



ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



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HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN JOSEPH, ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK
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OF THE DIOCESE OF MIAMI AND THE SOUTHEAST

WELCOME VISITORS AND FAITHFUL OF ST. PAUL CHURCH

Welcome to St. Paul Orthodox Christian Church in Naples. 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. Please join us after service for our fellowship hour in the pavilion. It is good to be together.

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 reality of our day is that various segments of Christendom are not unified with the historic Orthodox Christian faith - something truly unfortunate.

Since participation in the Eucharist (Holy Communion) expresses a unity with all the dogma, teachings, and practice of the Orthodox Church, it is natural that non-Orthodox Christians (Roman Catholic, Protestant, Non-Chalcedonian, etc.) do not receive Holy Communion but respect the official policy of the Antiochian Archdiocese of North America and canonical boundaries of the entire Orthodox Christian Church.

We 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.

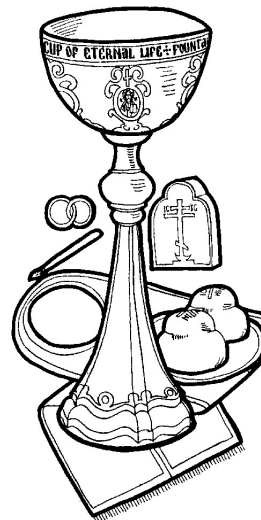
Fr. Paul is available after the service, or by appointment, to answer questions you may have about any facet of the Orthodox Christian faith.

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

Please keep Al & Anna Castley, the departed servant of God Robert Mourad, his wife Margaret and the entire Mourad family, Marianne Poppe, Robert Cardoos, Christopher and the Sapp family, Joe & Doris Hessney, and Judy Tirakis, in your prayers.

Prayers for the departed will be said on occasion of the 1-year anniversary of the departing of Proto-Deacon Gregory Hatrak (OCA; St. Vladimir's Seminary, SVS Press) unto life everlasting.

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

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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.**

THE EPISTLE

(For the Unmercenaries)

*In the saints that are in His earth hath the Lord been wondrous.
I beheld the Lord ever before me, for He is at my right hand, that I might not be shaken.*

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (12:27-13:8)

Brethren, you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the Church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, then healers, helpers, administrators, speakers in various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.



THE GOSPEL

(For the Fifth Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (8:28-9:1)

At that time, when Jesus came to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met Him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have we to do with Thee, O Son of God? Art Thou come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged Him, "If Thou castest us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw Him, they begged Him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat He crossed over and came to His own city.



WEEKLY SERVICE SCHEDULE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEKLY SERVICES

*“A sure sign of the deadening of the soul is the avoidance of church services”
+St. John Climacus (“The Ladder of Divine Ascent”)*

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 - Program resumes after summer break.

“Orthodoxy & Scripture” Group - Meeting Thurs. (7/5) - Come join us!



The Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul (June 29)

Thank you to all that worked so hard and diligently to ensure the evening was joyous, peaceful, smooth, and fitting of a celebration. Through the grace of God, all the hard work and collaboration made our patronal feast an important event in our life and the life of the community that joined us.

May God grant us increasing peace and joy with each passing year and bless your efforts, Christian-love, and hospitality.

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Have a Happy & Safe 4th of July!

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Fellowship Hour - Sign up sheet on board in hallway! Keep it simple & keep it delicious!

*For more information visit: stpaulnaples.org
& Find us on “[facebook.com/stpaulnaples](https://www.facebook.com/stpaulnaples)”*



+SPIRITUAL GEMS FOR THE SPIRITUAL LIFE+

“And so let us be glad and bear with patience everything the world throws at us, secure in the knowledge that it is then that we are most in the mind of God.”

+ St. Basil the Great

“But do not be troubled or sad. The Lord sometimes allows people who are devoted to Him to fall into such dreadful vices; and this is in order to prevent them from falling into still great sin--pride. Your temptation will pass and you will spend the remaining days of your life in humility. Only do not forget your sin.”

+ St. Seraphim of Sarov

“If you begin to guard wealth it will not be yours. But if you begin to distribute it, you will not lose it.”

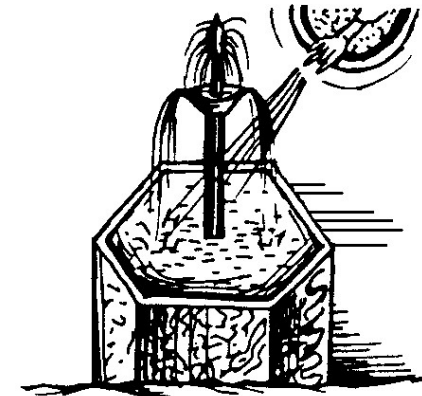
+ St. Basil the Great

“Love every man in spite of his falling into sin. Never mind the sins, but remember that the foundation of the man is the same - the image of God.”

+ St. John of Kronstadt

“We should refer all our problems, whatever they are, to God, just as we say in the Divine Liturgy that we ‘commend our whole life to Christ our God’. We leave everything to You O Lord. Whatever You will. Let Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

+ St. Porphyrios



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

On July 1 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy and wonder-working Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian, who were perfected in martyrdom in Rome.

Verses

*The stones with their blows could not sunder the brethren,
Who like a single stone were both joined together.
On the first the Unmercenaries strove in stoning.*

These brothers worked without pay as physicians and miracle-workers. Cosmas and Damian possessed abundant grace from God to heal men and livestock from every disease and suffering, usually by the laying on of hands. They only required of the infirm to believe in Christ the Lord. Inheriting a large estate, they charitably distributed it to the needy and to those in want. At that time, Emperor Carinus of Rome persecuted Christianity; he summoned these two holy brothers, shackled in chains, before him. The emperor ordered them to deny Christ and to offer sacrifices to the idols. Instead, Cosmas and Damian counseled him to abandon the dead idols and to recognize the One True God. When Carinus refused, God struck him blind. Then Cosmas and Damian miraculously restored his sight, and Carinus released the holy brothers in peace. Later, a certain doctor, envious of their glory from God, who at one time was their teacher, and with the pretext to gather healing herbs, led Cosmas and Damian into the mountain and stoned them to death. They suffered honorably for the Faith of Christ in the year 284. On this day, we also commemorate New-martyr Constantine of Cyprus; and the translation of the relics of Venerable John of Rila.

By their intercessions, O God, have mercy on us. Amen.



SUNDAY, JULY 1, 2018

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

UNMERCENARIES COSMAS AND DAMIAN, MARTYRS IN ROME

**NEW-MARTYR CONSTANTINE IN CYPRUS; TRANSLATION OF RELICS OF
VENERABLE JOHN OF RILA**

+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.

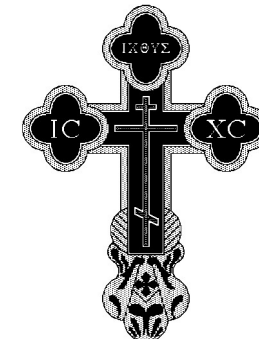
APOLYTIKION OF SS.. COSMAS AND DAMIAN IN TONE EIGHT

O ye silver-hating, wonderworking saints, Cosmas and Damian, visit our sicknesses. Freely ye received, freely give unto us.

+ Now sing the apolytikion of the holy Apostle Paul+

KONTAKION FOR ORDINARY SUNDAYS IN TONE TWO

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.



THE “WRITER” OF THAT ICON IS COMMEMORATED ON JULY 4

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS ICON BEFORE?



SAINT ANDREW RUBLEV RUSSIA’S GREATEST ICONOGRAPHER

Born near Moscow sometime between 1360 and 1370. While still very young, he went to the Holy Trinity Monastery, and was profoundly impressed by Saint Sergius of Radonezh (September 25).

After the death of Saint Sergius in 1392, Saint Nikon (November 17) succeeded him as igumen. Saint Andrew became a novice in the monastery under Saint Nikon. Sometime before 1405 he moved to the Spaso-Andronikov Monastery founded by Saint Andronicus (June 13), with the blessing of Saint Nikon. There Saint Andrew received monastic tonsure and was taught iconography by Theophanes the Greek and the monk Daniel, Saint Andrew’s friend and fellow-ascetic.

Saint Andrew is first mentioned in the Chronicles in 1405, when he, Theophanes, and Prochorus painted the cathedral of the Annunciation. His next important project, which he undertook with the monk Daniel, was to paint the frescoes in the Dormition Cathedral in Vladimir in 1408.

Saint Nikon of Radonezh asked Saint Andrew and Daniel to paint the new church in the reconstructed monastery of the Holy Trinity, which had been destroyed by the Tatars in 1408. At this time Saint Andrew painted his most famous icon: the Holy Trinity (actually, the Hospitality of Abraham).

Saint Andrew fell asleep in the Lord between 1427-1430, and was buried in the Andronikov Monastery. He was over seventy years old at the time of his death. The monk Daniel, who died before Saint Andrew, appeared to his friend and urged him to join him in eternal blessedness.

(source: oca.org)

