



SAINT PAUL



ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



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OF THE DIOCESE OF MIAMI AND THE SOUTHEAST

WEEKLY SERVICE SCHEDULE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

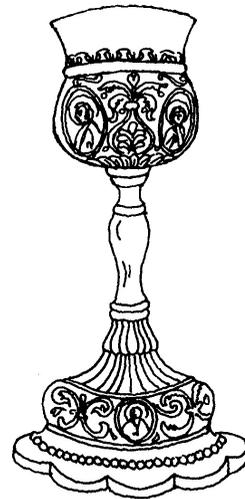
Fr. Paul is available after the service, or by appointment, to answer questions you may have about any facet of the Orthodox Christian faith.

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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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) - Resumes Thurs. (4/19) at 6PM

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Please note, and plan according to, published Great Lent & Holy Week 2018 Service Schedule (In this bulletin & online)

Lazarus Saturday & Palm Crosses w/Bagels & Coffee (3/31)

Orthros 8:15AM; Divine Liturgy 9:30AM; Immediately afterwards, we will be making the traditional "Palm crosses" for Palm Sunday (4/1), while enjoying coffee and bagels. Please bring scissors! Great fun for children and adults alike!

Holy Unction w/Bishop NICHOLAS (Holy Wed. 4/4) 6PM - Provided Lenten Meal immediately following - Make plans to attend!

Sweet & Savory Bake Sale (4/1) - Since we are still fasting from meat and dairy, these "goodies" are meant to be enjoyed the following weekend after PASCHA.

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: stpaulnaples.org
("Like" us on: [facebook.com/stpaulnaples](https://www.facebook.com/stpaulnaples))**

THE EPISTLE

*Tell forth from day to day the glad tidings of the salvation of our God.
Sing unto the Lord a new song; sing unto the Lord, all the earth.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (2:11-18)

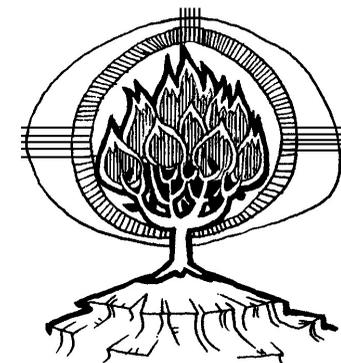
Brethren, He Who sanctifies and those who are sanctified have all one origin. That is why He is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying, "I will proclaim Thy Name to my brethren, in the midst of the congregation I will praise Thee." And again, "I will put my trust in Him." And again, "Here am I, and the children God has given me." Since, therefore, the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise partook of the same nature, that through death He might destroy him who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong bondage. For surely it is not with angels that He is concerned but with the descendants of Abraham. Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in every respect, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make expiation for the sins of the people. For, because He Himself has suffered and been tempted, He is able to help those who are tempted.



THE GOSPEL

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according St. Luke. (1:24-38)

At that time, Elizabeth, the wife of Zachariah, conceived, and for five months she hid herself, saying, "Thus the Lord has done to me in the days when He looked on me, to take away my reproach among men." In the sixth month the archangel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the archangel came to her and said, "Rejoice, O favored one, the Lord is with thee! Blessed art thou among women!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the archangel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for thou hast found favor with God. And behold, thou wilt conceive in thy womb and bear a son, and you shall call His Name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of His kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the archangel, "How shall this be, since I have known no man?" And the archangel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon thee, and the power of the Most High will overshadow thee; therefore, the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, your kinswoman Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the archangel departed from her.



SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2018

FIFTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

THE ANNUNCIATION TO THE MOST-HOLY THEOTOKOS

+DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM+

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.

APOLYTIKION OF THE ANNUNCIATION IN TONE FOUR

Today is the beginning of our salvation, and the manifestation of the mystery from the ages; for the Son of God becometh the Son of the Virgin, and Gabriel proclaimeth grace. Wherefore, do we shout with him to the Theotokos: Hail, O full of grace! The Lord is with thee.

+Do NOT sing the apolytikion of the holy Apostle Paul+

KONTAKION FOR THE ANNUNCIATION 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.



“...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 Fr. Joe are offered by Diane, their children, and grandchildren.

Prayers for the health of Al and Anna Castley are offered by Elias and Barbara Hebeka.

Prayers for the health of Fr. Joe and Diane, Al and Anna Castley, Fr. Paul and his family, as well as Dn. Nicholas and his family, are offered by Lou and Shirley Nicholas.

Prayers for Lou (Lazarus) Nicholas in anticipation of the Saturday of Lazarus (3/31), his saint-day, is offered by his wife Shirley Nicholas.

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 Michael & Ann Aber, as well as Michael & Mary Ferchak, parents of Bob and Michaelene Aber, are offered by Bob and Michaelene.

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



6TH AND FINAL WEEK OF GREAT LENT 2018

SERVICE SCHEDULE

MONDAY (3/26)

Great Compline - 6PM

WEDNESDAY (3/28)

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (Potluck immediately following) - 6PM

FRIDAY (3/30)

Little Compline w/the Canon of the Raising of Lazarus - 6PM

SATURDAY (3/31)

Lazarus Saturday

Orthros - 8:15AM

Divine Liturgy - 9:30AM

Followed by: Making of the Palm crosses; Bagels & Coffee (Bring Scissors!)

SUNDAY (4/1)

Palm Sunday (Fish Allowed):

Orthros - 8:15AM

Divine Liturgy - 9:30AM w/Procession around church

Followed by: Fellowship Hour in Pavilion

+Holy Week Begins Sunday Evening w/Bridegroom Matins - 6PM+

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*Volunteer opportunity: Dye 2-3 dozen eggs red for PASCHA Service Saturday night.
Please contact Marilyn Edge or Leslie Yurkovac if interested.*

+HOLY WEEK 2018 SERVICE SCHEDULE+

SUNDAY (4/1) EVENING; HOLY MONDAY (4/2); HOLY TUESDAY (4/3)

Bridegroom Matins - 6PM

HOLY WEDNESDAY (4/4)

Service of Holy Unction w/His Grace Bishop Nicholas & other clergy - 6PM
Followed by: St. Paul Church Lenten Meal (Provided)

HOLY THURSDAY (4/5)

Anniversary of the "Mystical Supper"

Orthros - 8:15AM

Vesperal-Divine Liturgy - 9:30AM

Orthros w/Twelve Passions Gospels - 6PM

HOLY FRIDAY (4/6)

Royal (Great) Hours & Typika - 9AM

Decoration of Tomb of Christ following;

Great Vespers & Taking Christ down from the Cross - 3PM

Lamentations Service w/Procession around Church - 6PM

HOLY SATURDAY

The First Resurrection Service

Vesperal-Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great - 9:30AM

GREAT & ALL-HOLY PASCHA (SAT. 8PM)

Midnight Office, the Resurrection (Rush) Service, Paschal Orthros, and
Paschal Divine Liturgy of St. John

+Blessing of Pascha baskets & Resurrection Meal
immediately following Liturgy+

ST. PAUL ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH 2018 STEWARDSHIP

"Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine." (Proverbs 3:9-10)

A few thoughts on Stewardship:

+Stewardship is not a substitute for our commitment to this holy church but rather a deep expression of that commitment - this takes an inward self-analysis and honesty concerning our love for the Body of Christ - His Church.

+To be stewards of the Gospel, we need to be stewards of our parish. There is great potential here. This requires the vision and inspiration to see St. Paul Church, not as it currently is, but as it could be. We are called to offer ourselves and our treasure to make this local church just that - all that it could be through the grace of God.

+Stewardship is an opportunity to examine our priorities and values, to express our thankfulness, to give of ourselves and to grow in trusting the Creator of the Universe.

+The foundations of the spiritual life is prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Almsgiving, which consists of stewardship, is not always "easy". Nothing in the spiritual life is "easy" but rather a struggle to grow deeper in our love of Christ, our union with Him, through the attraction of His divine grace.

"You should secretly give from what you have to those in need, so that you receive from God, Who sees in secret, a hundred times more, as well as life eternal in the age to come (cf. Mt. 6:4; Mk. 10:30)."

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Please take the time to make your Stewardship Commitment today and enter into another layer of the spiritual life, which is the only path leading to a true experience of God and His Divine grace. Have vision, launch "into the deep" my dear ones, and taste the fruit of commitment to the Author of our lives. The Christian life is not only prayer, not only fasting, and not only almsgiving but "all or nothing".

+2018 Stewardship Pledge Forms can be found in envelopes on wall compartment upon entry to worship space (near bulletins)+

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING OUR 2018 STEWARDSHIP FORM. YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS AND COMMITMENTS WILL HELP YOUR PARISH MEET ITS NEEDS TO BUILD UP AND GROW - BECOMING A "BEACON OF LIGHT" - IN THIS COMMUNITY

Robert & Michaelene Aber

Joe & Julie Ablan

James & Julianna Agoritsas

Karam Talal & Norma Abi-Karam

Philip & Bette Ayoub

Philip G. Ayoub

Robert & Thelma Badwey

Ron & Dawn Barakett

Victor & Lucy Bard

Vince & Irene Benfatti

David & Betty Bojrab

Susan Khoury Bourdon

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Aleyamma George

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Jerry Powers

Elena Ripley

Joseph and Marlene Samra

Chris & Jean Sapp

Linda & Joseph Shady

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Robert & Florence Skaf

Judy Spina

Wayne & Wendy Staley

Judith Tirakis

Joseph & Omayya Touma

Ray & Leila Trabulsi

Mara Vertrees

Bill & Leslie Yurkovac

George & Lorraine Zain

ST. PAUL ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

MAY OUR GOD REMEMBER IN HIS KINGDOM ALL THOSE FOR WHOM DONATIONS WERE MADE - FOR THEIR HEALTH & IN THEIR MEMORY

THE SYNAXARION

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

On March 25 in the Holy Orthodox Church we celebrate the Annunciation to our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary.

*The Angel announced as Son to the Virgin,
the Great Angel of the Father's great counsel.
On the twenty-fifth the Angel spake of joy unto Mary.*

When the All-Holy Virgin was entering her fifteenth year, after having spent eleven years of living and serving in the Temple of Jerusalem, the priests informed her that, according to the Law, she could not remain in the Temple but must be betrothed and enter into marriage. The All-Holy Virgin surprised the priests when she told them that she had dedicated her life to God and that she desired to remain a virgin until death. Then, Zacharias, the high priest and father of the Forerunner, under the inspiration of God, betrothed the Virgin Mary to Joseph of Nazareth to preserve her virginity and to care for her. When the fullness of time had come, as prophesied by Daniel the Prophet, and when God was pleased to fulfill His promise to the banished Adam and to the Prophets, the Archangel Gabriel appeared in the chamber of the All-Holy Virgin. As some priestly writers wrote, precisely at that same moment when she held open the book of the Prophet Isaiah and was contemplating his great prophecy: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a son! (7:13)" Gabriel appeared in all of his angelic brightness and saluted her: "Rejoice, highly favored one! The Lord is with thee," and the rest in order as it is written in the Gospel of Luke.

This annunciation and the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Virgin, leading to the incarnation of our Lord, began the salvation of mankind and restoration of all creation.

Through the intercessions of the Most Holy Theotokos and of all Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Annunciation Icon (TODAY)

Donated

Saturday of Lazarus Icon

For the health of the Touma family

Donated

Palms for Palm Sunday

Donated

Palm Sunday Icon

In memory of Khalil & Wadia Hebeka and Charles & Eleanor Streichenwein, parents of Elias and Barbara Hebeka

Donated

Bridegroom Icon

In memory of Stephen, Anne & Barbara, parents & sister to Steve Krevinko, and Anthony, Dagmar & Patricia, parents and sister to Jo (Anna) Krevinko

Donated

Resurrection Icon

In memory of Paul and Lucille Darah

Donated

Holy Friday – Tomb

In memory of Salem & Wadia Darany and Victor & Kathryn Bashara, parents of George and Dorothy Darany

Donated

Basic Church-Life Needs

Incense Self-Lite Charcoal (Case of 1,000)

\$185

Contact Fr. Paul to donate (frpaulgirgis@gmail.com; 239.348.0828) or identify donation on envelope or check. May God bless it.

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

- BBQ-style Lighters

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.

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)

Please RSVP by: Thursday, April 26



