

	BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
27 Sept	Grace Malouf Roula Qaqish Knowlton	FESTIVAL
04 Oct	The Eways Family 40-day Memorial for Mudallaleh Fareed Eways	The Tawil Family 40-day Memorial for Mudallaleh Fareed Eways
11 Oct	Lorna Malooley	Lorna Malooley
18 Oct	Joanne Demchok	Joanne Demchok
25 Oct	Joyce Kogok	Roula Qaqish Knowlton 4-month Memorial for her mother

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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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, SEPTEMBER 27, 2015 **SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** **&** **FIRST SUNDAY OF LUKE** **TONE 8 / EOTHINON 6**

THE APOSTLES ARISTARCHOS, ZENON AND MARK OF THE SEVENTY; NEW-
MARTYR AQUILINA OF THESSALONICA; VENERABLE IGNATIUS, ABBOT IN
ASIA MINOR; VENERABLE SAVVATIOS OF SOLOVKY

APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRECTION (Tone 8)

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, 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.

Samer Laham Talk on "The Crisis in Syria"

On Thursday, October 1, 2015, at 7:00pm our Parish will host a talk by Mr. Samer Laham, director of the office of Development of the Patriarch of Antioch entitled "The Crisis in Syria." In partnership with the IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities) his organization is very active in providing aid and material assistance to the Christians of Syria. The talk will be preceded by the Service of Supplication to the Mother of God at 6:00pm in the Church and followed by a fellowship hour. This event is open to the public and will seek donations for Syrian relief work via the IOCC.

Sensing the Reality of God: Elements of Christian Formation in Family, Community, and Church **Fr. Isaac Crow**

Let us begin to examine now some of the elements of the formation of the Christian person as they are enacted through the role of family, community, and Church. Such an examination, for our current purpose, makes no claim to be exhaustive or systematically comprehensive. In this brief undertaking, let us remember that the Christian life is a unity. No segment, portion, or influence in the formation of faith takes place totally separately or in isolation from the rest of life. An Orthodox educator, Sophie Koulomzin, underlines this aspect of "wholeness" in the task of Christian education stressing that:

"Christian faith can never hold an isolated position in our life—whether in the individual life of a person or in a person's relationship to the world he lives in.... All of man's nature, all of his gifts, all of his feelings, all of his relationships and his actions, all of his interests are part of his religious life."

Perhaps one of the most essential elements for the spiritual formation of the Christian is the primal experience from birth of the presence of God. This first experience is of a physical and personal reality, transmitted through the presence and love of the parents. Most importantly, it is communicated and manifest in the prayer of the parents, that is, by virtue of their recognition and relation to the One personal God and Father. Here, the parents are directly responding to the event of God's presence in coming down to man by establishing the "household God" on a small scale as a family. The Christian family is in personal communion with its source, in whose image it was created and towards whom it seeks ever to return. Prayer is a necessity because it affirms the personhood of God and the reality of our need for direct relationship with Him. Once this prayer is established, the family is responsible to sustain and develop its rhythm both on the level of individuals and then into the worship of the community. For the Christian parent, prayer is a great weapon and opportunity to incarnate the actual and normative presence of God in the family.

Regular and constant prayer also serves to create the proper climate and spiritual environment in the family so that:

If we pray, and learn little by little to live in the spirit of prayer, we create an atmosphere in which children taste prayer and God's presence. If we dwell in this spirit, even without words, even before children can speak, they acquire a natural taste for prayer, and the desire to know God."

From a very early age the Christian child must also become aware of and be consciously taught the reality of sin and evil. This process begins already when an infant is baptized by virtue of God's sending down the Holy Spirit in the material medium of water to wash, anoint, and clothe the child in the "garment of incorruption." The experience of sin and evil as part of man's fall and as present in the gravity of the whole of human experience must be taken with great seriousness. First in the family and then in the larger family of the Church itself as parents, the child is taught that sin is the direct consequence of our distance and estrangement from God, the sole source of truth and the One singular Good. Following from this, the Church teaches and sets up as an example the sacramental mystery of the redemption of sin through repentance, forgiveness, and reconciliation. The putting into practice of this sacrament as a necessary action is taught and experienced as the process of turning away from disobedience and embracing the healing power of God's grace. Thus, the Christian is formed to understand that God is the healer, the Church is the hospital of the soul, and love and mercy are the true medicine.

Part 2 of a series

Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church News

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

Sept. 27—Teen SOYO will help assist the Sunday School, Hospitality Committee, and 50/50 Raffle at the Bazaar.

Oct. 4—Teen SOYO monthly meeting following Sunday School.

Special Olympics Awareness Day - the teens will collect money for the running of the 35th Annual Special Olympics Sports Camp at the Antiochian Village Oratorical Presentation by the winner of the Eastern Diocese's Junior Level Oratorical Competition - Julia Allen Swearing in of the newly-elected officers - President, Rashid Haddad; Vice-President, Julia Allen; Treasurer, Danielle Bellone; Secretary, Christopher Zolnerowich

Oct. 16-18 — Eastern Region Fall Delegates' Meeting at the Antiochian Village - we will send a delegation of our teens to represent Ss. Peter and Paul.

Oct. 24 — Fall kick-off party at the Bellone's house - all teens welcome for pizza, an "Ask Abouna" gathering, and a scary ending at the "Fright Night" in Ashburn, VA

SPECIAL OLYMPICS AWARENESS DAY

Next Sunday, October 4th, our teens will request your financial donations to enable them to sponsor the 35th Annual Special Olympics Sports Camp, which will be held at the Antiochian Village, in August of 2016.

Please be generous as our teens need to raise in excess of \$72,000 to run this worthwhile program. Three hundred and twenty-seven (327) athletes and coaches participated in our camp last summer. Two of them came from Ss. Peter and Paul. Thank you for your generous support. Please make checks payable to your local teen group.

Simon Shaheen & The Qantara Ensemble

On Saturday, October 24, 2015 at 7:00pm, our Parish will host a benefit concert for the children of Gaza and Palestine organized by the non-profit organization United Palestinian Appeal. The concert will feature Simon Shaheen and the Qantara Ensemble (the leading classical Arabic music group in America) and is entitled "Music for Healing." Following the concert in the Church, a reception will follow in the Church Hall from 8:30pm – 9:30pm which will feature a children's art exhibit. Tickets for this charity fund raising event are available from helppupa.org/concert (\$50.00/adult and \$25.00/student).

Peter & Paul Parishioner & Vietnam, 2015 War Hero, Everett Alvarez, to Speak at October 24 Ceremony

On Oct. 24, 2015 Everett Alvarez will be a featured speaker at a Montgomery County Government special event honoring Vietnam veterans. The event will take place at 10:30am at the Universities at Shady Grove in Rockville, MD.

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.

Upcoming events...

Sept 25-27—Ss. Peter & Paul Festival
Sept. 29—Meeting Men's Club Mtg/7:30pm/LL Conf. Rm.
Oct 1—Service of the Supplication to the Mother of God 6:00pm
Oct 1—Samer Laham talk "The Crisis in Syria" 7:00pm
Oct 3—Arabic Language Classes begin 10a-12:30p/LL Conf. Rm.
Oct. 4— 40-Day Memorial for Mudallaleh Fareed Eways Teen SOYO mtg, Blessing & swearing in of the new Teen SOYO officers
Oct 8—Adult Ed Forum/Exploring our Faith/LL Conf. Rm/7:15pm
Oct 10—Arabic Language Class/10a-12:30p/LL Conf. Rm.
Oct 13—Parish Council mtg/7pm/LL Conf. Rm.
Oct 17—Arabic Language Class/10a-12:30p/LL Conf. Rm.
Oct 18—Suad J. Peter/1-yr Memorial to follow Liturgy Annual Parish Assembly to follow Memorial in Sanctuary
Oct 22—Adult Ed Forum/Exploring our Faith/LL Conf. Rm/7:15pm
Oct 24—Arabic Language Class/10a-12:30p/LL Conf. Rm. Simon Shaheen Ensemble/7:00pm/reception to follow.
Oct 25—Memorial Service/Richard Kogok to follow Liturgy
Oct 27—Men's Club Mtg/7:30pm/LL Conf. Rm.
Oct 31—Arabic Language Class/10a-12:30p/LL Conf. Rm.
Nov 01— 40-Day Memorial for Renee Moorad

THE EISTLE

(For the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost)

Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.

God is known in Judah; His Name is great in Israel.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:16-7:1)

Brethren, we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them," says the Lord, "and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

THE GOSPEL

(For the First Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (5:1-11)

At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And He saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, Jesus asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when Jesus had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at Thy word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish, which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.

EXERCISE PATIENCE OUT OF LOVE FOR YOUR FELLOW MAN. EXERCISE PATIENCE IN ORDER TO BENEFIT YOUR SOUL. FOR IF YOU DO NOT TAKE YOUR SOUL INTO CONSIDERATION, YOU LOSE YOUR PATIENCE.

ST. RAPHAEL OF LESVOS

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Samia Zolnerowich
Jennifer Buchko

Teachers

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

Men's Club

Sam Khalil

Antiochian Women

Kate Niewenhaus

Teen SOYO

Jamilee Bellone

Officers

Nicholas Zolnerowich
Rashid Haddad
Robert Bridenhagen
Thomas Zook
Danielle Bellone

Fellowship of St. John

Christine & Samer Korkor
Dn. Christian & Zeina Manasseh

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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 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
Bertha Aed	Isabel Thredek
Thelma & Bob Badwey	Holly Dubois

Josephine Lofgren	Salwa Gabro
Elia Ghanem	Sally Ruffin
Nouha Aramouni	Andrew Gavin
Joan Lanciani	Bill Dora, Jr.
Linda Dora Elkanich	Joe & Donna Gavin
Jack & Patricia Bottash	Richie Ayoub
Catherine Bolus	Joyce Hamaty & Family
Cassis Family	The Eways Family
Robert Dubois	Caleb Alvarez & Family
Ziad & Carine Hubayter & family	Aaron Knowlton
Alexandra Gavin	Yasmin & Sophia Courtright
George & Grace Malouf & family	George & Eva Malouf
Imad & Tania Mufarrj & family	John & Lily Bitar & family
The Friends & Family of Renee Moorad	

DEPARTED

Arch Priest Louis Mahshie
Fr. John Tavlarides
Victor Cassis
Nick Hamaty
Maurice Hyder
Mudallaleh Fareed Eways
Renee Moorad
Ann Kalill
Linda Lampathakis
Albert Moses

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.

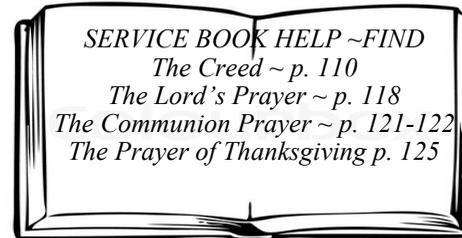
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- 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:

Grace Malouf

Roula Qaqish Knowlton for her Husband Aaron 's Birthday

It's Festival Time!

Charity Collection: A Message of Hope Cancer Fund

Today's second collection for charity will support A Message of Hope Cancer Fund, Inc., an all-volunteer-run, local non-profit organization that provides direct monetary assistance to area cancer patients in financial need. Since its inception, A Message of Hope Cancer Fund – a 501(c)(3) non-profit – has raised nearly \$900,000 to provide much-needed financial assistance to some 300 cancer patients and families in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. Funds are used to help with the many monetary burdens associated with battling cancer, and may include mini-grants for such everyday household expenses as medical co-payments, backlogged rent or mortgage payments, groceries, and transportation to get to treatments. Saints Peter and Paul Parish Council member Steve Simon is on the board of A Message of Hope. On behalf of the cancer patients and families who are helped by the Fund, thank you in advance and God bless you for your generous support of this cause.