE; VENERABLE NIPHON OF ATHOS; CYRIL, BISHOP OF CRETE

**APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRECTION (Tone 1)**

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

**APOLYTIKION OF PROPHET ELISSEUS (Tone 4)**

The incarnate Angel, and the Prophets' summit and boast, \* the second forerunner of the coming of Christ our God, Elias, the glorious, \* from above sent down his grace upon Elisseus; \* he doth cast out sickness and doth also cleanse lepers; \* and unto all that honor him, he poureth forth streams of cures.

**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 ORDINARY SUNDAYS (Tone 2)**

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

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## **Gone is the Glory of Constantinople... But Christ Remains**

Jesus announced that the worship of God is not tied to a specific place as God is not contained by space and He cannot be bound in an exclusive place toward which those who want to be in His presence must pray or make pilgrimage. Thus when the Samaritan woman asked Him, "Our fathers worshiped on this mountain (Gerezim in Samaria), and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship," Jesus answered her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father... the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth" (John 4:20-23).

God is present in every place and there is no place on the face of this earth from which God is absent. God is present where His people gathers in His name. The Apostle Paul affirms this when he says, "I shall dwell in them and walk among them. I shall be their God and they shall be My people" (2 Corinthians 6:16). God is a wanderer who does not settle in one place. He does not require people to come to Him in a specific place. He comes to them whenever they call upon Him and seek Him.

In this context, Saint Basil the Great (d. 379) comments on Jesus' words to the Samaritan woman and says that worship is no longer tied to a specific geographical location since the Holy Spirit has become the "place of worship". Christ also is the place of worship and the Gospel of Saint John clearly speaks of the end of worship in the temple of Jerusalem since Jesus Himself is the new "temple" and there is no need for a temple built in a city or on a mountain.

When the Jews asked Jesus for a sign, He answered them, "'Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up... 'But He was speaking of the temple of His body. Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them" (John 2:18-22). Jesus came. He became man. He destroyed death. He fulfilled the prophecies. He abrogated Judaism. He ended exclusivity. He rejected being closed off. He fought racism. He established a new covenant. He made everything new.

Therefore Christianity does not believe in holy lands as opposed to non-holy lands. All the earth is called to holiness through the effort of those living upon it to sanctify themselves. Holiness belongs to humans, not to land. Man, not dust, is holy. Man-- not mountains, not lakes, not rivers, not plains-- is called to eternal life. Man-- and not any other created thing-- is the image of God, called to be His likeness. Man is the highest value, for the sake of which God created everything, not vice versa.

However, Christianity is a religion that believes in the incarnation and thus in the connection between faith and bearing witness and the local church which exists in a specific geographic space. The [Epistle to Diognetus](#) affirms the connection between these two things. This epistle was composed in the late 2nd century by an unknown Christian author for a pagan named Diognetus who held an important position in the Roman Empire and had asked the writer for a letter to explain Christianity and Christians and especially to explain the God of the Christians, how they glorify Him, and why Christians do not fear dying for their faith. The style of the *Epistle* shows that its author was a cultured person skilled in the Greek language and rhetoric in addition to theology.

The *Epistle* says, "For Christians are not distinguished from the rest of mankind either in locality or in speech or in customs. For they dwell not somewhere in cities of their own, neither do they use some different language, nor practice an extraordinary kind of life... But while they dwell in cities of Greeks and barbarians as the lot of each is cast, and follow the native customs in dress and food and the other arrangements of life, yet the constitution of their own citizenship, which they set forth, is marvelous, and confessedly contradicts expectation. They dwell in their own countries, but only as sojourners; they bear their share in all things as citizens, and they endure all hardships as strangers. Every foreign country is a fatherland to them, and every fatherland is foreign".

Gone is the glory of Antioch, where the disciples were first called Christians. Gone is the glory of Constantinople, the great capital of Orthodoxy. Gone is the glory of Cappadocia, Nicea, Ephesus, Chalcedon, Smyrna, [Rusafa](#) and Palmyra... but the glory of the Christians shall not end so long as they hold fast to faith in Jesus Christ and carry Him with them wherever they wander, wherever they are taken, wherever they settle. Jesus alone is their glory.

*Fr. Georges Massouh*

## Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News

### TEEN SOYO

**BIBLE BOWL FINAL MEETINGS: SUN JUNE 14TH AND TUESDAY JUNE 30TH.**

**JULY 1-5: TEENSOYO ATTENDING AND COMPETING AT THE PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE FOR THE BIBLE BOWL!**

### FSJD

**EVENING WITH THE FATHERS: WED JUN 17TH @ 8:00 P.M.**

### 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 a 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).

### 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 family picnic and cookout at the Church. Outside games and activities will be provided for the children. Please plan on attending with your whole family. Hamburgers, hotdogs, and drinks will be provided and all the Faithful are asked to bring a side dish, salad, or desert.

### 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 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).

### OCCM (Orthodox Christian Mission Center) RETREAT TO ALASKA

Volunteers are urgently needed for two teams that will be helping to conduct youth retreats in Alaska this July. These teams will be serving from July 6th to the 13th and from July 22nd to the 30th. Twenty or more volunteers are needed to help teach Alaskan youth about Orthodoxy and to help them live the Faith in their daily lives. For more information, or to apply, visit [http://www.ocmc.org/about/open\\_teams.aspx](http://www.ocmc.org/about/open_teams.aspx), e-mail [teams@ocmc.org](mailto:teams@ocmc.org), or call Pres. Renee Ritsi at 1-877-463-6784 ext. 141.

### PLEASE NOTE

**The Ladies Luncheon of Ss. Peter & Paul scheduled for June 27 has been cancelled due to the Parish Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul picnic.**

**The Arabic Liturgy schedule for July 4 has been cancelled due to the Parish Life Conference in New York July 1-5.**

**Adult Ed. Forum will not meet June 25 or in July and August. Will resume in September.**

### Upcoming events...

June 14—Bible Bowl, Sunday 12:30pm  
June 17— Evening with the Fathers @ 8:00 P.M.  
June 23—Men's Club Mtg. LL Conf. Rm/7:30pm  
June 24—Ss. Peter & Paul Memorial Golf Tournament  
June 28— Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul (observed) picnic following Liturgy  
June 30—Bible Bowl, Tuesday, time TBD  
July 1-5—64th Annual Parish Life Conference  
July 04—CANCELLED: Arabic Liturgy  
July 12—Baptism/Audriana Mufarreh 1:00pm  
July 14—Parish Council Mtg. LL Conf. Rm. @7:00pm  
July 19-26—52nd Antiochian Archdiocese Convention  
July 26—Baptism/Basil John Bitar  
July 28—Men's Club Meeting/LL Conf. Rm./7:30pm  
Aug. 01—Arabic Liturgy

## THE EPISTLE

(For Second Sunday after Pentecost)

*Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (2:10-16)**

Brethren, glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law, and all who have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law. For it is not the hearers of the Law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the Law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the Law do by nature what the Law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the Law. They show that what the Law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

## THE GOSPEL

(For Second Sunday of Matthew)

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (4:18-23)**

At that time, as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and He called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. And He went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

### **Directors**

Samia Zolnerowich  
Jennifer Buchko

### **Teachers**

Jumana Misleh  
Susan Kozlov  
Michelle Zook  
Razan Abdallah  
Christine Morin  
Roxanne Bennett  
Lara Bellone  
Amber Bennett  
Caroline Jarboe  
Saleem Mokhiber  
Stephen Zolnerowich  
Anees Mokhiber

### **Men's Club**

Sam Khalil

### **Antiochian Women**

Kate Niewenhous

### **Teen SOYO**

#### **Adviser**

Majd Akkawi

#### **Officers**

Nicholas Zolnerowich  
Rashid Haddad  
Robert Bridenhagen  
Thomas Zook  
Danielle Bellone

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Majd Akkawi  
Christine & Samer Korkor  
Dn. Christian & Zeina  
Manasseh

### **Adornment**

Shams Akkawi  
Jamil Hermes

### **Facility Management**

Nick Nahas  
Bob Simon

### **Rental Coordinator**

Barbara Abraham

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Sam Sahouri Ghanem

### **Finance**

David Jackson

### **Stewardship**

Lina Eid

# Commemorations

## 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.

## SERVICE BOOK HELP ~FIND

The Creed ~ p. 110  
 The Lord's Prayer ~ p. 118  
 The Communion Prayer ~ p. 121-122  
 The Prayer of Thanksgiving p. 125

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  |
| Mary Fila           | Richie Kogok |
| Issa & Suad Shammas | Brian Briggs |
| Lulu & George Brown | Robert Simon |
| Renée Moorad        | Bertha Aed   |

Fr. Louis Mahshie  
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 Josephine Lofgren  
 Salwa Gabro  
 Teri Ayoub  
 Elia Ghanem  
 George, Rita, Grace & Mazen Manasseh  
 Mayya Maalouf  
 Naim Maalouf  
 Daniel, Maria, Olivia & Thomas Neuwirth  
 Elia Sahouri  
 Amanda Malooley  
 Melanie Abdow  
 Frank & Renee Abdow  
 John Slanta & the Choir  
 Lorna Malooley & Family  
 Sally Ruffin

## DEPARTED

Abraham Brown  
 Leila Atallo  
 Spiro & Louric Bursheh  
 Jack & Mike Ayoub  
 Sadalla Bitar  
 Sarkis Yusif Demerjian  
 Mounif Maalouf  
 Najiyjah Manasseh  
 Rosalyn Maalouf  
 Lamia Fehdeh  
 Rudolph Sergei Malooley  
 John & Nymry Abdow  
 Katter & Mary Malooley  
 George & Calema Abdow  
 Nicholas Sidawy  
 Catherine Arsoff  
 Matilde Sidawy  
 Yvonne Sidawy  
 Zakie Arsoff  
 Janine Shagoury Kruz

## HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION, OFFERED BY:

Zeina Manasseh - 4-Year Memorial for Mounif Maalouf

Avak & Seta Khachadorian—40-day Memorial for Sarkis Yusif Demerjian

## MEMORIAL WHEAT OFFERED BY:

Avak & Seta Khachadrian

## FELLOWSHIP HOUR OFFERED BY:

Avak & Seta Khachadorian