



## 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)

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.

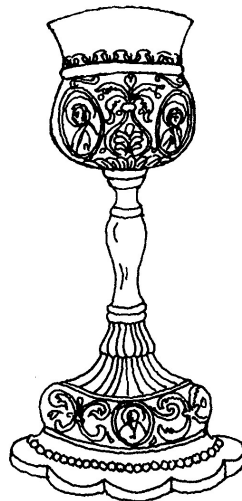
Fr. Paul is available after the service, or by appointment, to answer questions you may have about any facet of the Orthodox Christian faith.

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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## ST. PAUL FELLOWSHIP GOLF-OUTING

**Open to men & women who would like to spend a day with fellow parishioners, while enjoying golf. This is not a fundraiser, just a fun day of golf, lunch and fellowship. Father Paul will be joining us for lunch.**

### THE DETAILS

**Date:** Thursday, May 3, 2018

**Location:** Vasari Country Club

**Time:** 8:30AM tee times

**Lunch:** Immediately following golf

**Cost:** \$48.00 includes 18 holes w/cart, lunch @ clubhouse & sleeve of balls

### HOW TO SIGN-UP?

**Contact:** Nick Ferris (317.201.9002; [nferris15@gmail.com](mailto:nferris15@gmail.com))

**Please RSVP by: Thursday, April 26**





## **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.

**“...PRAY ONE FOR ANOTHER, THAT YOU MAY BE HEALED. THE EFFECTIVE, FERVENT PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN AVAILS MUCH.” +JAMES 5:16**

Prayers for the health of Al and Anna Castley as well as Bob and Michaelene Aber are offered by Philip and Bette Ayoub.

Prayers for the health of Fr. Isaac Crowe, the priest at Sts. Peter and Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church in Potomac, Maryland, who will undergo surgery this week, are offered by Bob and Thelma Badwey.

Prayers for the health of the Joseph, Snider, Najjar, Allemenos, and Alexander families are offered by George and Diana Allemenos.

**MAY THE LORD OUR GOD HEAR OUR PRAYERS AND SEND DOWN UPON US HIS DIVINE GRACE FOR STRENGTH AND CONSOLATION.**

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Prayers in memory of Sarah, Lisa, Nickolas, Christopher James, Nicholas, Elizabeth, Vernon, Mary, Anna, Shukrallah, Talge, Jeanette, and Joseph, are offered by George and Diana Allemenos. A memorial service will be prayed for Mary, Diana's mother, on occasion of the 20th year since her repose, for Lisa and Nick Allemenos, George's children, on occasion of the 24th year since their repose, and Sarah, Diana's daughter-in-law, commemorating 4 years since her repose.

Prayers in memory of John Lofaro, Anna Castley's brother, are offered by Samira and George Khoury.

Prayers in memory of Carol Kappaz, the wife of Ed Kappaz, are offered by Ed and the Kappaz children (Julie, Edward, and Michael) A memorial service will be prayed on occasion of the 3 year anniversary of her repose.

Prayers in memory of Sam Mackool and Jason Campbell, father and nephew of Mike Mackool, are offered by Mike and Linda Mackool. A memorial service will be prayed for Sam and Jason.

**MAY THE CREATOR OF THE UNIVERSE REMEMBER ALL OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES IN HIS KINGDOM.**



# WEEKLY SERVICE SCHEDULE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WEEKLY SERVICES

Saturday: Great Vespers\* at 5:00PM  
Sunday: Orthros 8:15AM; 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 (Bible Study)** - Thursdays at 6:00PM. Join us as we study the beautiful work titled “Turning the Heart to God” by St. Theophan the Recluse.

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## **GREAT LENT 2018 - WEEKDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE (6PM SERVICES)**

**Monday** - Great Compline  
**Wednesday** - Presanctified Liturgy (Lenten Potluck immediately afterwards)  
**Thursday** - Little Compline w/Life of St. Mary of Egypt & Canon of St. Andrew  
**Friday** - Little Compline w/Akathist to the Theotokos

**Holy Unction w/Bishop NICHOLAS** (Holy Wed. 4/4) 6PM - Make plans to attend!

**Sweet & Savory Bake Sale** - Palm Sunday (4/1). Please support this fun effort and bring your “Sweet & Savory” treats to the kitchen before liturgy. These “goodies” are meant to be enjoyed the following weekend at the PASCHA celebration meal.

**The Bread Basket** - Pita Bread Sale to benefit the parish; \$3/package. Sponsored by The Order of St. Ignatius here at St. Paul.

**Food For Hungry People** - Several boxes located in narthex - Please make sure to give to our brothers and sisters in need.

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

For more information visit:  
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# ST. PAUL ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## FLOWER DONATIONS FOR GREAT LENT

Theotokos Icon	Donated
Veneration of the Holy Cross	Donated
Annunciation Icon ( <u>For Sunday 3/25</u> )	\$75 (Available)
Saturday of Lazarus Icon <i>For the health of the Touma family</i>	Donated
Palms for Palm Sunday	Donated
Palm Sunday Icon <i>In memory of Khalil &amp; Wadia Hebeke and Charles &amp; Eleanor Streichenwein, parents of Elias and Barbara Hebeke</i>	Donated
Bridegroom Icon (Sun-Tues.) <i>In memory of Stephen, Anne &amp; Barbara, parents &amp; sister to Steve Krevinko, and Anthony, Dagmar &amp; Patricia, parents and sister to Jo (Anna) Krevinko</i>	Donated
Resurrection Icon <i>In memory of Paul and Lucille Darah</i>	Donated
Holy Friday – Tomb <i>In memory of Salem &amp; Wadia Darany and Victor &amp; Kathryn Bashara, parents of George and Dorothy Darany</i>	Donated

Contact Fr. Paul to claim a donation-slot ([frpaulgirgis@gmail.com](mailto:frpaulgirgis@gmail.com); 239.348.0828)

## Basic Church-Life Needs

A very natural and loving manner in which Orthodox Christians can participate in the life of the Church is by simply providing even the most basic items. If we provide our own home with the necessities, how much more should we take care that the House of God is properly supplied? This is not to replace monetary stewardship but rather a beautiful opportunity to keep the House of God, in all aspects of our life, the top priority. Please consider, the next time you are buying for yourself, to also buy for God’s house:

- Extra Virgin Olive Oil (oil lamps on altar)      - BBQ-style Lighters

## THE SYNAXARION

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

**On March 18 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our father among the saints Cyril, patriarch of Jerusalem; Martyrs Trophymos and Eukarpos of Nicomedia and those with them; Nikolai (Velimirovic), bishop of Zhicha who labored in America.**

**On this same day, the Fourth Sunday of Great Lent, we make remembrance of our godly father, John, the author of "The Ladder of Divine Ascent" (or Climacus).**

The celebration of his feast on this day arose from the custom prevalent in the honorable monasteries of starting Great Lent with the reading of his lessons. John describes the method of elevating the soul to God as ascending a ladder. He teaches those who seek salvation how to lay a firm foundation for struggles, how to detect and fight every passion, how to avoid demonic snares, and how to rise from the rudimental virtues to the heights of Godlike love and humility. John of the Ladder came to Mount Sinai at age 16 and remained there, first as a novice under obedience, then as a recluse, and finally as abbot until his eightieth year. One time, his disciple, Moses, fell asleep under the shade of a large stone. John, in prayer in his cell, saw that his disciple was in danger and prayed to God for him. Later, when Moses returned, he fell on his knees and gave thanks to his spiritual father for saving him from certain death. He related how, in a dream, he heard John calling him and he jumped up and, at that moment, the stone tumbled. Had he not jumped, the stone would have crushed him. John Climacus died on March 30, 606.

Through his intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.



**SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2018**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT**

**COMMEMORATION OF JOHN CLIMACUS, AUTHOR OF "THE LADDER"**

**CYRIL, PATRIARCH OF JERUSALEM; MARTYRS TROPHYMOS AND EUKARPOS OF NICOMEDIA AND THOSE WITH THEM; NIKOLAI (VELIMIROVIC), BISHOP OF ZHICHA WHO LABORED IN AMERICA**

**+DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT+**

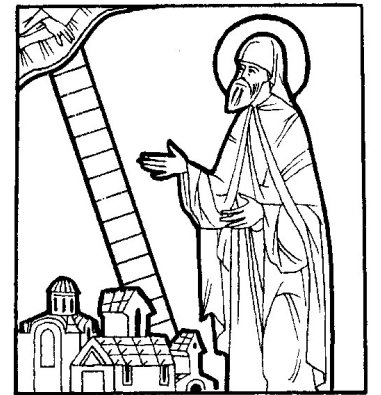
### RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE EIGHT

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 ST. JOHN CLIMACUS IN TONE EIGHT

The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundredfold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father John Climacus, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

*+Now the apolytikion of the holy Apostle Paul+*



### KONTAKION FOR THE ANNUNCIATION/GREAT LENT IN TONE EIGHT

To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.

## THE EPISTLE

*The Lord will give strength to His people. The Lord will bless His people with peace.*

### The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (6:13-20)

Brethren, when God made a promise to Abraham, since He had no one greater by whom to swear, He swore by Himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by one greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of His purpose, He interposed with an oath. So that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.



### The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according St. Mark. (9:16-30)

At that time, a man came to Jesus, kneeling down and saying unto him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked Thy Disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And Jesus answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to Me." And they brought the boy to Him; and when the spirit saw Jesus, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if Thou canst do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when Jesus had entered the house, His Disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And Jesus said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And Jesus would not have anyone know it; for He was teaching His Disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and after He is killed, He will rise on the third day."

