



ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX
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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

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.

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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.

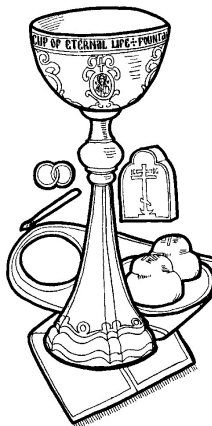
Fr. Paul is available after the service, or by appointment, to answer questions you may have about any facet of the Orthodox Christian faith.

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 in your prayers, the departed servant of God George Henney, and the entire Henney family, Al & Anna Castley, the departed servant of God Robert Mourad, his wife Margaret and the entire Mourad family, Joe & Doris Hessney, Christopher and the Sapp family.

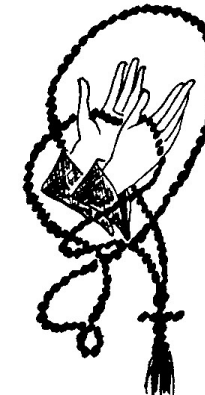
**MAY THE LORD OUR GOD HEAR OUR PRAYERS AND SEND DOWN UPON US HIS
DIVINE GRACE FOR STRENGTH AND CONSOLATION.**

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Please pray for Linda Yazji and her family. Linda departed this life only a few days ago in Ohio at the age of 49 after struggling with cancer. The Yazji family, with friends, visited our parish during Holy Week this year. By the grace of God, Linda was anointed with the unction oil, prayed for, and blessed. Our Savior was preparing her, as He prepares us all, for the life to come, which is everlasting.

May God grant her His Heavenly Kingdom and much consolation to the Yazji family: Dr. Ghiath and their three children Andrew, Isabella, and Raphael.

Remember in your prayers all those who were injured, and those who have died, from the wildfires in the Attica region around Athens, Greece. This was the worst fire disaster for Greece in more than a decade.



THE EPISTLE

(For the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (4:9-16)

Brethren, God has exhibited us Apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill clad and buffeted and homeless; and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.



THE GOSPEL

(For the Tenth Sunday of Pentecost)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (17:14-23)

At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before Him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to Thy disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" Jesus said to them, "Because you have no faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. This kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they were traveling together through Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and He will rise on the third day."



THE SYNAXARION

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

On August 5 in the Holy Orthodox Church we prepare to celebrate the Holy Transfiguration of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ; and we commemorate the holy Martyr Eusignios of Antioch.

Verses

*The head of Eusignios, Christ's friend, is severed,
Who even until the end cried: Christ do I worship.
On the fifth the head of Eusignios was mingled with the dust.*

He served as a soldier under Emperor Maximian, Emperor Constantine the Great and under Constantine's sons. He was present during the torturing of the holy martyr Basiliscus (May 22). Eusignios saw myriads of angels and the Lord Jesus Himself as He received the soul of this holy martyr from the angels. Eusignios saw the Cross which appeared to the Emperor Constantine. He served in the army for sixty full years and during the reign of Constantine's sons retired from military service and settled in Antioch, the place of his birth. During the time of Julian the Apostate, two men arguing on the street asked him to be their judge. He dispensed justice to the correct one, and the man at fault became angry and went to the emperor and accused Eusignios of being a Christian. The enraged Julian ordered that he be beheaded. Eusignios was martyred at a ripe old age in 362 and took up habitation in the Kingdom of Heaven.

On this day, we also commemorate the New-martyr Habakkuk of Thessalonica.

By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.



SUNDAY, AUGUST 05, 2018

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FOREFEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF CHRIST

MARTYR EUSIGNIOS OF ANTIOCH; NEW-MARTYR HABAKKUK OF THESSALONICA

+DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM+

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

APOLYTIKION OF FOREFEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE FOUR

Come, let us all welcome the Transfiguration of Christ, * and joyously celebrate the bright prefestival, O ye faithful, and let us cry: * Nigh at hand now is the day of God-given gladness, * as the Sov'reign Master goeth up on Mount Tabor * to flash forth with the beautiful light of His Divinity.

+ Now sing the apolytikion of the holy Apostle Paul+

KONTAKION OF FOREFEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE FOUR

All of mortal nature now * divinely shineth * on this day with the divine * Transfiguration ere the time; * and in great gladness, she crieth out: * Christ is transfigured, and saveth the race of man.



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 5:00PM

Sunday: Orthros 8:30AM; Divine Liturgy at 9:30AM

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

Sunday School Program - On Summer Break!

Bible Study Group - Thursday's at 6PM - Bring your Holy Bible!



Feast of the Transfiguration of Jesus Christ (Aug. 6)

Today/Sunday: Great Vespers 6:00PM

Monday: Orthros 8:30; Divine Liturgy 9:30AM

+Joining us will be our sister parish: St. Peter the Apostle from Bonita Springs

Dormition of the Theotokos Fast (Aug 1 - Aug. 15)

Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos (Aug. 15)

(We will celebrate on Eve of Feast - Aug. 14)

Pickup the August Calendar on the Visitor's Table in Narthex or go online:

stpaulnaples.org/calendar

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Fellowship Hour - Please sign-up! Keep it simple & keep it delicious!

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



DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS

FLOWER DONATIONS FOR THE FEAST



Festal Icon - Dormition of the Theotokos \$75

Iconostasis \$50

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Throughout Sanctuary (Nave) \$50

**A beautiful practice, with great meaning, is to donate flowers for the sake of a loved one, living or departed. Make the offering and determine in your heart the intention - God knows.*

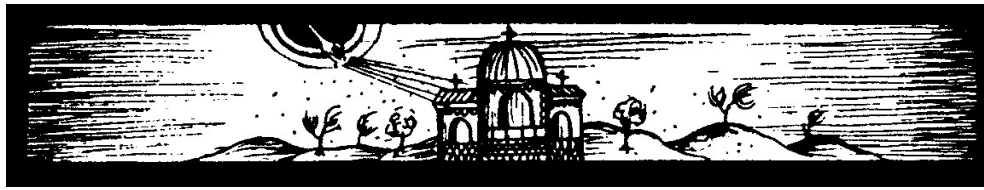
+Please give donations to Julianna Agoritsas or Bill Yurkovac+

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+SPIRITUAL GEMS FOR THE SPIRITUAL LIFE+

*Unless we look at a person and see the beauty there is in this person, we can contribute nothing to him. One does not help a person by discerning what is wrong, what is ugly, what is distorted. Christ looked at everyone he met, at the prostitute, at the thief, and saw the beauty hidden there. Perhaps it was distorted, perhaps damaged, but it was beauty none the less, and what he was to call out this beauty."
+ Metropolitan Anthony Bloom (1914 - 2003)*

*"...Do not grow cold through the example and the luke-warmness of the multitude, but live as do the few, so that with the few you may deserve to be found in the Kingdom. 'For many are called but few are chosen'..."
+St. John Climacus*



ORTHODOX CHRISTIANITY 101

WORSHIPING MARY AS THE “MOTHER OF GOD”?

Is it right that some Orthodox traditions are paganistic, like worshiping the Virgin Mary as the “Mother of God”?

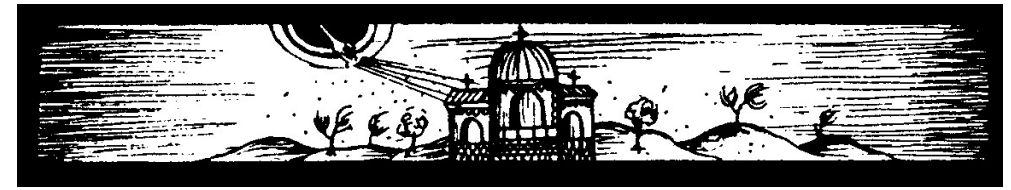
First of all, Orthodox Christians do not worship Mary. Worship is reserved for God alone. However, Mary is greatly esteemed and honored as the one chosen by God to bring forth His Only-Begotten Son into the world. Because of this, she is the most exalted of all creatures. She herself prophesied “All generations shall call me blessed” (Luke 1:48).

Jesus Christ is an eternal, divine Person who took on a complete human nature through the Virgin Mary (John 1:1,14). As Mary gave birth to and nurtured a divine Person, she is rightly called the “Mother of God.” This, of course, does not imply that she is the mother of God the Father. Many of those who question the title “Mother of God” are those who also doubt the full divinity of Jesus Christ.

There is nothing paganistic in the Church’s veneration of the Mother of our Savior.

+Learn more at our “Bible Study Group” 6PM-7PM Thursday’s+

(source: “An Eastern Orthodox Response to Evangelical Claims” by Fr. Paul O’Callaghan of the Antiochian Archdiocese)



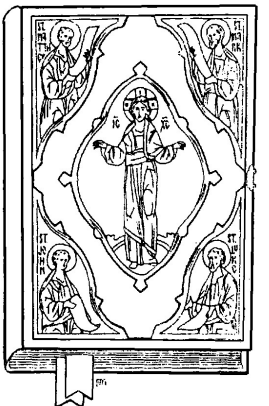
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CAN THE SAINTS HEAR OUR PRAYERS?

How can you know if the saints can even hear you?

The experience of the Church confirms that they do. God has been pleased to grant many miracles and blessings by the intercessions of the saints. The prayers of a righteous person are just as effective after death as they are before, if not even more so. God glorifies His saints in the Holy Spirit (John 17:22). A holy Russian monk, Silouan, explained it like this:

“Once upon a time I did not understand how it was that the holy inhabitants of heaven could see our lives, but... I realized that they see us in the Holy Spirit and know our entire lives... In the Kingdom of Heaven the holy saints look upon the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ; but through the Holy Spirit they see too the sufferings of men on earth.” It is through their intimate union with God that the saints see us, hear us, and know us. Jesus showed that the departed can be aware of events on earth when he asserted “Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day. He saw it and was glad.” (John 8:56).



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