

Lighting Candles & Entering the Church

Lighting candles is an important expression in Orthodox worship services. We light them as we prayerfully enter the Church. When lighting a candle, the worshiper prays that his or her life will shine forth full of faith. Lighting a candle symbolically honors Christ and affirms one as His follower. The burning candle symbolizes the warmth and sincerity of our prayers. It is also a common practice to light a candle for someone in need, to honor a saint, or to commemorate a deceased loved one. When we enter, Paul, we should light a candle and then reverence the icons by making the sign of the Cross and kissing the icon (this is a sign of spiritual love and respect, not the worship of an object). After paying reverence to the icon and lighting our candle in the Narthex, parishioners should immediately and quietly enter the Nave of the church, in order to actively participate in the worship of the Lord our God.

We do not enter or leave the Church when:

The Priest is facing the congregation.

The Priest censens the congregation.

During a Procession, the Small Entrance, when the Priest carries the Holy Gospel; or during the Great Entrance, when the Priest carries the Holy Gifts.

During the reading of the Epistle and the Gospel.

During the Sermon.

Handling the Blessed Bread

Upon receiving Holy Communion and/or at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, it is customary for all those who participated in the prayer of the Church to come forward to receive a piece of "blessed bread" as a sign of thanksgiving. While the bread that is distributed is not consecrated, it is blessed and as such, it should be consumed carefully and respectfully. Everyone that attends Divine Liturgy, Orthodox and non-Orthodox alike, may receive the blessed bread as an expression of love and Christian fellowship.

ST. PAUL

ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America



June 18, 2017

**Second Sunday After Pentecost
Second Sunday of Matthew
Happy Father's Day**

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**ST. PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX
CHURCH**

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**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST –
SECOND SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**



PRAYERS OF HOLY OBLATION TODAY:

For the Health of Fr. Paul, Kh. Thekla, Elijah, Ana & Jacob and to welcome them to St. Paul, offered by the St. Paul Parish Family.

In Beloved Memory of Sam & Julie Badwey and Dr. Shakir and Rougina Ilyas, offered by Dr. Robert & Thelma Badwey.

For the Health of the Badwey Family, the Alvarez Family, Al & Anna Castley & Fr. Joe & Diane, offered by Dr. Robert & Thelma Badwey.

For the Health of Ellen Sciaraffa, offered by Bill & Leslie Yurkovac.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Epistle Reader for today is Al Castley.**
- **Coffee Hour Hostesses for today are Thelma Badwey and Anna Castley.**
- *From the second Monday after Pentecost until the feast of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul on June 29th, Orthodox Christians celebrate the Apostles' Fast. This year, the fast commences on Monday, June 12, 2017.*
- **Thought for the Day** - "Always remember the harsh trials of those who grieve and those who are despised (in prisons, exile, etc.), so that you might be duly grateful for your small and insignificant trials and be able to endure them with joy." -- St. Isaac the Syrian

- Archdiocese Convention
- Honoring our Bishop ANTOUN
- Hierarchy of the Diocese of Miami & Southeast
- It's not too late to make your reservation for the Banquet
- on Saturday night, July 29



We are delighted to have the opportunity to welcome our new Spiritual Father and his beautiful family on Father's Day! This is an added blessing to have Fr. Paul serve his first Divine Liturgy with Fr. Joe on this special day. We all look forward to Fr. Paul and Kh. Thekla's official welcome in October when many of our seasonal parishioners will be here to join in the celebration!

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

BIRTHDAY'S

RAY MANSOUR & JOE HESSNEY

ANNIVERSARIES:

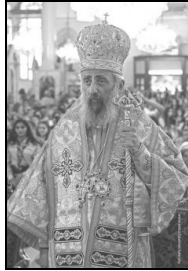
WAYNE & WENDY STALEY

FR. JOE & DIANE

**Happy Father's Day to All!
May God Grant You Many Years!**

Axios! Holy Synod of Antioch Elects New Metropolitan of Archdiocese of Hama, Syria

June 10, 2017



By the grace of the Holy Spirit, the Holy Synod of Antioch, under the presidency of His Beatitude Patriarch John X, elected His Grace Bishop Nicholas Baalbaki as the new metropolitan archbishop of the Archdiocese of Hama and Dependencies in Syria. Sayidna Nicholas succeeds His Eminence Metropolitan Elia Saliba of thrice-blessed memory who reposed in the Lord on April 1, 2017.

His Eminence Metropolitan Joseph took part in the election at the Patriarchal Monastery and Seminary in Balamand, Lebanon earlier this week, following the great feast of Pentecost. Sayidna Joseph congratulated his new brother Metropolitan Nicholas on behalf of the hierarchs, clergy, board of trustees and laity of the Antiochian Archdiocese of North America.

Metropolitan Nicholas was born to a pious Orthodox Christian family in 1957. His brother is V. Rev. George Baalbaki, the pastor of St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church in San Francisco, California. In addition to serving as clergyman since 1985, His Eminence was a surgeon and director of the Patriarchal Hospital of St. George in Hosn, Syria.

ST. PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, June 18, 2017

Tone 1 / Eothinon 2

Second Sunday After Pentecost & Second Sunday of Matthew

MARTYRS LEONTIOS, HYPATIOS AND THEODOULOS AT TRIPOLI IN PHOENICIA; VENERABLE LEONTIOS THE HAGIORITE OF DIONYSIOU MONASTERY ON ATHOS

TROPARION IN TONE FOUR

Today is Salvation come into the world. Let us sing praises to Him Who arose from the grave, the Author of our life; for having by Death destroyed death, He hath given us victory and Great Mercy.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

- Now sing the apolytikion of the patron saint or feast of the temple.

KONTAKION FOR ORDINARY SUNDAYS IN TONE TWO

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.

THE EPISTLE

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

THE READING IS FROM THE EPISTLE OF ST. PAUL TO THE ROMANS
(2:10 – 16)

Brethren, glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law, and all who have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law. For it is not the hearers of the Law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the Law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the Law do by nature what the Law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the Law. They show that what the Law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (4:18-23)

At that time, as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and He called them. Immediately they left the boat and

their father, and followed Him. And He went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

- The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom continues as usual.

THE DISMISSAL

Priest: May He Who rose from the dead, Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all- immaculate and all-blameless holy Mother; by the might of the Precious and Life-giving Cross; by the protection of the honorable Bodiless Powers of Heaven; at the supplication of the honorable, glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John; of the holy, glorious and all-laudable apostles; of the holy, glorious and right-victorious Martyrs; of our venerable and God-bearing Fathers; of Saint N., the patron and protector of this holy community; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; of the holy Martyrs Leontios, Hypatios and Theodoulos at Tripoli in Phoenicia; and Venerable Leontios the Hagiorite of Dionysiou monastery on Athos, whose memory we celebrate today, and of all the saints: have mercy on us and save us, forasmuch as He is good and loveth mankind.

Priest: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us.

Choir: Amen.