

|                | <b>BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION</b> | <b>FELLOWSHIP HOUR</b> |
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| <b>23 Aug</b>  | Nabil & Caroline Emad         | Nabil & Caroline Emad  |
| <b>30 Aug</b>  | Caroline Jarboe               | Caroline Jarboe        |
| <b>06 Sept</b> | Ramzi Azat                    | Ramzi Azat             |
| <b>13 Sept</b> | Katia Wakim Nassif            | Katia Wakim Nassif     |
| <b>20 Sept</b> | Soraya Assaf                  | Soraya Assaf           |

**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.

## SS. PETER AND PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

*All Things Are Possible to Him Who Believes*

**Matins:** Sundays 9:30am

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

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2015**

### **TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & TWELFTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW TONE 3 / EOTHINON 1**

#### **'LEAVE-TAKING OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS**

MARTYR LUPUS, SERVANT OF THE GREAT-MARTYR DEMETRIOS;  
HIEROMARTYR IRENAIOS, BISHOP OF LYONS; VENERABLE NICHOLAS AND  
DIONYSIOS OF OLYMPUS

#### **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 become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

#### **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**

### **Lay Ministry**

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. (1 Peter 2:9)  
With these words, the Apostle Peter exhorts our lay people to take up their rightful place as ministers of the Gospel. It is an understatement to say that our Orthodox laity are seriously underutilized in areas of formal ministry. The prevailing belief seems to be that unless you are ordained to an order of the clergy, you do not have a role as a minister. Nothing could be further from the truth. It is our challenge to energize and train our laity to take up ministries which are within their role as members of the Royal Priesthood. In particular we should note that the women of our communities can and must play a strong ministerial role, even though they cannot be ordained to the orders of clergy. One area that cries out for a ministry by women is the area of visitations to the sick and shut-ins which is in serious need of attention from a larger group of people than just the ordained clergy. Our challenge is to properly prepare and encourage our lay people to pursue these ministries.

### **Finances and Administration of the Archdiocese**

"As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." (1 Peter 4:10)

To be entrusted with the care of the material gifts which God grants to his Church is an awesome responsibility which must never be taken lightly. As the quote from 1 Peter teaches us, we are to be good stewards of the Church's material gifts, and we are to administer them for the benefit of the Church. I want to make something very clear: In all that we do, we will maintain the highest standards of honesty and transparency. We have several important goals which relate to the administration of this Archdiocese. The first is to improve the responsiveness and efficiency of the processes that are followed in the Archdiocese office to best serve the clergy and laity of this Archdiocese. Second is to implement updated, efficient and professional ways of working and communicating by using the very latest technology to our advantage. Third is to encourage the members of our Board of Trustees to reach an even higher level of dynamism, enthusiasm, and hands-on effort for the benefit of the Church.

### **Youth Ministry**

Let everything take second place to our care of our children, our bringing them up to the discipline and instruction of the Lord. If from the beginning we teach them to love true wisdom, they will have greater wealth and glory than riches can provide. (St. John Chrysostom, Homilies on Ephesians, Homily 21)

This teaching of St. John Chrysostom reminds us in a powerful way that the foundational teaching of young people in what is good and proper, when done with love and attention, will benefit them more than anything else that we could do for them. There is perhaps no higher priority than to raise up our young people with a love and devotion to Our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Orthodox Church. I wish to be very clear on this point: Our young people face an environment and challenges that are unlike those faced by any other generation. We live in a culture that has not only forgotten God, but is now trying to actively suppress everything that we know and love about our God. The war which is being fought for the souls of our young people is being fought by the enemy with new and stronger weapons and tactics. In response, we must respond in powerful ways. Although the truth which is present in the Orthodox Faith is timeless and cannot be compromised, the manner in which that truth is communicated to our young people must be new and must use modern channels of communication. Attempting to reach our young people with tools, techniques, and communication channels that are old would be like trying to build a modern skyscraper with a hammer, nails and some wood. It is imperative that we develop new educational programs on every level, and that we encourage our youth to seek a greater commitment to their faith so that their church will remain a priority in their lives. It is imperative that we adults guide them with love and compassion, but also with a strong example of how our lives are pleasing to the Lord. Nothing can deter us from pursuing the spiritual health of our young people.

## 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](mailto: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**

**Fill out your annual pledge 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-  
**today @12:30pm**

Attention parents of all teenagers!

**Today 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 23—Teen SOYO Meeting for Parents/LL Conf Rm/ 12:30pm  
Aug 22—Krynitsky & Magill Wedding/3p  
Aug 23—Horany-Kaouk Wedding/3pm  
Aug 24—Victor Cassis Funeral/Wake 4pm-6pm/Funeral 7pm  
Aug 25—Victor Cassis Internment  
Aug 25—Men's Club Mtg/LL Conf Rm/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  
Oct 18—Annual Parish Assembly to follow Liturgy in Sanctuary

### THE EPISTLE

(For the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost)

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

**The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (15:1-11)**

Brethren, I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the Gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast— unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He rose on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. Then He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then He appeared to James, then to all the Apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. For I am the least of the Apostles, unfit to be called an Apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God, which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

### THE GOSPEL

(For the Twelfth Sunday of Matthew)

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (19:16-26)**

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, "Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to Him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness, honor your father and mother, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to Him, "All these I have observed; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this, he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

**THE HOLY CHURCH INCLUDES MANY PEOPLE, MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN WITHOUT NUMBER. THEY ARE ALL QUITE DIFFERENT FROM ONE ANOTHER IN BIRTH, IN SIZE, IN NATIONALITY AND LANGUAGE, IN STYLE OF LIVING AND AGE, IN TRADES AND OPINIONS, IN CLOTHES AND CUSTOMS, IN KNOWLEDGE AND RANK, IN WELFARE AND IN APPEARANCE. THEY ARE NONETHELESS ALL OF THEM IN THE SELFSAME CHURCH. THANKS TO HER, THEY ARE ALL REBORN, NEWLY CREATED IN THE SPIRIT. THE CHURCH GRANTS TO ALL OF THEM WITHOUT DISTINCTION THE GRACE OF BELONGING TO CHRIST AND OF TAKING HIS NAME BY CALLING THEMSELVES CHRISTIANS.**

**ST. MAXIMOS THE CONFESSOR**

### 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

Jamilee Bellone  
Phillip Allen  
Reema Guegel

#### Officers

Nicholas Zolnerowich  
Rashid Haddad  
Robert Bridenhagen  
Thomas Zook  
Danielle Bellone

#### Fellowship of St. John

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      |              |

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Fr. Louis Mahshie       | Fr. Anthony Hughes        |
| 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         | Claudia Garcia            |
| Phil Rahbany            | Nouha Aramouni            |
| Emad Family             | Jonathan & Lara Krynitsky |
| Zaki & Suha Horany      | Cassis Family             |
| Joyce Hamaty & Family   |                           |

## DEPARTED

Arch Priest Gordon Walker  
 Elias Yussif  
 George Sayegh  
 George Marge, Sr.  
 Victor Cassis  
 Nick Hamaty

### 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.

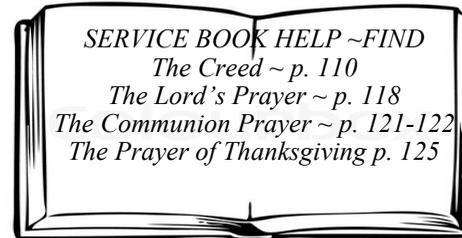
#### PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- 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:

Nabil and Caroline Emad

### FELLOWSHIP HOUR OFFERED BY:

Nabil and Caroline Emad

### CHARITY COLLECTION

On Sunday, August 30, we will take a collection for a local organization called "Sprout". Sprout is a therapeutic riding and education center. Sprout was visited by one of our parishioners who was touched by the program and brought this worthy cause to us. Sprout Therapeutic Riding and Education Center is a mission-based non-profit organization providing equine assisted activities and therapies to individuals seeking opportunities for growth. The children served by Sprout have special needs such as Cerebral palsy, Autism and traumatic brain injuries. Sprout Therapeutic Riding and Education Center seeks to raise public awareness about special needs and to provide dynamic learning, recreation, socialization and therapy opportunities for individuals and groups in a farm environment. There can be no better cause for our generosity and outreach to our local community. Please come next Sunday prepared to give generously to this worth cause.