

	BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
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	Mary Bazargan
26 July	Sue Fannoney	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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Matins: Sundays 9:30am

Divine Liturgy: Sundays 10:30am

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2015

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST TONE 3 / EOTHINON 4

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

RECOVERY OF THE RELICS OF CYRUS & JOHN THE UNMERCENARIES;
MARTYR PAPIOS;
PAUL THE PHYSICIAN OF CORINTH; VENERABLE MOSES THE ANCHORITE;
VENERABLE SERGIOS AND HERMAN, WONDERWORKING ABOTS OF VALAAM

APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRECTION (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 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.

Charitable Collection

This month we have selected the Orthodox Church in Ramallah as our designated charity. The president of that parish has made a personal appeal to us for help. It is the oldest church in Ramallah and a historic landmark, but it is in need of assistance. The roof and outside stone need immediate repair which they are hoping to get done this summer. The church is in need of \$65,000 to complete the repairs. Thus, our contributions will assist a church which is close to the hearts of many of our parishioners, and, in fact, may have been their home parish. Please give generously so that we may help our fellow orthodox maintain their church.

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Who We Are To Become; Who We Can Be

By Archpriest Steven Rogers

There are perhaps no two men more greatly revered yet so seemingly different than Saints Peter and Paul.

Commemorated by the Orthodox Church on June 29, Saints Peter and Paul, “the heads of the Apostles” as described throughout the hymnody of the feast, are especially loved by the Church of Antioch, where Peter served as its first bishop and Paul set forth on his great missionary travels. Peter, who preached on the day of Pentecost when 3,000 were converted to the faith, and Paul, the greatest missionary the world has ever known and author of over half of the New Testament, were two of the most powerful instruments ever raised up by God to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to found This holy Church. Their preaching and the power of God within them literally transformed the world. Both lived completely for Christ and both died a martyr’s death in Rome by order of the evil Roman emperor Nero.

Their power and end were the same, and yet when we first meet them in scripture, they are so seemingly different. There is Peter, the fisherman, simple and uneducated. There is Paul (then Saul), the Pharisee, brilliant and educated, learned in Jewish, Greek and Roman thought. There is Peter, emotional and impulsive, often speaking and acting hastily but always remorseful. There is Paul, seemingly cold and calculating, a powerful and even ruthless intellect, able to persecute and kill without remorse.

No two men could be more different than Peter and Paul — one driven by fire and emotion, the other by coldness and intellect.

Yes, these men were vastly different. But they had one thing in common — one thing that transcended their differences and made them one. That one thing was a personal encounter with the Son of God.

Peter encountered Christ and was raised up from his humble beginnings to a man of power. Paul encountered Christ and was lowered from his lofty position to a man of godly humility. Both gave up what they were, to become what God desired them to be. And through them the whole world was changed.

Oftentimes, we look at ourselves with our limitations and inadequacies and feel we have nothing to offer to God. We shy away from serving His Church because we feel we have no skills or gifts to offer. We see others with all their gifts, and we back away thinking there is nothing within us that God can use. Often times, in our pride and arrogance, we feel we are above many of the simple tasks and labors that are so much a part of the ongoing life of God’s Church.

Seen together, Saints Peter and Paul teach us a great lesson — that no matter who we are — no matter our backgrounds, our talents, our station in life — if we offer who we are completely to God, He will make us who we are supposed to be. If we offer ourselves completely to God — both our abilities and our limitations — He can and will use us to the glory of His kingdom. If we offer ourselves completely, whether we are a simple fisherman or a towering intellectual, the world will see God within us.

God created us who we are and He came into the world to make us all we can be. Peter continued to be Peter and Paul continued to be Paul, but it was Christ within them that made them into all that God desired them to be.

And so it is with us. If we offer ourselves to God with all our strengths and weaknesses, He will use us to the glory of his Kingdom. As we, the Church of Antioch, gather together to celebrate the feast of our beloved Apostles Peter and Paul, those “luminaries to those in darkness, two rays of the sun,” let us commit ourselves to give all that we are to God as they did, so that like them, we may radiate the love of God into a cold and unbelieving world.

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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 AND ORATORICAL FESTIVAL!

**SAT JUL 11TH—MOVIE GET-TOGETHER!
12:00-4:00 P.M.**

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EVENING WITH THE FATHERS: WED JULY 15TH @ 8:00 P.M.

ADULT ED. FORUM WILL NOT MEET FOR JULY AND AUGUST; WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

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

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.

PLEASE NOTE

There will not be an Arabic Liturgy on July 4 due to the Parish Life Conference in New York July 1-5.

2015 Car Raffle

We have kicked off Ss. Peter and Paul's Car Raffle that is part of this year's 32nd Annual Middle Eastern Cultural Festival. You should have received three tickets in the mail for you to sell. We will have a table in Kogok Hall on most Sundays so that you can turn in your sold ticket stubs and money. You can also give it to one of the ushers at the church entrance. The drawing for the 2015 Mustang will take place on 9/27.

FEAST OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Today 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.

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, e-mail teams@ocmc.org, or call Pres. Renee Ritsi at 1-877-463-6784 ext. 141.

Upcoming events...

June 28—Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul (observed) picnic cookout following Liturgy
June 30—Bible Bowl, Tuesday
July 1-5—64th Annual Parish Life Conference
July 04—No Arabic Liturgy due to PLC
July 11—Ghanam-Hawley Wedding/3:00pm
July 11—TeenSOYO Movie Get-Together 12:00P.M.
July 12—Audriana Mufarreh Baptism/1:00pm
July 14—Parish Council Mtg. LL Conf. Rm. @7:00pm
July 15—Evening with the Fathers @8:00pm
July 18—Salem-Farmand Wedding/4:00pm
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
Aug. 09—Serina Khalaf/Baptism/1:00pm

THE EPISTLE

(For Fourth Sunday after Pentecost)

Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Clap your hands all ye peoples.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (6:18-23)

Brethren, having been set free from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once yielded your members to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now yield your members to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But then what return did you get from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the return you get is sanctification and its end, eternal life. For, the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Fourth Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (8:5-13)

At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching Him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered Him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, He marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the Kingdom of Heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

Fr. Louis Mahshie
 Josephine Lofgren
 Salwa Gabro
 Teri Ayoub
 Elia Sahouri
 Sally Ruffin
 Jim, Roxanne, Amber, & Mary Bennett
 Haddad Family
 Rider Family
 Whelley Family
 Nader Family
 Pignone Family
 Moses Family
 Nouha Aramouni
 Peter & Ruth Zolnerowich
 El-Hage Family

DEPARTED

Spiro & Louric Bursheh
 Jack & Mike Ayoub
 Sadalla Bitar
 Nicholas Sidawy
 Catherine Arsoff
 Matilde Sidawy
 Yvonne Sidawy
 Zakie Arsoff
 Janine Shagoury Kruze
 Ketema Haile
 Frances Cox
 Naimeh Ghanayem
 Kenneth Jackson
 Assad Assaf
 Elias Akkawi
 Madeline Hallak
 Katherine, Samuel & Diana Haddad
 Albert, Elizabeth, John, James, Mitchell,
 Dolly, & Gloria Nader
 Jacob, Mary, & Eugene Moses
 Greta Pignone
 David Sr. & David Jr. Hadad
 Kareemeh Arnouk
 Fred Zacharia
 Robert J. Carroll
 Josephine Thomas Geha
 Julia Rowady

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION, OFFERED BY:

Madelyn Nader for the 1-year Memorial of Katherine Haddad

MEMORIAL WHEAT OFFERED BY:

Madelyn Nader for the 1-year Memorial of Katherine Haddad

FELLOWSHIP HOUR OFFERED BY:

Ss. Peter & Paul Feast Day picnic & cookout sponsored by The Men's Club