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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.

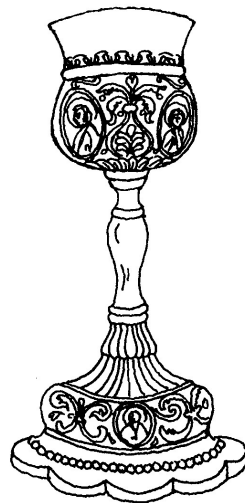
Fr. Paul is available after the service, or by appointment, to answer questions you may have about any facet of the Orthodox Christian faith.

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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## 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](http://www.antiochianevents.com/miami.html)*

## SPIRITUAL GEMS FOR THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

“We will recognize that, whether we like it or not, what happens happens; to be upset about it is useless, and moreover deprives us of the crown of patience and shows us to be in revolt against the will of God.” +**St. Peter of Damaskos**

“Let no one out of laziness or continuous worldly occupations miss these holy Sunday gatherings, which God Himself handed down to us, lest he be justly abandoned by God... If you are detained and do not attend on one occasion, make up for it the next time, bringing yourself to Christ's Church. Otherwise you may remain uncured, suffering from unbelief in your soul because of deeds or words, and failing to approach Christ's surgery to receive... holy healing.” +**St. Gregory Palamas**

“The soul should be provided with the word of God. For the word of God, as Gregory the Theologian says, 'is the bread of angels, which feeds the soul that is hungry for God. But, above all, one should read the New Testament and the Psalter. From this proceeds illumination of the mind...' + **St. Seraphim of Sarov**

“Watch your heart throughout your life; examine it, listen to it, and see what prevents it from uniting itself with the Lord. Let this be your supreme and constant study, and with God's help you will easily observe what estranges you to Him, and what draws you to Him and unites you to Him...” +**St. John Krondstadt**



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

Prayers are offered, by Joe and Julie Ablan, for the continued good health of their children: Matthew & Ginna, Sarah, Laura and Rachel.

The Castley family offers Prayers of Oblation for Anna Castley on the occasion of her birthday. Many years!

Prospora is offered, by Fr. Joe and Diane, for the Health of the Shaheen Family and the St. Paul Parish Family

Please continue to pray for a speedy recovery for Fr. Gregory, Al Castley, Lorraine Zain, George Henney, Judy Tirakis, 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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Prayers for the departed will be said for John and Virginia Ablan, parents of Joe Ablan, on occasion of the 5th year anniversary of Virginia's repose.

**Why do we do this?** Orthodox Christians pray for the dead so that the Lord will have mercy on their souls, that He will grant them eternal rest “in the bosom of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,” that He will extend His unfathomable love upon them, and that He will receive them into that state “in which there is neither sickness, nor sighing, nor sorrow, but life everlasting.” Saint Paul clearly teaches that those who have gone before us are still members of the Body of Christ, the Church. And it is the duty of the members of the Church to pray for one another. Just as the living continually beseech God to have mercy on them—and may rightly offer prayers to God on behalf of their living spiritual sisters and brothers as well as request prayers on their own behalf from others—so too we have the duty to pray for all members of the Body of Christ, even those who have departed this life and still “belong to Christ.” In asking God to have mercy on the souls of the departed, we also ask God to have mercy on us who are still in this life, and we recognize that we too shall die. All members of the Church, living as well as faithful departed, cry before the throne of God, “Lord, have mercy on us.” (source: oca.org)

**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!**

Upcoming Feasts Day's

**Holy Ascension - May 16**

**Holy Pentecost - May 27**

**Apostles Fast - June 4 - June 29**

**Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul - June 29**

\*For service times/parish calendar visit: [stpaulnaples.org/calendar](http://stpaulnaples.org/calendar)

**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** - Sign up sheet on board in hallway!



For more information visit: [stpaulnaples.org](http://stpaulnaples.org)  
("Like" us on: [facebook.com/stpaulnaples](https://facebook.com/stpaulnaples))

MAY YOUR STEWARDSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS REFLECT, ABOVE ALL, YOUR LOVE FOR  
GOD AND THE PRIORITY HIS HOUSE HOLDS IN YOUR LIFE.

Robert & Michaelene Aber	Lorna & Peter Daddio	George Nassor
Joe & Julie Ablan	George & Dorothy Darany	Louis & Shirley Nicholas
Alan & Debbie Abraham	John A. Dunlap	Andrew & Olga Nosal
James & Julianna Agoritsas	Ed & Marilyn Edge	Marianne Poppe
Karam Talal & Norma Abi-Karam	Nick & Jan Ferris	John Povich
Philip & Bette Ayoub	Aleyamma George	Jerry Powers
Philip G. Ayoub	Fr. Paul & Kh. Thekla Girgis	Elena Ripley
Robert & Thelma Badwey	Nicholas & Somaya Gorab	John J. Salem
Ron & Dawn Barakett	Elias & Barbara Hebeke	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	Elias & Nicole Shaheen
Peter & Rita Caleshu	Edward Kappaz	Robert & Florence Skaf
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Al & Anna Castley	George & Samira Khoury	Wayne & Wendy Staley
Barbara Cleaver	Steve & Jo Krevinko	Judith Tirakis
John & Michelle Connell	Ray & Jennie Mansour	Joseph & Omayya Touma
George & Judy Corey	John & Anne Maragus	Ray & Leila Trabulsi
George D. Corey	All & Gloria Mizhir	Mara Vertrees
Laila Corey	Michael & Catherine Moukios	Bill & Leslie Yurkovac
Beverly & Frank Czerwinski	Robert & Barbara Nader	George & Lorraine Zain

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



## THE SYNAXARION

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

On May 6 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Righteous Prophet Job the longsuffering; Venerable Seraphim of Mount Domvu in Levadia; and the translation of the relics of Sabbas, first archbishop of Serbia.

On this day, the fifth Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the feast of the Samaritan Woman.

*Coming to obtain corruptible water, O woman,  
Thou drawest living water, wherewith thy soul's stains thou wastest.*

The Samaritan woman—the holy and glorious Great-martyr Photeini—met Jesus at midday at Jacob’s Well, which was located in the city of Sychar. And being tired from travel and the heat, Jesus sat at Jacob’s Well. A little after, the Samaritan woman came to draw water, and had a long conversation with Him (it is the longest recorded discourse between Christ and a single person in the entire Bible). Photeini did not want to talk to Jesus, because the Samaritans did not have any dealings with Jews; Jews considered her people heretics because Samaritans kept only the first five books of the Old Testament. However, the Lord talked with her anyway, read her heart, revealed her secrets and gave her to drink of the “Living Water”—the grace of the Holy Spirit that leads to eternal life and flows to all humanity. Photeini immediately ran throughout the city to proclaim Christ. Through her, many other Samaritans believed in Jesus.

By the intercessions of Thy Martyr, Photeini, O Christ God, have mercy on us. Amen.



SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018

FIFTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

& AFTER-FEAST OF MID-PENTECOST

RIGHTEOUS PROPHET JOB THE LONG-SUFFERING; VENERABLE SERAPHIM OF MOUNT DOMVU IN LEVADIA; TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF SABBAS, FIRST ARCHBISHOP OF SERBIA

+DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM+

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FOUR

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying, Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

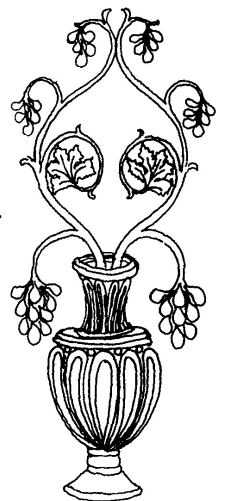
APOLYTIKION FOR MID-PENTECOST IN TONE EIGHT

In the midst of this Feast, O Savior, give Thou my thirsty soul to drink of the waters of true worship; for Thou didst call out to all, saying: Whosoever is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. Wherefore, O Christ our God, Fountain of life, glory to Thee.

*+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

*How great are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul!*

### **The Reading from the Acts of the Saintly and Pure Apostles. (11:19-30)**

In those days, the Disciples, who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen, traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the Word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who, upon coming to Antioch, spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the Disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the Disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea; and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.



## THE GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according St. John. (4:5-42)**

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as He was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." For His Disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to Him, "How is it that Thou, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and Who it is that is saying to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." The woman said to Him, "Sir, Thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Art Thou greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst forever; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered Him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that Thou art a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and Thou sayest that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship Him. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming [He Who is called Christ]; when He comes, He will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I Who speak to you am He." Just then His Disciples came. They marveled that He was talking with a woman, but none said, "What dost Thou wish?" or, "Why art Thou talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city, and said to the people, "Come, see a man Who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to Him. Meanwhile the Disciples besought Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the Disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him Who sent Me, and to accomplish His work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in Him because of the woman's testimony, "He said to me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to Him, they asked Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His words. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

