



SAINT PAUL



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.

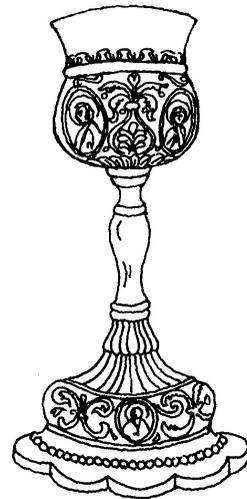
Fr. Paul is available after the service, or by appointment, to answer questions you may have about any facet of the Orthodox Christian faith.

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 Victor Forzley, on occasion of his birthday, are offered by Leila, Joyce and Ray Trabulsi. May God grant him many years!

Today's prosphora is offered by Fr. Vladimir and Mat. Margarita Berzonsky:

“...In honor of Laila Corey's gift as choir director of St. Paul Church for 17 years. AXIOS! AXIOS! AXIOS!”

Congratulations to the newlywedded Jacob and Angeline Shaheen. May God grant them many years as they enter into the parish life here at St. Paul and begin their journey on the road, from earth to Heaven, together with Christ our God.

Please continue to pray for a speedy recovery for Lorraine Zain and George Henney, as well as good strength to Bob and Margaret Mourad.

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 (4/26) at 6PM - Pickup reading material on table in Narthex.

**CHRIST IS RISEN! EI MASEEH QAM!
XHRISTOS ANESTI! KRISTOS VOISKRESE!**

Luncheon Honoring Laila Corey - TODAY - 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. \$15 Lunch Ticket.

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

Joe & Julie Ablan

Alan & Debbie Abraham

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

Peter & Rita Caleshu

Robert & Barbara Cardoos

Al & Anna Castley

Barbara Cleaver

John & Michelle Connell

George & Judy Corey

Laila Corey

Beverly & Frank Czerwinski

Lorna & Peter Daddio

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John A. Dunlap

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Nick & Jan Ferris

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Fr. Paul & Kh. Thekla Girgis

Nicholas & Somaya Gorab

Elias & Barbara Hebeke

George W. Henney

Joseph Hessney

David & Lydia Jackson

George & Bessie Jarjoura

Edward Kappaz

Eugene & Carolyn Karrip

George & Samira Khoury

Steve & Jo Krevinko

Ray & Jennie Mansour

John & Anne Maragus

All & Gloria Mizhir

Michael & Catherine Moukios

Robert & Barbara Nader

George Nassor

Louis & Shirley Nicholas

Andrew & Olga Nosal

Marianne Poppe

John Povich

Jerry Powers

Elena Ripley

Joseph and Marlene Samra

Chris & Jean Sapp

Linda & Joseph Shady

Fr Joe & Diane Shaheen

Robert & Florence Skaf

Judy Spina

Wayne & Wendy Staley

Judith Tirakis

Joseph & Omayya Touma

Ray & Leila Trabulsi

Mara Vertrees

Bill & Leslie Yurkovac

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")

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018

THIRD SUNDAY OF PASCHA

THE HOLY MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN, PIOUS JOSEPH OF ARIMATHAEA & RIGHTEOUS NICODEMUS & GREAT-MARTYR AND TROPHY-BEARER GEORGE

+DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM+

On April 22 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate Theodore of Sykeon, bishop of Anastasiopolis; Apostle Nathanael (Simon the Zealot); Martyr Nearchos; Martyr Epipodios of Lyons; and Vsevolod, prince of Pskov.

On this day, we commemorate the holy and glorious Great-Martyr George the Trophy-bearer.



George was born in Cappadocia the son of wealthy and virtuous parents. His father suffered for Christ and his mother then moved to Palestine. When George grew up, he entered the military, where in his twentieth year, attained the rank of a Tribune and was in the service of the Emperor Diocletian. The most famous George's miracles are depicted in iconography. Near Mount Lebanon was a large lake, inhabited by an enormous dragon-like serpent. Coming out of the lake, it devoured people, and the breath from its nostrils poisoned the air. George rode up on his horse with spear in hand, and signed himself with the Sign of the Cross. He rushed at the serpent saying, "In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." George pierced the throat of the serpent with his spear and trampled it with his horse. Twenty-five thousand men, not counting women and children, were then baptized. Diocletian eventually had George and his wife, Alexandra, beheaded in 303. Though he was a talented officer who amazed the world by his military exploits, George is known as the Victory-bearer, or Trophy-bearer, not only for his military achievements, but for successfully enduring martyrdom.

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On this day, the third Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the feast of the holy Myrrh-bearing women and commemorate Joseph of Arimathaea, the secret disciple, and Nicodemus, the disciple by night.

The women went to Christ's tomb on Holy Pascha to anoint His body, only to discover it empty. We know the names of only eight of these women: Mary the Theotokos, the "mother" of James and Joses, who were the sons of Joseph the Betrothed from his previous marriage (Matt. 27:56 and Mark 15:40); Mary Magdalene; Mary, the wife of Cleopas; Joanna the wife of Chuza; Salome the mother of the sons of Zebedee; Susanna; and Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus. Joseph was a rich and noble man, and a member of the Privy Council of Jerusalem. He dared to ask Pilate for the undefiled body of our Savior, which he took and buried in his own new tomb. Accompanying Joseph to the sepulcher was Nicodemus, a Jerusalemite who was one of the leaders of the Pharisees. Nicodemus brought 100 pounds of myrrh and aloes to scent and embalm the body of Christ. By the intercessions of the holy Myrrh-bearers, Joseph of Arimathaea and Nicodemus, O God, have mercy on us. Amen.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE TWO

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION FOR JOSEPH OF ARIMATHAEA IN TONE TWO

The pious Joseph, having brought down Thy pure body from the Tree, wrapped it in fine linen, embalmed it with ointment, provided for it, and laid it in a new tomb. But Thou didst verily rise after three days, O Lord, granting the world Great Mercy

APOLYTIKION OF THE MYRR-BEARING WOMEN IN TONE TWO

Verily, the angel came to the tomb and said to the ointment-bearing women: the ointment is meet for the dead, but Christ is shown to be remote from corruption. But cry ye: The Lord is risen, granting the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. GEORGE IN TONE FOUR

Since thou art a liberator and deliverer of captives, a help and support of the poor and needy, a healing physician of the sick, a contender and fighter for kings, O great among Martyrs, the victory-clad George; intercede with Christ God for the salvation of our souls.

+Now 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

(For St. George)

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord. Hear my voice, O God.

The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (12:1-11)

In those days, Herod the king laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He killed James the brother of John with the sword; and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. So Peter was kept in prison; but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the Church. The very night when Herod was about to bring him out, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison; and behold, an angel of the Lord appeared, and a light shone in the cell; and he struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his hands. And the angel said to him, "Wrap your mantle around you and follow me." And he went out and followed him; he did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened to them of its own accord, and they went out and passed on through one street; and immediately the angel left him. And Peter came to himself, and said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."



THE GOSPEL

(For the Myrrh-bearing Women)

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according St. Mark. (15:43-16:8)

At that time, Joseph of Arimathaea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the Kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if He were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether Jesus was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that He was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking Him down, wrapped Him in the linen shroud, and laid Him in a tomb, which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James saw where He was laid. And when the Sabbath was passed, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices so that they might go and anoint Him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified. He has risen, He is not here; see the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His Disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him, as He told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.



