



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.

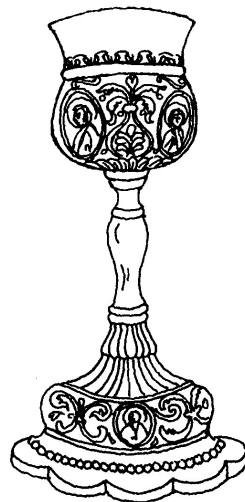
Fr. Paul is available after the service, or by appointment, to answer questions you may have about any facet of the Orthodox Christian faith.

May God bless you.

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Please contact Fr. Paul to request a pastoral visit for anyone hospitalized, sick, suffering, or alone.

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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)

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 Brian Glass and the entire Glass family are offered by Bill and Leslie Yurkovac.

Prophora is offered by Fr. Joe and Kh. Diane, in memory of their nephew Christopher, as well as for the health of their children and grandchildren.

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

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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 8:30AM; The Divine Liturgy at 9:30AM

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

Orthodox Christian Sunday School Program - Immediately after Liturgy on Sundays!
All children of guests/visitors are welcome - Orthodoxy and Snack are provided!

Orthodoxy & Scripture (Bible Study) - Resumes Thursday (4/19) at 6PM - Pickup reading material on table in Narthex.

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CHRIST IS RISEN!

EI MASEEH QAM!

XHRISTOS ANESTI!

KRISTOS VOISKRESE!

Luncheon Honoring Laila Corey - Sunday 4/22 - Immediately following Liturgy, the parish will gather in the pavilion to honor and thank Laila Corey for her sacrificial labor in leading the choir of St. Paul for 17 years.

Menu: Chicken Kabobs, Rice, Salad, etc. & Dessert. \$15/guest (children free). Please see Joe Ablan, Elias or Barbara Hebeka for tickets.

Food For Hungry People - Several boxes located in narthex - Please make sure to give to our brothers and sisters in need. Extra boxes available to take home and fill-up too!

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))

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING YOUR 2018 STEWARDSHIP FORM. MAY YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS REFLECT, ABOVE ALL, YOUR LOVE FOR GOD AND THE PRIORITY HIS HOUSE HOLDS IN YOUR LIFE. YOUR COMMITMENT WILL HELP YOUR PARISH MEET ITS NEEDS TO BUILD UP AND GROW - BECOMING A “BEACON OF LIGHT”.

Robert & Michaelene Aber	Lorna & Peter Daddio	Robert & Barbara Nader
Joe & Julie Ablan	George & Dorothy Darany	George Nassor
Alan & Debbie Abraham	John A. Dunlap	Louis & Shirley Nicholas
James & Julianna Agoritsas	Ed & Marilyn Edge	Andrew & Olga Nosal
Karam Talal & Norma Abi-Karam	Nick & Jan Ferris	Marianne Poppe
Philip & Bette Ayoub	Aleyamma George	John Povich
Philip G. Ayoub	Fr. Paul & Kh. Thekla Girgis	Jerry Powers
Robert & Thelma Badwey	Nicholas & Somaya Gorab	Elena Ripley
Ron & Dawn Barakett	Elias & Barbara Hebeka	Joseph and Marlene Samra
Victor & Lucy Bard	George W. Henney	Chris & Jean Sapp
Vince & Irene Benfatti	Joseph Hessney	Linda & Joseph Shady
David & Betty Bojrab	David & Lydia Jackson	Fr Joe & Diane Shaheen
Susan Khoury Bourdon	George & Bessie Jarjoura	Robert & Florence Skaf
Peter & Rita Caleshu	Edward Kappaz	Judy Spina
Robert & Barbara Cardoos	Eugene & Carolyn Karrip	Wayne & Wendy Staley
Al & Anna Castley	George & Samira Khoury	Judith Tirakis
Barbara Cleaver	Steve & Jo Krevinko	Joseph & Omayya Touma
John & Michelle Connell	Ray & Jennie Mansour	Ray & Leila Trabulsi
George & Judy Corey	John & Anne Maragus	Mara Vertrees
Laila Corey	All & Gloria Mizhir	Bill & Leslie Yurkovac
Beverly & Frank Czerwinski	Michael & Catherine Moukios	George & Lorraine Zain

+2018 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE FORMS CAN BE FOUND IN BACK OF CHURCH+

THE SYNAXARION

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

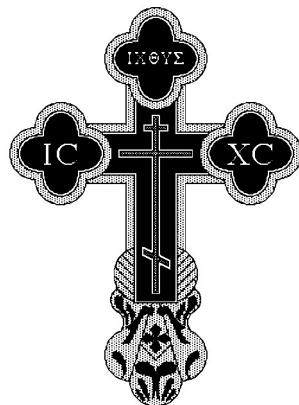
On April 15 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate of Martyr Crescens of Myra in Lycia; and Hieromartyr Leonidas, bishop of Athens.

On this day, the second Sunday of Pascha, we inaugurate the celebration of Christ’s Resurrection, and the occasion whereon the Holy Apostle Thomas touched the Savior’s side.

*If the seals of the Virgin’s womb and of the grave did not hinder Thee,
How could the seals of the doors hinder Thy might, O Savior?*

This day is called New Sunday, Thomas Sunday or Anti-Pascha. The last term means “in place of Pascha” because Thomas did not immediately hear of Christ’s Resurrection and disbelieved it. We remember his doubt but do not repeat it. After this Sunday, the Church dedicates Sunday to the Resurrection. As the Disciples were gathered together on the Sunday of the Resurrection, Jesus entered and greeted them in His usual way, saying, “Peace be unto you.” Then He showed them His hands, feet and side. Jesus ate before His Disciples and reassured them of His Resurrection. However, Thomas was not with them at that time, and insisted upon seeing the Savior’s scars—the print of the nails in His hands and feet, and the spear in His side—before he would believe that Jesus was risen. Eight days later Christ appeared again to the Disciples, this time with Thomas present. The Master told Thomas to see and feel. Then Thomas immediately cried out, “My Lord and my God!” But Jesus tells His Disciples, “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.” This event also clearly illustrates the human and divine Natures of Christ.

By the intercessions of Thine Apostle Thomas, O Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.



SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2018

NEW SUNDAY OR ANTI-PASCHA

SUNDAY OF THOMAS THE APOSTLE, CALLED “THE TWIN”

+DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM+

APOLYTIKION FOR THOMAS SUNDAY IN TONE SEVEN

While the tomb was sealed, Thou didst shine forth from it, O Life. While the doors were closed, Thou didst come in to Thy Disciples, O Christ God, Resurrection of all, renewing in us through them an upright spirit, according to the greatness of Thy mercy.

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

KONTAKION FOR PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT

O Immortal One, when Thou didst descend into the tomb, Thou didst destroy the power of Hades; and Thou didst rise victorious, O Christ God. Thou hast said to the ointment-bearing women: Rejoice! And Thou gavest peace to Thy Disciples, O Bestower of Resurrection to those Who had fallen.

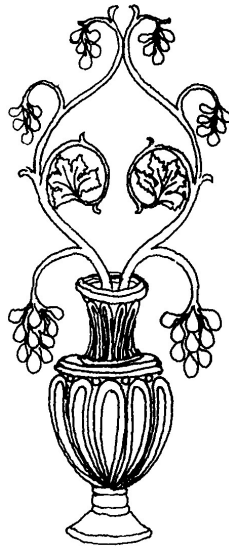


THE EPISTLE

Great is the Lord, and great is His power. Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.

The Reading from the Acts of the Saintly and Pure Apostles. (5:12-20)

In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the Apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested the Apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."



THE GOSPEL

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according St. John. (20:19-31)

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the Disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the Disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other Disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not believe." Eight days later, His Disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the Disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His Name.



