



ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN JOSEPH, ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK
AND METROPOLITAN OF ALL NORTH AMERICA

HIS GRACE BISHOP NICHOLAS, AUXILIARY BISHOP
OF THE DIOCESE OF MIAMI AND THE SOUTHEAST

A WORD ABOUT COMMUNION (HOLY EUCHARIST)

+HOLY COMMUNION - WHY ONLY FOR THE ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN?+

Welcome to St. Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church. We are honored by your presence. It is our sincere desire that your participation today in the Divine Liturgy will draw you closer to Christ and His Church.

The Orthodox Church understands the Eucharist, or Lord's Supper, to be the paramount expression of Christian unity. While it is our deepest hope that Christendom will one day fulfill Christ's desire for true unity among all those who claim His name (John 17:21), the unfortunate reality of our day is that the various segments of Christendom are not unified with the historic Orthodox faith. Since participation in the Eucharist (Holy Communion) expresses a unity with all the **dogma, teachings, and practice of the Orthodox Church**, it is obvious that non-Orthodox Christians (Catholic, Protestant, Oriental, etc.) **do not** receive Holy Communion but respect the official policy of the Antiochian Archdiocese of North America.

Thank you for your understanding.

On that same note, all **Eastern Orthodox Christians** are called to prepare for the receiving of the Body and Blood of Christ through recent confession, prayer, and fasting from all food and drink approximately midnight the night before. Please speak with Fr. Paul if medical conditions preclude it.

Fr. Paul is available after the service, or by appointment, to answer questions you may have about any facet of the Orthodox Christian faith.

May God bless you.

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Please contact Fr. Paul to request a pastoral visit for **anyone** hospitalized, sick, suffering, or alone (Christian or not).

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PRAYERS FOR THE HEALTH AND MEMORY OF...

Prayers in **memory of** Nick Yanakas & Florence Kontos are offered by Joyce Yanakas.

May the Lord our God remember them in His Kingdom.

Prospora is offered by Fr. Joe and Diane, in **memory of** Beatrice Davis and for the **health of** their family and for the **health of** Fr. Paul, Kh. Thekla, and their family.

Prayers for the good **health of** Al Castely, on his approaching 80th Birthday, are offered by Anna Castley.

Prayers for the **health of** Tony Yanakas are offered by Joyce Yanakas.

May God grant them many years!

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WHY DO WE DO THIS?

Orthodox Christians pray for the dead so that the Lord will have mercy on their souls, that He will grant them eternal rest "in the bosom of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob," that He will extend His unfathomable love upon them, and that He will receive them into that state "in which there is neither sickness, nor sighing, nor sorrow, but life everlasting." Saint Paul clearly teaches that those who have gone before us are still members of the Body of Christ, the Church. And it is the duty of the members of the Church to pray for one another. Just as the living continually beseech God to have mercy on them—and may rightly offer prayers to God on behalf of their living spiritual sisters and brothers as well as request prayers on their own behalf from others—so too we have the duty to pray for all members of the Body of Christ, even those who have departed this life and still "belong to Christ." In asking God to have mercy on the souls of the departed, we also ask God to have mercy on us who are still in this life, and we recognize that we too shall die. All members of the Church, living as well as faithful departed, cry before the throne of God, "Lord, have mercy on us." (source: oca.org)

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MAY GOD GRANT THEM MANY YEARS!

February Birthdays: Al Castley (2/16)



Inductees into THE ORDER OF ST. IGNATIUS, February 11, 2018

St. Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church, Naples, FL

At the level of DAME

Julie Ablan (Sponsor: Barbara Hebeka)

Susan Khoury Bourdon (Sponsor: Anna Castley)

At the level of KNIGHT

Joseph Ablan (Sponsor: Elias Hebeka)

At the level of KNIGHT COMMANDER

John Salem (Sponsor: Raymond Mansour)

Presentation of METROPOLITAN LEVEL CROSS to Elias Hebeka, who was inducted at the Archdiocese Convention in Miami this past July.

*“A **RICH** MAN IS NOT ONE WHO HAS MUCH BUT ONE WHO **GIVES** MUCH,
FOR WHAT HE GIVES AWAY REMAINS HIS **FOREVER.**” - ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM*

THE EPISTLE

(For Sunday of the Last Judgment)

*The Lord is my strength and my praise. The Lord chastising hath chastised me, but He
hath not delivered me over to death.*

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (8:8-9:2)

Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care, lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you—a man of knowledge—at table in an idol’s temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother’s falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

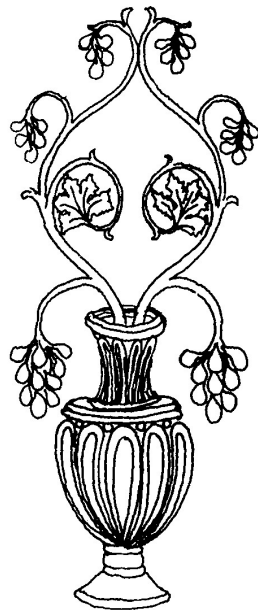


THE GOSPEL

(For Sunday of the Last Judgment)

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according St. Matthew. (25:31-46)

The Lord said, “When the Son of man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and He will place the sheep at His right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at His right hand, ‘Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.’ Then the righteous will answer Him, ‘Lord, when did we see Thee hungry and feed Thee, or thirsty and give Thee drink? And when did we see Thee a stranger and welcome Thee, or naked and clothe Thee? And when did we see Thee sick or in prison and visit Thee?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.’ Then He will say to those at his left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see Thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to Thee?’ Then He will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to Me.’ And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”



THE SYNAXARION

(AN ABRIDGED COLLECTION OF THE “LIVES OF THE SAINTS”)

On February 11 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Hieromartyr Blaise, bishop of Sebastia and his companions; Theodora the empress, defender of the holy icons; New-martyr George of Serbia; and Vsevolod, prince and wonderworker of Pskov.

Today, we commemorate the Second and impartial Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is the Sunday of the Last Judgment—known also as Meat Fare Sunday—the lesson of which occurs in today’s Holy Gospel. Jesus illustrates to us God’s ineffable goodness and His great love for mankind. And so lest some who are lazy should loiter and spend the time appropriate to their salvation in the pursuit of sin, and be suddenly overtaken by death, the divine Fathers decree that on this day the remembrance of the Second Appearance of Christ may be celebrated. The intention is to remind them that, as God is good and loving to mankind, He is also a very righteous Judge Who recompenses each according to his deeds. Our Lord teaches us that when we minister to our brother or sister, we really minister to Him. This brings us righteousness and life eternal.

By Thine ineffable love for mankind, O Christ God, make us worthy of Thy devoted voice, number us among Thy righteous ones and have mercy on us. Amen.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018

SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGMENT (MEAT FARE)

HIEROMARTYR BLAISE, BISHOP OF SEBASTIA AND COMPANIONS; THEODORA THE EMPRESS; NEW-MARTYR GEORGE OF SERBIA; VSEVOLOD, PRINCE AND WONDER-WORKER OF PSKOV

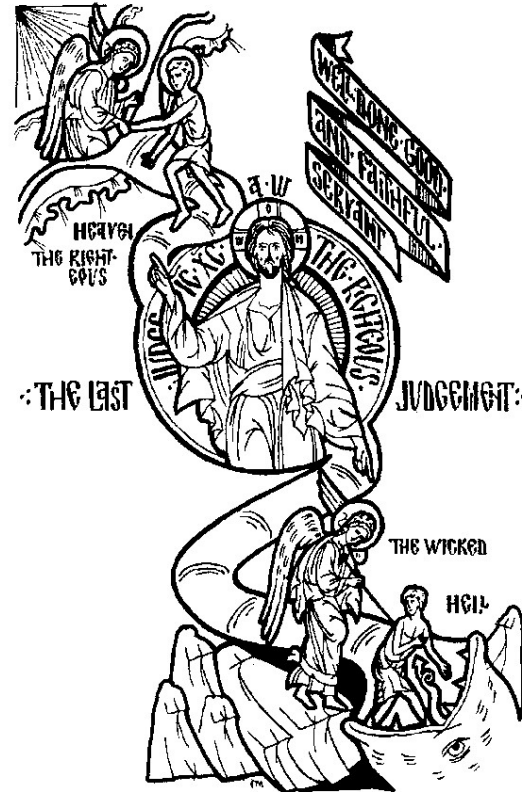
RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE THREE

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.

+Now the apolytikion of the holy Apostle Paul+

KONTAKION FOR SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGMENT IN TONE ONE

When Thou comest, O God, to earth with glory, and all creatures tremble before Thee, and the river of fire floweth before the Altar, and the books are opened and sins revealed, deliver me then from that unquenchable fire, and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O righteous Judge.



GREAT LENT 2018

WEEKLY SERVICE SCHEDULE

(IN ADDITION TO ESTABLISHED WEEKEND SERVICES)

FIRST WEEK - "CLEAN WEEK" (ALL SERVICES AT 6PM)

Sunday/Feb. 18

Brief "Service of Forgiveness" immediately following Divine Liturgy
(Prior to AW sponsored meal to carry-us through Parish Annual Meeting)

Monday/Feb. 19

Great Compline & respective quarter of canon of St. Andrew of Crete - 6PM

Tuesday/Feb. 20

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Wednesday/Feb. 21

The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts - 6PM

Thursday/Feb. 22

Great Compline & respective quarter of canon of St. Andrew of Crete - 6PM

Friday/Feb. 23

Little Compline with Akathist Canon and first stasis of the Akathist Hymn - 6PM

SUBSEQUENT WEEKS OF GREAT LENT

(ALL SERVICES AT 6PM - ANY UPDATES WILL BE ANNOUNCED)

Monday

Great Compline

Wednesday

The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Friday

Little Compline with the Akathist Canon and subsequent stases of the Hymn

WEEKLY SERVICE SCHEDULE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BELOVED FAMILY OF SAINT PAUL:

THE ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN of our Parish are offering each of us an opportunity to offer aid to the suffering people throughout our world by preparing:

EMERGENCY KITS*

During February, March and April, we are preparing *Hygiene Kits*: Buy a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure and please assemble the following items:

- ❖ One hand towel
- ❖ One washcloth
- ❖ One comb
- ❖ One nail clipper
- ❖ One bar of soap (bath size)
- ❖ One toothbrush (NO TOOTHPASTE)
- ❖ Six Band-Aids

We recommend that you then place them inside the zippered bag & drop them into the clearly marked box in the Conference Room.



Any cash donations to offset mailing costs will be gratefully accepted.

WEEKLY SERVICES

Saturday: Great Vespers* at **5:00PM**

Sunday: 3rd & 6th Hour at 9:00AM; The Divine Liturgy at 9:30AM

*Fr. Paul hears confessions after Great Vespers Saturday and by appointment.

Sunday School (Children's Christian Education Program) - NO Sunday School Today - Sunday School will resume next week!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY - "Founders' Weekend"

Welcome to our new diocesan Hierarch, His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS

Immediately following Divine Liturgy (*Advanced tickets required*)

Location: Olde Cypress (approx. 10mins from St. Paul Church; 4.8 miles away)
Head west on Immokalee Rd.; Right on Logan; Right on Treeline Dr.

St. Paul Church ANNUAL MEETING - Sunday/Feb. 18 - Following Divine Services, the AW will serve a light lunch for us to eat and gather again for the Annual Meeting.

Orthodoxy & Scripture - Thursdays at 6:00PM. Invite family and friends, Orthodox Christian or not - all are welcome! An opportunity for edifying discussion and learning about the Ancient Christian faith.

House Blessing - Every Orthodox Christian should bless their home. To schedule your house blessing and establish a "bond of holiness" between The Church and your home, contact Fr. Paul (frpaulgirgis@gmail.com; 509.845.4540 or church office 239.348.0828).

The Bread Basket - Pita Bread Sale to benefit the parish; "Bread Basket" open each Sunday of Great Lent; \$3/package (5 White flour, thin loaves). Sponsored by the Members of The Order of St. Ignatius here at St. Paul in Naples.

Lenten Women's Retreat - Mar. 3 - Registration Forms on Visitors Table in Narthex!

Fellowship Hour - sponsors needed - Sign up sheet on board in hallway!

