



ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX
CHURCH



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HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN JOSEPH, ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK
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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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WEEKLY SERVICE SCHEDULE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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) - After Divine Liturgy; Currently for children ages 3-7 but all are welcome. Snack and Orthodoxy provided!

Orthodoxy & Scripture - Thursdays at 6:00PM. Invite family and friends - All are welcome! An opportunity for edifying discussion and learning about the Ancient Christian faith.

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+ST. PAUL CHURCH - ANNUAL MEETING - TODAY +

Immediately after service followed by a light lunch provided by the AW.
This will be a short and quick meeting.

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

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.

Great Lent 2018 - See schedule in bulletin and on website for service times!

1st Annual St. Paul Church Family Picnic - Sat., Apr. 14 - Save the date - details to come!

House Blessing - Every Orthodox Christian should bless their home. This is your chance to 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).

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

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.



PRAYERS FOR THE HEALTH AND MEMORY OF...

Prayers in **memory of** Bill Jollie, the late brother of Bessie Jarjoura, and late husband of Denise Jollie are offered by Bessie and Denise. The prayers for the departed will be performed on the occasion of the three-year anniversary of his repose.

Prayers in **memory of** Elsie Nasser are offered by Cynthia Nasser Mamary. Prayers for the departed will be performed on the occasion of the anniversary of her repose.

Prayers for the **health of** Barbara Hebeka are offered by Ray and Leila Trabulsi.

Prayers for the good **health of** Al Castely are offered by his son Christopher, Anissa, and Chris, in celebration of his 80th Birthday.

Prayers for the **health of** George Nasser are offered by Cynthia Nasser Mamary.

Please keep in your prayers the servant of God, Mary Malark, sister to Joe Hessney, who continues to be hospitalized here in Naples as she recovers from a severe blot clot.

May God grant them good health and many years!

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May our good God, who loves mankind, grant many years and good strength to all those offering prayers for the sake of others.

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MAY GOD GRANT THEM MANY YEARS!

February Birthdays: Al Castley (2/16)

THE SYNAXARION

(AN ABRIDGED COLLECTION OF THE "LIVES OF THE SAINTS")

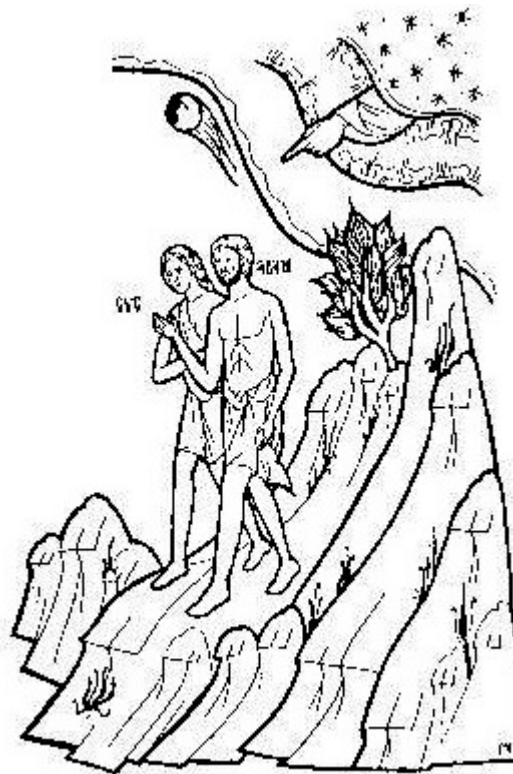
On February 18 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our fathers among the saints Leo the Great, pope of Rome; Agapitos the Confessor, bishop of Synnada in Phrygia; and Venerable Colman, bishop of Lindisfarne.

On this day, we make remembrance of the exile of the first-fashioned, Adam, from the Paradise of delight.

It is the Sunday of Forgiveness, known also as Cheese Fare Sunday. Today's lesson from the Holy Gospel teaches us about forgiveness and fasting, and how both are crucial to our own return to Paradise. The divine Fathers also set the anniversary of the exile of Adam from the Paradise of bliss on this day, at the entrance of Great Lent, to show us by deed as well as word how great is the benefit that accrues to man from fasting and repenting; and, on the contrary, how great the harm that comes from destructive gluttony and from disobedience to the divine commandments. The sin of gluttony resulted in Adam and Eve's banishment from Paradise, because they disobeyed God by eating from the tree which He had forbidden them.

The Church reminds us of this event to encourage us to return to that ancient glory and primeval happiness by means of fasting and obedience to God and His commandments.

By Thine ineffable compassion, O Christ our God, make us worthy of the delight of Paradise and have mercy on us, as Thou art alone the Lover of mankind. Amen.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2018

SUNDAY OF FORGIVENESS (CHEESEFARE)

LEO THE GREAT, POPE OF ROME; AGAPITOS THE CONFESSOR, BISHOP OF SYNNAIDA IN PHRYGIA; VENERABLE COLMAN, BISHOP OF LINDISFARNE

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FOUR

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

+Now the apolytikion of the holy Apostle Paul+

KONTAKION FOR FORGIVENESS SUNDAY IN TONE SIX

O Thou Who guidest to wisdom, and givest understanding and intelligence, the Instructor of the ignorant, and Helper of the poor, strengthen my heart and grant it understanding, O Master. Give me word, O Word of the Father; for behold, I shall not refrain my lips from crying to Thee, O merciful One, have mercy upon me who am fallen.



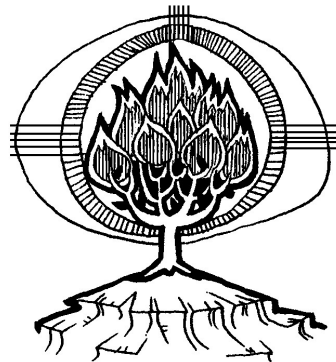
THE EPISTLE

(For Sunday of Forgiveness)

Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Sing praises to our King, sing praises. O clap your hands, all ye nations.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (13:11-14:4)

Brethren, salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Master is able to make him stand.



THE GOSPEL

(For Sunday of Forgiveness)

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according St. Matthew. (6:14-21)

The Lord said to His Disciples: If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father Who is in secret; and your Father Who sees in secret will reward you. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.



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 St. Paul Church Annual Meeting and AW sponsored lunch)

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

