

	BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
21 June	David & Lydia Jackson Halim & Hayat Barakat	Halim & Hayat Barakat
28 June	Madelyn Nader	Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul
05 July	Nawal Musleh	OPEN
12 July	Jennifer & Darren Montgomery	Jennifer & Darren Montgomery
19 July	Dolly Browning	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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All Things Are Possible to Him Who Believes

Matins: Sundays 9:30am

Divine Liturgy: Sundays 10:30am

SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2015

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
TONE 2 / EOTHINON 3**

&

THIRD SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

MARTYR JULIAN OF TARSUS; MARTYR APHRODISIUS OF CILICIA;
NEW-MARTYR NIKITA OF NISYROS NEAR RHODES

APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRECTION (Tone 2)

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, 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 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.

Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church will offer prayers today for the innocent victims of the senseless killings in Charleston, South Carolina and to all innocent victims world-wide. Let us ask God for a peaceful resolution of all conflicts and reconciliation of all people.

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Racism from the Church's Perspective

"Our life is hidden with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:3)

Christ God came, suffered, was crucified and rose from the dead: all this for the salvation of the world, for the sake of every person.

Therefore, there is no place for nationalism or for sectarianism... Every person is meaningful before God, whether he knows God or does not know Him, whatever his nationality, race or religion. The Holy Bible affirms the dignity of every person created in the image of God. It is true that the Jews were known as God's chosen people. This was only a historical stage when God used them as a means to come in the body and to make every nation that believes in Him His own nation. Therefore, the Apostle Paul says, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28).

Indeed, Christ-- whether a person knows Him and believes in Him or does not know Him and believe in Him-- is sown in the heart in every human and even traced upon every human face.

In his Spiritual Instructions, Saint Dorotheus says, "Suppose a circle whose center is God and whose rays are different paths. Every person of the created world walks along one of the rays toward the center, where Christ God is (whether the person realizes it or not). He approaches his brother walking along a different ray toward God, the center itself. The more they distance themselves from one another, the more they distance themselves from God."

Racist behavior has been rooted in the reality of sin since the beginning of humanity. A saying known among the Greeks is "he who is not a Greek is a barbarian". This racism is rooted in our blood, us weak humans, but those who believe in Christ reject it and fight it with the word of the Gospel: "Love your enemies, bless those who curse you and pray for those who persecute you" (Matthew 5:44).

"All the seed of Adam is intended for salvation, having been renewed in Christ," according to Saint Irenaeus. People saw in the early Christians a "third race", as Tertullian put it, in the spiritual sense. That is, a "new people" in whom the two races, Jews and pagans, meet. Therefore, Christianity rejects every form of racism or religious discrimination. My neighbor is not only the person from my tribe, my neighborhood or my religion. Rather, he is every person that I meet along my way. Therefore we must respect strangers and accept dialogue, participation and cooperation with other ethnicities.

Europe attempted to renounce such distinctions after the French Revolution through embracing secularism but it deviated from the right path by renouncing at the same time all divine, religious values. Christ participated in the salvation of all outcasts, such as the Samaritans and pagans like the Canaanite woman, and so we must emulate Him. Schools have a prominent role in working to acquire a conscience that is not racist, through education that focuses on what is common to all people and that that which is unique about the other can be a source of richness for us.

+Ephrem

Metropolitan of Tripoli, Koura and Dependencies

Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News

TEEN SOYO

BIBLE BOWL FINAL MEETING: TUESDAY JUNE 30TH.

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

SAT JUL 11TH—MOVIE NIGHT! STAY TUNED

FSJD

EVENING WITH THE FATHERS: WED JULY 15TH @ 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.

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 and 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.

OCMC (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, e-mail 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.

There will not be an Arabic Liturgy on July 4 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 23—Men's Club Mtg. LL Conf. Rm/7:30pm
June 24—Ss. Peter & Paul Memorial Golf Tournament
June 27—Beyene-Kiffle Wedding/1:00pm
Khachadorian-Fady Wedding/5:00pm
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—No Arabic Liturgy due to PLC
July 11—Ghanam-Hawley Wedding/3:00pm
July 12—Audriana Mufarreh Baptism/1:00pm
July 15—Evening with the Fathers @8:00pm
July 14—Parish Council Mtg. LL Conf. Rm. @7:00pm
July 18—Salem-Farmand Wedding/6:00pm
July 19-26—52nd Antiochian Archdiocese Convention
July 26—Basil John Bitar Baptism/1:00pm
July 28—Men's Club Meeting/LL Conf. Rm./7:30pm
Aug. 01—Arabic Liturgy

THE EPISTLE

(For Third Sunday after Pentecost)

The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me sorely.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (5:1-11)

Brethren, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man—though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows His love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. Not only so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received our reconciliation.

THE GOSPEL

(For Third Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (6:22-33)

The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink; nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not the soul more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of heaven: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his stature? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon himself in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

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.

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
May Fillah	Richie Kogok
Issa & Suad Shammas	Brian Briggs
Lulu & George Brown	Robert Simon
Renée Moorad	Bertha Aed

Fr. Louis Mahshie
 Josephine Lofgren
 Salwa Gabro
 Teri Ayoub
 Elia Sahouri
 Sally Ruffin
 Halim & Hayat Barakat
 Antonios Barakat & Family
 Victor Cassis & Family
 Jackson Family
 Assaf Family
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 Elham Assaf
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 Ramona Dora & Family
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 Eilia & Reem & Family
 Joe & Olivet Ghanem & Family
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