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HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN JOSEPH, ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK
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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.

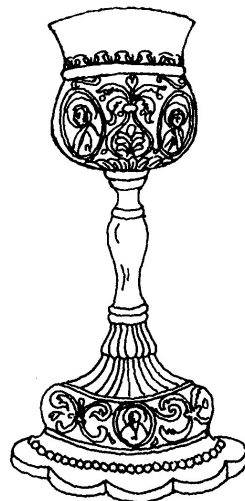
Fr. Paul is available after the service, or by appointment, to answer questions you may have about any facet of the Orthodox Christian faith.

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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DIOCESE OF MIAMI AND THE SOUTHEAST PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE

PALM BEACH AIRPORT HILTON

JUNE 13 - 16, 2018

HOSTED BY: ST. MARY CHURCH, WEST PALM BEACH, FL

Services

Guest Speakers

Retreats

Workshops

Games

Family & Friends

Schedule and Registration at:
www.antiochianevents.com/miami.html

SPIRITUAL GEMS FOR THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

“Seek the simplest in all things, in food, clothing, without being ashamed of poverty. For a great part of the world lives in poverty. Do not say, “I am the son of a rich man. It is shameful for me to be in poverty.” Christ, your Heavenly Father, Who gave birth to you in the baptistery, is not in worldly riches. Rather he walked in poverty and had nowhere to lay His head. “ **+St. Gennadius of Constantinople (5th C.)**

“A sinful soul, full of passions, cannot have peace and rejoice in the Lord, even if it had charge over all earthly riches, even if it ruled over the whole world. If it was suddenly said to such a king, happily feasting and sitting on his throne, “King, now you will die,” his soul would be troubled and he would tremble with fear, and he would see his powerlessness. But how many beggars there are, whose only wealth is love for God, and who, if you said to them, “You will die now,” would answer peacefully, “Let God's will be done. Glory to the Lord, that He has remembered me and wants to take me to Himself.” **+St. Silouan the Athonite (20th C.)**

“If you become rich, consider whether or not you could worthily bear poverty. If you are happy, imagine how you could worthily meet unhappiness. When people praise you, think how you might worthily bear insult. And, all your life, think how you might worthily meet death.” **+St. Nicholas of Serbia (20th C.)**

“For it is absurd to be grateful to doctors who give us bitter and unpleasant medicines to cure our bodies, and yet to be ungrateful to God for what appears to us to be harsh, not grasping that all we encounter is for our benefit and in accordance with His providence. For knowledge of God and faith in Him is the salvation and perfection of the soul.” **+St. Anthony the Great (4th C.)**

“Speak well of those who speak evil of you. Pay good for evil. Pray for those who cause you various offenses, wrongs, temptations, persecutions. Whatever you do, on no account condemn anyone; do not even try to judge whether a person is good or bad, but keep your eyes on that one evil person for whom you must give an account before God - Yourself.” **+St. Ignatius Brianchaninov (19th C.)**



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

Please continue to pray for a speedy recovery for Al Castley, 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) - Thursdays at 6PM - Pickup reading material on table in Narthex.

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

Parish Council Update: Due to business demands and upcoming surgery, our dear brother Robert Cardoos has resigned from the parish council. As such, the parish council elected **Ray Mansour** to complete the remaining 2 years of Robert's term. May God grant strength and a good recovery to Robert as well as patience and wisdom to Ray.

St. Paul Golf Outing - May 3 @ Vasari Golf & Country Club; 5 tee times reserved beginning @ 8:30am; 16 reservations: 7 ladies and 9 gentlemen - Should be a great time!

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
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Ray & Leila Trabulsi

Mara Vertrees

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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 29 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Apostles Jason and Sosipater of the Seventy; Martyr Kerkyra of Corfu; John the New Almsgiver, metropolitan of Thebes; Martyr John of Romania; Basil of Ostrog, Metropolitan of Zakhum in Serbia.

On this day, the fourth Sunday of Pascha, we commemorate the Paralytic and, as is right, we celebrate the miracle wrought for him.

*The word of Christ was strength for the paralytic;
So that this word alone was the man's full healing.*

Jesus healed the Paralytic at the Sheep's Pool, located near the Sheep's Gate of Jerusalem, where people sacrificed their beasts and washed their insides. The pool had five sides, with a porch and arch on each. A number of people, afflicted with various diseases, passed through them, waiting at the water for an angel to come down and stir it. Once it moved, whoever stepped into the water first was instantly healed. One poor man, whose story is recounted in today's Gospel lection in the Divine Liturgy, waited 38 years for someone to lower him into the water, because he was unable to move into the water himself. However, the Savior merely commanded the man to get up and walk, and he was healed.

In Thine infinite mercy, O Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.



SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2018

FOURTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

APOSTLES JASON AND SOSIPATER OF THE SEVENTY; MARTYR KERKYRA OF CORFU;
JOHN THE NEW ALMSGIVER, METROPOLITAN OF THEBES; MARTYR JOHN OF ROMANIA;
BASIL OF OSTROG, METROPOLITAN OF ZAKHUM IN SERBIA

+DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM+

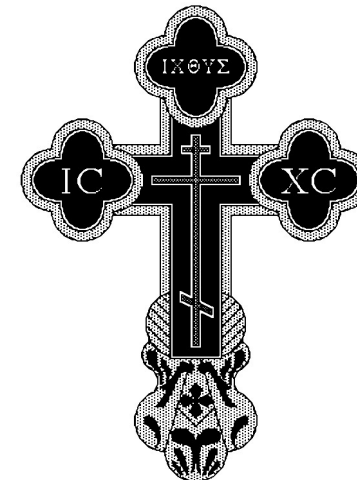
RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE THREE

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and became the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

+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

Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Clap your hands, all you nations.

The Reading from the Acts of the Saintly and Pure Apostles. (9:32-42)

In those days, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments, which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.



THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according St. John. (5:1-15)

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first, after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for 38 years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the Sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk'?" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befalls you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus Who had healed him.



