

SUMMER 2014

# OUR LEGACY

*Quarterly Newsletter of Ss. Peter and Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church*

## FROM THE PASTORS



Dear Brethren,

Greetings in this beautiful summer season and in the coming of the Feast of the great Apostles Peter and Paul, patrons of our parish (June 29<sup>th</sup>). I take this opportunity, on behalf of Fr. George and myself to offer you an update on some developments and events in the life of our parish.

Following Holy Pascha on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014, our church was blessed to receive the pastoral visit of His Eminence Metropolitan SILOUAN of Argentina, Patriarchal Vicar of North America. His Eminence celebrated the forty day memorial service for the repose of

the soul of our beloved Met. PHILIP (of thrice blessed memory) and then engaged us in a wonderful reflection on the ministry of the church in the luncheon that followed. Met. SILOUAN also patiently explained to us the process and procedure by which our new Metropolitan will be nominated and elected in the near future. May God bless and keep him for us.

On August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, our parish will welcome a new full-time addition to our Pastoral team. Sub-Deacon Majd Akkawi, a recent graduate of Holy Cross Orthodox School of Theology, in Boston, MA, will become our new Pastoral Assistant and Youth Director. Majd, in addition to his studies at Seminary has degrees in Accounting, Information Systems Management and Business Administration. His skills will be a great asset to our parish as we implement a new software system and more significantly, as we seek to devote time and resources to the vital ministry of outreach to our young people. As our parish grows, we are grateful that the Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Council have so positively embraced this need.

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## FROM THE PASTORS, CON'T

At its June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, our Parish Council voted to complete the “Adornment” of the Holy Sanctuary through the commissioning of Iconography. By God’s grace and the continued commitment and support of the Faithful, these Icons will be “written” and installed in the Sanctuary in the months to come.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jun 29 - Sts. Peter & Paul Picnic  
@ 12 Noon
- Jul 2-5 - Parish Life Conference at  
the Antiochian Village
- Jul 5 - Arabic Liturgy @ 5pm
- Jul 6 - Baptism: Danielle Dib  
@ 1pm
- Jul 8 - Parish Council Mtg @ 7pm
- Jul 12 - Baptism: Faraj Tawil  
@ 12:30pm
- Jul 13 - 1 Yr. Memorial  
Kh. Jacqui Rados @12pm  
Baptism: Luke Montgomery  
@ 1pm
- Jul 14 - Clergy Symposium at the  
18 Antiochian Village
- Jul 20 - Baptism: Baby Bergin-  
Sanford
- Jul 26 - Baptism: Eliana Goitom-  
Jones @ 2pm
- July 29 - Men’s Club Meeting  
@ 7:30pm
- Aug 1 - Fast of the Dormition  
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- Aug 1 - Svc of the Small Paraklesis  
(Supplicatory Canon to the  
Mother of God) @ 7pm
- Aug 2 - Arabic Liturgy @5pm
- Aug 12 - Parish Council Mtg @7pm
- Aug 26 - Men’s Club Mtg @ 7:30pm
- Sep 6 - Wedding: Daniel Boulos &  
Karen Lesh @ 2:30pm  
Arabic Liturgy @ 5pm
- Sep 9 - Parish Council Mtg @ 7pm
- Sep 13 - Wedding: James Constantine  
& Stephanie Donoho @ 2pm
- Sep 18 - Adult Education Forum, Ex-  
ploring Our Faith @ 7:15pm
- Sep 20 - Wedding: Rita Morad  
& Jack Zegeer @ 4pm
- Sep 20 - Bazaar  
28
- Sep 30 - Men’s Club Mtg @7:30pm

Fr. George and Fr. Isaac continue to give thanks for the blessings God has bestowed upon our parish family. We are grateful for the good work and dedication of our church organizations, ministry teams and, in particular, the responsible ministry of the Parish Council under its able and devoted leadership.

Mindful of the great and glorious “Legacy” of our patrons—foremost among them—the Apostles Peter and Paul, we pray that God will continue to guide, strengthen and inspire us in the service of the Holy Church.

Your Servant in the Lord,

Fr. Isaac Crow



## RECORD OF SACREMENTS

## BAPTISMS

03-30-14	Ava Nelly Audi
03-30-14	Angelina Marie Robinson
04-19-14	Alexandra Clara Hawkins
04-27-14	Nicole Nader Hani
04-27-14	Shereen Nader Hani
05-17-14	Tamara Sophia Manasseh
06-21-14	Jasmine Marie Mason
06-22-14	Stella Ave Mele

## WEDDINGS

04-26-14	Antonio Devonte Downing & Meskerem Worku Getahun
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## SYMPATHY TO FAMILIES OF

03-28-14	Abraham Samuel Brown
04-03-14	Evelyn Kogok Hier
04-06-14	Isam Naim Ibrahim
04-18-14	Ivanka Georgieva Tileva
05-01-14	Khalil Boutros Haddad
05-06-14	Gretchen Miller
05-19-14	Rose Ann Yonkers
05-22-14	Joseph Charley
05-24-14	Kathryn A. Haddad
06-02-14	Lillian George

## CONGRATULATIONS MATTHEW GAVIN!

Donna and Joe Gavin are proud and pleased to announce that son, Matthew, has received his Master's degree in Special Education from the University of Virginia.



## I'M LOOKING FOR THEM...

Our Middle Eastern Festival weekend draws near (September 26, 27, and 28) and we welcome the opportunity for vendors to join our church family to sell their wares. If you know of a business or vendor who would be interested in participating in our festivities please have them contact me, Lorna Malooley, at (703) 503-3344 or email me at LornaAM@aol.com.

## DEAR GOD... THANK YOU!



Dear God,

I want to thank You for what You have already done. I am not going to wait until I see results or receive rewards; *I am thanking You right now.*

I am not going to wait until I feel better or things look better; *I am thanking You right now.*

I am not going to wait until people say they are sorry or until they stop talking about me; *I am thanking You right now.*

I am not going to wait until the pain in my body disappears; *I am thanking You right now.*

I am not going to wait until my financial situation improves; *I am going to thank You right now.*

I am not going to wait until the children are asleep and the house is quiet; *I am going to thank You right now.*

I am not going to wait until I understand every experience in my life that has caused me pain or grief; *I am going to thank You right now.*

I am not going to wait until the journey gets easier or the challenges are removed; *I am thanking You right now.*

*I am thanking You* because I am alive.

*I am thanking You* because I made it through the day's difficulties.

*I am thanking You* because I have walked around obstacles.

*I am thanking You* because I have the ability and the opportunity to do more and better.

*I am thanking You, Father.* You haven't give up on me.

- Anonymous



## ANTIOCHIAN CLERGY CELEBRATE VESPERS TO COMMEMORATE THE 1964 MEETING OF CATHOLICS AND ORTHODOX AT THE FRANCISCAN MONASTERY

The Antiochian clergy of the Capital Deanery (the Washington, DC/Baltimore area) were invited by the Franciscan Monastery of Washington DC, to offer an Orthodox Vespers on Sunday, May 18, 2014, to commemorate the fiftieth (50th) anniversary of a meeting between Pope Paul VI and the Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras in Jerusalem in the year 1964. The 50th anniversary was again celebrated in Jerusalem last month, when Pope Francis I and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew concelebrated a prayer service on May 25, 2014.

Fr. Isaac Crow, Fr. George Rados, Fr. Joseph Rahal (St. George), Fr. John Anderson (St. Raphael), Fr. Nicholas Alford (St. Gregory Western Rite), Fr. Patrick Cardine (St. Patrick Mission) and Fr. James Hamrick (St. John the Baptist Mission) offered the Orthodox Vespers.

Ms. Marie Hyder, choir director at St. Raphael, directed the choir, made up of singers from four Orthodox churches, including Sts Peter and Paul, who sang the responses; John Slanta and Wayne Parr of Sts Peter and Paul, chanted the Vespers; Denise Bolus read Psalm 103 at the start of the service.

After the service, the Franciscans held a reception in the monastery cloister.



## THE LADIES AUXILIARY HONOR AND THANK OUTGOING PRESIDENT

On June 14<sup>th</sup> the Ladies Club held their end of the year luncheon to celebrate their achievements this past year and also to honor their outgoing president, Ann Marie Moses.

Ann carried the baton for the club for two consecutive terms and, like so many former presidents before her, she did an outstanding job. She gave tirelessly to the Ladies Auxiliary in so many ways, keeping everyone informed of upcoming parish news, sad and happy, assisting in the coordination of so many events that the ladies participated in, and creating new initiatives for the club that reached out to shut in parish members with meals and financial support. Ann was thanked for her service, the time and effort she devoted to her presidency and her dedication to the Ladies Auxiliary and to our parish.

As expressed at the luncheon, Ann continues the work of her mother, Marie Moses, who loved people, loved her parish and above all loved her Orthodox religion. Ann was presented with a gift certificate to Strathmore Hall and an icon painted by Sherrie Zacharia.



*Bette Adam thanks Ann Marie for her service.*

*Left to Right: Ladies Audixiliary Incoming President, Kate Niewenbous, Khouriye Dolly Crow, Ann Marie, Fr. Isaac Crow*

*Ann Marie and Sherrie Zacharia*

## PARISHIONER SPENDS WEEK WITH IOCC ORTHODOX TEAM ON EASTERN SHORE

### ***“Building Homes, Restoring Hope, Repairing Lives”***

“In a way, I was scouting out the experience to report to Ss Peter and Paul in case in future years, we’d want to get a team together,” stated Mike Bosworth, about his recent experience working on an International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) Action Team on the eastern shore.

The Action teams provide, “emergency relief and development programs to those in need, which strengthens the capacity of the Orthodox Church to respond.” International Orthodox Charities ([iocc.org](http://iocc.org); 877-803-4622) has a number of Action Teams working this summer in New Orleans, Louisiana, Toms River, New Jersey, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Loveland, Colorado, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Crisfield, Maryland. Many of the IOCC teams coordinate with Habitat for Humanities on projects. Mike was able to get just a week off work, so selected a location fairly close by in Crisfield, Maryland. His team was led by Dan Christopulos, the

IOCC Country Representative. Volunteer contribution is \$450 per person. The activities depend on location, however, typically we work on “siding, roofing, framing, landscaping, painting and support.”

Mike spent the week of June 15<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 on Maryland’s Eastern shore in Crisfield, Maryland, a town damaged by Hurricane Sandy. He was part of a team of six working on three newly built homes. Mike’s team did drywall installation (spackling, mudding), laying carpet and installing doors. The team stayed in a Mennonite-run disaster relief camp with kitchen and shower facilities. There were devotions in the morning and evening.

Mike reflected on his week saying, “It was a good experience. I learned more about long-term recovery organizations and methods.” More information about the Action Teams found at <http://www.iocc.org>, or email Mike directly about his experience at [Michael.bosworth@mac.com](mailto:Michael.bosworth@mac.com).





### LADIES AUXILIARY FASHION SHOW AND LUNCHEON

The Ladies Auxiliary of Ss Peter and Paul held their 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Fashion Show Luncheon on May 10<sup>th</sup> at Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, Maryland. This year we were so pleased to have with us, and to introduce the “First Lady of our Parish” (as Father George fondly calls her), Khouriye Dolly Crow. We are truly blessed to have her and Father Isaac as part of our parish family.

In May of 2003, Jeannette Younes, Barbara Abraham and Nadia El Hage started what has become the most popular event organized by the Ladies Auxiliary at Ss Peter & Paul Church. Our formula is simple, to put together an event for which ladies can take a little time off their busy schedules to catch up with friends and family, while sharing a beautiful lunch, having fun, and participating in a raffle which helps a worthy cause. This formula has proved very successful as this year’s event was sold out two weeks prior to the show!

This year’s fashions were provided by “Lemon Twist” of Chevy Chase and Arlington. Our very own gorgeous models graced the runway this year. Thank you so much to Mimi Adam, Krista Adam, Ranya Eid, Dina Jackson, Artemis Lampathakis, Dalya Louh, Sara Piechocinski, Lexi Rados, Norma Salameh, and Betty Slanta. They remind us that women can exude beauty and elegance at any age and any size. Remember, a happy woman is a pretty woman!

In addition to our usual raffle this year, we also “live auctioned” a premium designer bag donated by Sophia Haddad of Max Mara. From this year’s proceeds, a generous donation was made to The Wounded Warrior Project, to include all the proceeds from the “live auction”.



### LADIES AUXILIARY FASHION SHOW AND LUNCHEON, CONT

Fashion Committee worked very hard to ensure the continued success of the event, so much thanks to: Barbara Abraham, Samia Aburdineh, Leila Ayoub, Denise Bolus, Rida Boulous, Lamia Crowley, Anita Elaraj, Nadia El-Hage, Margo Ghanem, Lydia Jackson, Madelyn Nader, Mary Sahouri, and Samar Rafeedie. These ladies know how to put the "Fun" in Fundraising!

And, a big thank you to our master DJs, my son Patrick and his friend Michael, who took time away from their University finals to donate a few hours to be with us. They are graduating on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you so much Patrick and Michael, and Congratulations!

It has been a pleasure and an honor for me to chair this wonderful event for the past 10 years. This coveted event would not have been successful without the relentless hard work of the committee and the continued support from our parishioners and friends. Thank you all very much.

Respectfully,

Caroline Emad  
Chairwoman



## PROFILES IN ORTHODOXY

As a new feature in the newsletter, we are shining the light on new members of our church as a way of introducing them to our parish. Our first profile is of Kathryn Niewenhous who recently converted to Orthodoxy. Kathryn (Kate) will very quickly become a familiar face as she assumes the position of President of the Ladies Auxiliary in September.

Kate Niewenhous was born in Bethesda, Maryland and educated in the Montgomery County School system with the exception of one year spent at Harker Preparatory School. Kate graduated from the University of Maryland with a BA degree in Radio, Television and Film with a minor in Philosophy. She went on to receive a Master's Degree from Virginia Theological Seminary and a certificate from the Epiphany Academy of Pittsburgh in Formative Spirituality.

Kate has been happily married to Mark Lofgren for 27 years and they have four children, Kimberly 24, Juliana 21, Nils 16 and Brenna 16.

In her spare time, Kate's hobbies include cooking, reading, foreign films, and gardening. She volunteers at Hospice Caring in Gaithersburg where she co-facilitates grief groups for middle and high school students. She has also served as a Girl Scout leader and volunteered her culinary skills for school and church events. She has also served as a rotating book club leader who introduced authors and their writings. One question always asked was "who is the Christ figure in the story?" Kate and her husband are currently restoring an old lake house in New Hampshire where they spend time during the winter and summer and where they hope to retire in the future.

Kate's journey to Orthodoxy started at an early age with some amusing incidents and some serious. She became interested in Russian culture as a young teen, after receiving a block of sugar from Russia wrapped in red paper with beautiful lettering. She also became fascinated with the funeral scene in the movie, "Dr. Zhivago," and in her later teens and early twenties she started reading Dostoyevsky. At this time, Kate was reengaging her faith and started to feel the seeds of change being planted. Just before her father passed away, she had a long conversation with him that included her decision to baptize her children. After a long pause her father said, "that's really good, Kate." And those words gave her encouragement. Much later she had a deep spiritual conversation with Nina Shibley that she still treasures.

In her early forties, Kate began graduate school starting with a class on Psalms. She had been discussing them with a friend who later tragically died and this was one of the reasons she started seminary. She continued to cultivate her prayer life, studied The Rule of St. Benedict (eventually became an oblate), monasticism in general, the role of our All-Holy Theotokos and iconography. Icons, especially the icon, *On Meeting Christ in the Temple*, spoke volumes to her. She says a series of moments during her life made her realize she had to deepen her faith. Through conversations with a Benedictine monk, with whom she still has a deep friendship, and recognizing in the Rule of St. Benedict peace, she began to take note of where and when this "peace that passes all understanding" is present. Through both her consonant and dissonant life experiences, she decided to make the move to Orthodoxy and feels guided and guarded. She says she feels a peaceful heart during Divine Liturgy. She is grateful to those Christians in her life that helped her along the way to grow more spiritually mature. *Welcome home, Kate!*



*Kate  
Niewenhous*



***Clockwise  
from Upper  
Right:**  
Husband Mark,  
Nils, Brenna, and  
Kate*

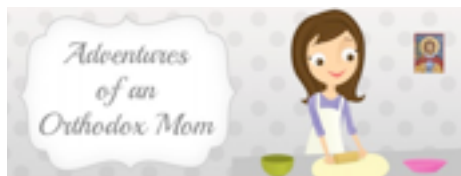




### DO YOU REMEMBER?

Do you remember the old Sts. Peter and Paul Church alter table? The alter table was donated to our sister Antiochian Church, St. Raphael of Brooklyn Orthodox Church, in Chantilly, Virginia. Fr. Thomas Palke is pastor.

### DID YOU KNOW?



“Wife. Mama. Christian. Children’s Author. Bookworm. Knitter. Baker. Candlestickmaker.” Sylvia Leontaritis is just another Orthodox mom trying to get it right while enjoying life’s perfect imperfections along the way.

This 34 year old mother of three began blogging in 2008. Her blog, *Adventures of an Orthodox Mom*., chronicles some of Sylvia’s favorite (and not-so-favorite) recipes, products and brands, DIY projects and craft ideas for kids, all in addition to her thoughts and everyday experiences of raising children within the Orthodox Christian Faith. Her most recent blog includes using chia seeds as a replacement for eggs, and the top 10 summer reading programs for kids.

Sylvia is the author of the children’s book, *A Pocketful of Seeds*. Her work has appeared in *The Handmaiden*., journal, *The Orthodox Observer*, and on *Ancient Faith Radio*. *Adventures of an Orthodox Mom* was mentioned recently in *The Washington Post*, and Sylvia also made an appearance on *The Dr. Oz Show* this year.

Sylvia lives on a small farm in Florida with her husband and their three sons. When she’s not changing diapers or tending the animals, she can be found working in the garden, knitting or scribbling down story ideas. The family attends services at the two monasteries nearby their home.

Check out *Adventures of an Orthodox Mom* at [www.orthodoxmom.com](http://www.orthodoxmom.com)!

### EXPLORING OUR FAITH: ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORUM

Exploring our faith is a ministry of the young adult Fellowship of St. John the Divine. The forum meets every other week on Thursday evenings at 7:15pm in the lower level conference room. The meetings seek to explore, discover and better understand the rich spiritual, historical, doctrinal, liturgical and scriptural tradition of our Holy Orthodox Faith. Fr. Isaac facilitates the meetings in an informal setting, using brief presentations as a spring board to an open discussion on questions and issues of a wide range of topics of our faith.

All are welcome, with a special invitation to young adults. For more information and meeting dates please see the weekly church bulletin, the church web site, [peterpaulpotomac.org](http://peterpaulpotomac.org), and/or contact Fr. Isaac at [frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org](mailto:frisaac@peterpaulpotomac.org).

## BOOK REVIEW: A CROWN OF LIFE: A NOVEL OF THE GREAT PERSECUTION

Author Brian Patrick Mitchell is a former soldier and journalist, the author of several nonfiction books and scholarly articles on politics and religion, and a deacon of the Orthodox Church. He and his wife have three grown children and live in Alexandria, Virginia. His daughter, Alma Jean, and her husband, George Zaki, attend Saints Peter and Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church.

*Crown of Life* is an epic romance spanning ten pivotal years in the history of the world, beginning in 303, when churches were closed, scriptures were confiscated, and Christians were forbidden to assemble and later forced to prove their loyalty to the empire by offering a sacrifice to the government's gods. Thousands chose death instead, in what has been known since as the Great Persecution.

Vividly written, with surprising twists, heart-pounding drama, a colorful cast of endearing characters good and bad, and profound insight into life's deepest mysteries, *A Crown of Life* is an inspiring tale of Christian faith in the face of death. You will weep. You will cheer. You will fall in love. You will learn why they believed and why they died.

Here's what the author says:

*"I wrote [A Crown of Life](#) over a decade ago as just something fun to do. A couple of friends had written and published novels, and I felt I could do better than they did. I doubted all along that my book would interest many readers. There's just not much of a market for historical fiction set in the fourth century, so I wasn't at all bothered when the few publishers I contacted in 2001 turned me down. I just packed it away in my basement and went on to other books. (I've published four nonfiction books on politics and religion, most recently [Eight Ways to Run the Country](#), which has been used to teach political theory at Yale.)*

*But my wife loved my novel, and so did an Orthodox friend and his wife, and for the next ten years they wouldn't let me forget about it. One day they ganged up on me over a cup of eggnog and forced me to agree to give it another look. When I did, I was surprised. The book was much better than I remembered. I had remembered the problems I encountered writing the book and had forgotten the solutions I had found for them. When you write a bad scene, you agonize over it until you find a fix, and the agony imprints it in your memory; when you write a good scene or fix a bad one, you smile and go on.*

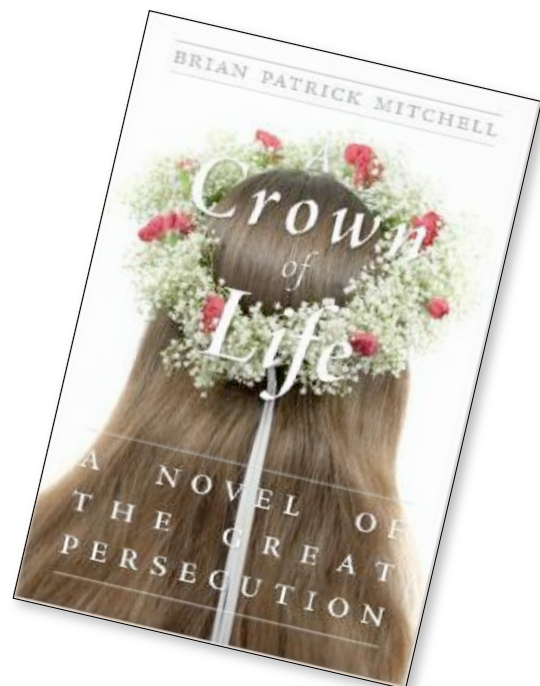
*Ten years earlier I had written a lot of good scenes, so I had forgotten much of the story. Reading it after so many years was like reading someone else's book: I knew the ending but not the*

*story leading to it. Scenes, characters, dialogues, and plot twists surprised and impressed me. The book read quickly and easily and needed very little work to be ready for publication. It's not everybody's cup of tea, of course, but it is a great story, entertaining as well as meaningful.*

*Much of the book is set in the ancient city of Sinop, Turkey, where I was stationed while in the Army in the 1980's. Sinop is where I saw my first Orthodox church, a ruin from the sixth century, in a farmer's field, overgrown with weeds in the summertime. The vault of the church was still covered with frescoes from the 13th century. They were beautiful, and it was that beauty that inspired my search for the Orthodox Church.*

*I was also moved by well-documented accounts of the trials of early martyrs. The Romans often had stenographers take down what was said at trial, and some of their transcripts were used in writing the lives of the saints. I used Giuseppe Ricciotti's *The Age of Martyrs* as a source for the trials dramatized in the novel, so what my characters say is about what real martyrs said, and it's quite revealing. The book is mainly about martyrdom, which is not just in our past but in our future. The title is of course from James 1:12: 'Blessed is the man that endureth temptation, for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him.' (cf. Rev.2:10)"*

Besides being [available through Amazon.com](#) in both paperback and Kindle, the book can also be purchased at a significant discount by parish bookstores through Createspace.com. All you need to do is [open an account](#).



## TWELVE THINGS I WISH I KNEW ABOUT THE ORTHODOX CHURCH (PART 1)

*Orthodox worship is different! Some of these differences are apparent, if perplexing, from the first moment you walk in a church. Others become noticeable only over time. Here is some information that may help you feel more at home in Orthodox worship—twelve things I wish I'd known before my first visit to an Orthodox church* - Frederica Mathewes-Green

During the early part of the service the church may seem to be in a hubbub, with people walking up to the front of the church, praying in front of the iconostasis (the standing icons in front of the altar), kissing things and lighting candles, even though the service is already going on. In fact, when you came in the service was already going on, although the sign outside clearly said "Divine Liturgy, 10:30." You felt embarrassed to apparently be late, but these people are even later, and they're walking all around inside the church. What's going on here?

In an Orthodox church there is only one Eucharistic service (Divine Liturgy) per Sunday, and it is preceded by an hour-long service of Matins (or Orthros) and several short preparatory services before that. There is no break between these services - one begins as soon as the previous ends, and posted starting times are just educated guesses. Altogether, the priest will be at the altar on Sunday morning for over three hours, "standing in the flame," as one Orthodox priest put it.

As a result of this state of continuous flow, there is no point at which everyone is sitting quietly in a pew waiting for the entrance hymn to start, glancing at their watches approaching 10:30. Orthodox worshippers arrive at any point from the beginning of Matins through the early part of the Liturgy, a span of well over an hour. No matter when they arrive, something is sure to be already going on, so Orthodox don't let this hamper them from going through the private prayers appropriate to just entering a church. This is distracting to newcomers, and may even seem disrespectful, but soon you begin to recognize it as an expression of a faith that is not merely formal but very personal. Of course, there is still no good excuse for showing up after 10:30, but punctuality is, unfortunately, one of the few virtues many Orthodox lack.

### 1. A Sense of Holiness

If you are from a Protestant or non-liturgical tradition, you may feel overwhelmed the minute you walk in the door of an Orthodox church. You will find yourself surrounded by a blaze of color in the priests' vestments and the icons that adorn the walls. The pungent odor of incense will assault your nose, possibly making you sneeze. Rich, deeply moving but unfamiliar music will fill your ears. All around you people will be doing things - lighting candles, kissing icons, making the sign of the cross, bowing, standing in prayer - everything but sitting still. To someone accustomed to four bare walls and a pulpit, all this may seem pretty strange. It is important to remember that none of this is an end in itself. Everything we see, hear, smell, touch, taste or do in the Orthodox Church has one purpose and one purpose only: to lead us closer to God. Since God created us with physical bodies and senses, we believe He desires us to use our bodies and senses to grow closer to Him.

... To be continued in the Fall edition of *Our Legacy*.

BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION		FELLOWSHIP HOUR
JUL 60	DONNA GAVIN	
13	RADOS FAMILY	RADOS FAMILY
20	FRIENDS OF JOE CHARLEY	FRIENDS OF JOE CHARLEY
27	MARGO & SAM SAHOURI-GHANEM	MARGO & SAM SAHOURI-GHANEM
AUG 3	QUSTADI/NAHEDA KAIBNI	QUSTADI/NAHEDA KAIBNI
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17		

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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Sunday Matins ..... 9:30am

Sunday Liturgy ..... 10:30am

Feast Day Liturgies:

Eve of the Feast..... 7:30pm

**Service of the Small****Paraklesis****August 1st ..... 7:00pm****Arabic Liturgy**

On the first Sunday of the month.  
We will celebrate Liturgy in Arabic  
on Saturday, **July 5th** at 5:00pm in  
the main sanctuary.

Please remember to reserve the  
date!

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