

	BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
16 Aug	Steve & Samia Zolnerowich	Ss. Peter & Paul Church
23 Aug	Nabil & Caroline Emad	Nabil & Caroline Emad
30 Aug	Caroline Jarboe	Caroline Jarboe
06 Sept	Ramzi Azat	Ramzi Azat
13 Sept	OPEN	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, AUGUST 16, 2015

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

&

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

TONE 2 / EOTHINON 11

**AFTER-FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE
THEOTOKOS**

**RECOVERY FROM EDESSA OF THE ICON OF CHRIST NOT MADE BY
HANDS:
'THE HOLY NAPKIN'**

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 THE ICON OF CHRIST (Tone 2)

Thy pure image do we venerate, O good One, asking forgiveness of our sins, O Christ our God; for by Thine own will Thou didst ascend the Cross in Thy body, to save Thy creatures from the bondage of the enemy. Thou hast verily filled all with joy, since Thou didst come, O our Savior, to save the world.

APOLYTIKION OF THE DORMITION (TONE 1)

In thy birth-giving, O Theotokos, thou didst keep and preserve virginity; and in thy falling-asleep thou hast not forsaken the world; for living thou wast translated, being the Mother of Life. Wherefore, by thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

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 DORMITION (Tone 2)

Verily, the Theotokos, who is ever watchful in intercessions, who is never rejected, neither tomb nor death could control. But being the Mother of Life, He Who dwelt in her ever-Virgin womb did translate her to life.

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THE ADDRESS OF HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN JOSEPH TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE 52ND ARCHDIOCESAN CONVENTION

Evangelism and Outreach

The Great Commission that our Lord Jesus Christ has given us is to "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20)

Our efforts which are directed toward this great commission are embodied in our Evangelism, Missions, and Outreach programs. There must be a sense of urgency for us to reach out to all of North America because our neighbors are yearning for the truth which is manifested in the Holy Orthodox Faith. We must bring the unique message of love and care for all of our neighbors who are created in the image of God. Our struggle is not against people, or institutions, or civil law, or other religions. Our struggle is against sinfulness which alienates us from God. We are called to lift up ourselves and our neighbors by our core message which emphasizes the struggle against sin, and the restoration of all creation to once again be in full communion with God. We continue to encourage and establish new mission stations where there is potential, and we follow a conservative strategy to insure that there is strong potential for growth and a serious commitment on behalf of the founding core of people. We have launched new programs to reach out to those people who are seeking God, but who have no strong church affiliation and will continue to develop these programs.

Ordination of Men to the Diaconate and Priesthood

The work of the priesthood is done on earth, but is ranked among the heavenly ordinances. And this is only right, for no man, no angel, no archangel, no other created power but the Comforter Himself ordained this succession, and persuaded men while still remaining in the flesh, to represent the ministry of angels. (St. John Chrysostom, On the Priesthood).

It is our solemn duty to encourage men to pursue ordination to the major orders of the clergy, and to properly prepare them to take on this awesome responsibility. We must be ever mindful that the priesthood is a sacred calling and can never be reduced to a business or a secular pursuit. It falls to the parents and the pastors of young men to encourage them to see the priesthood as a positive and blessed vocation which they should strongly consider. We have been blessed in this Archdiocese by a strong and vibrant ministry of the deacon, and the St. Stephen's Course in Orthodox Theology will continue to be the intensive vehicle by which we prepare men to become deacons. It will remain normative that any man who strives toward ordination to the priesthood must complete a seminary education at one of the recognized Orthodox seminaries before he can be considered for ordination to the priesthood. Where necessary, we will provide educational opportunities which complement seminary education. Our first example is the newly established Antiochian Orthodox Institute for Translation, Research and Teaching in La Verne, California. We will maintain the highest standards in considering the men who petition for ordination to any major order. We have before us the challenge of increasing the number of eligible candidates for the episcopal office. In the long term, this will occur because of the presence of vibrant and healthy male monastic communities. In the short term we are examining all appropriate sources from which to draw our candidates for episcopal office.

Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News

MONUMENTAL MISSIONS WALK 2015

On **September 19, 2015 from 9:00am to 12:00pm**, Orthodox Christians will converge on the National Mall for the 3rd Annual Monumental Missions Walk to raise funds for missions. Proceeds will be shared with the OCMC and local ministries. The walk will begin on the lawn behind the Thomas Jefferson Memorial and go around the Tidal Basin. At each monument along the route, guides will discuss the spiritual significance of the landmark and provide insight into the role that religion has played in the history of this great country. To register, please go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2015-monumental-missions-walk-registrations-17020607094>. If you cannot join us this year but would like to make a donation for missions, please email Eleni Porter at beporter1@verizon.net or call (703) 91309629. We hope that you will join us to walk for missions!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our first day of Sunday School is September 20th this year. Classes begin after communion and end at 12:30. We welcome all students from 3 years old (must be potty trained) to seniors in high school. Please use the following link to register your child/children for Sunday School. We ask that all families register each year to provide us with the most up to date information. <http://goo.gl/forms/Kltz6A3Zcp>.

We will have a registration table set up each Sunday after liturgy until September 20th to assist parents in registering their child and to answer any questions about the programs.

The Sunday School Staff is excited for our upcoming year

ABJADIYAH LANGUAGE WORKSHOPS

Have been scheduled for 2015-2016 starting **Saturday, October 3, 2015 through Saturday, June 4, 2016, 10:00am—12:30pm. Exceptions are noted on the website calendar.**

LADIES KICK-OFF LUNCHEON

Sunday, September 13, 2015 following Liturgy
More details to follow

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Calling all Church members...

Stop by our Membership table, which will be up every second Sunday of each month after Church in the Fellowship hour hall, to:

Drop off your business card

Smile for our camera

Fill out your membership form

Sign up to work with us!

The Stewardship committee's mission is to inspire our Parish members to give of their time, talent and resources.

"Give and it will be given to you" Luke 6:38

TEEN SOYO

TEEN SOYO-Meeting for Parents of our Teens-
Sunday August 23 @12:30pm

Attention parents of all teenagers! On Sunday, August 23 at 12:30pm there will be a meeting with the parents of our teens with Fr. Isaac and Mrs. Jamilee Bellone, our new Teen SOYO lay advisor, to discuss the coming new year Teen Soyo program. Please come and join us in the Lower Level Conference Room to share ideas and plans for 2015-2016.

Upcoming events...

Aug 19—Memorial Service Juan Ariel Pena 1:00pm
Aug 22—Krynitsky-Magill Wedding/3:00pm
Aug 23—Horany-Kaouk Wedding/3pm
Aug 25—Men's Club Mtg. 7:30pm
Aug 30—Laila Maria Ayoub Baptism 1:00pm
Sep 05—Arabic Liturgy @2:00pm (new time)
Sep 05—Malouf & Garcia-Gomez Wedding Blessing/4:30pm
Sept 06—Suad Azat Memorial & Fellowship
Sep 08—Parish Council Mtg. LL Conf/7:00pm
Sep 10—Adult Ed Forum/Exploring our Faith LL Conf. Rm/7:15pm
Sep 13—Antiochian Women Kick-off Luncheon LL Hall following Liturgy (more info to Follow)
Sept 19—Michelle Misleh/Terry Mitchell 7:00pm
Sept 20—Start of Sunday School
Sep 24—Adult Ed Forum/Exploring our Faith/LL Conf. Rm/7:15pm
Sept 25-27—Ss. Peter & Paul Festival

THE EPISTLE

(For the Eleventh Suay after Pentecost)

The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me severely.
The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (9:2-12)

Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the Law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the Gospel of Christ.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Eleventh Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (18:23-35)

The Lord spoke this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also My heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

THE FRUITS OF THE EARTH ARE NOT BROUGHT TO PERFECTION IMMEDIATELY, BUT BY TIME, RAIN AND CARE; SIMILARLY, THE FRUITS OF MEN RIPEN THROUGH ASCETIC PRACTICE, STUDY, TIME, PERSEVERANCE, SELF-CONTROL AND PRACTICE.

ST. ANTHONY THE GREAT

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 Niewenhuis

Teen SOYO

Jamilee Bellone
Phillip Allen
Reema Guegel

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Rashid Haddad
Robert Bridenhagen
Thomas Zook
Danielle Bellone

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Christine & Samer Korkor
Dn. Christian & Zeina
Manasseh

Adornment

Shams Akkawi
Jamil Hermes

Facility Management

Nick Nahas
Bob Simon

Rental Coordinator

Barbara Abraham

Charities

Sam Sahouri Ghanem

Finance

David Jackson

Stewardship

Lina Eid

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 re-
 member 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 Threddeh	

Fr. Louis Mahshie	Nouha Aramouni
Josephine Lofgren	Ruth Zolnerowich
Salwa Gabro	Andrew Gavin
Teri Ayoub	Bill Dora, Jr.
Elia Ghanem	Linda Dora Elkanich
Sally Ruffin	Joan Lanciani & Family
Jack & Patricia Bottash	Richie Ayoub
Catherine Bolus	Nadim & Leila Zarour
Zolnerowich Family	Zarour Family
Nelly Salah	
Stephen, Samia, Nicholas, Christopher & Tabitha Zolnerowich	

DEPARTED

Arch Priest Gordon Walker
 Harriet Habib-Puca
 Peter Zolnerowich
 Elias Yussif
 George Sayegh
 George Marge, Sr.
 Sadie Hier
 Mary Kiatta
 Joan Steele
 James Steele
 Fomar Zolnerowich
 Musa Zolnerowich
 Nasrah Zarour

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

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.

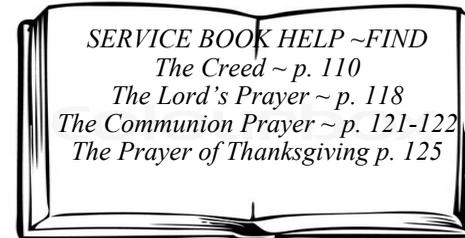
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- 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:

Steve & Samia Zolnerowich for the 40-Day Memorial of Peter Zolnerowich

MEMORIAL WHEAT OFFERED BY:

Steve & Samia Zolnerowich for the 40-Day Memorial of Peter Zolnerowich

FELLOWSHIP HOUR OFFERED BY:

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