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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

## WELCOME VISITORS AND FAITHFUL TO ST. PAUL CHURCH

We are honored by your presence as our doors are open to anyone seeking the fullness of the Truth. It is our sincere desire that your participation today in the Divine Liturgy will draw you closer to Christ and His Church. We are a parish community within the Body of Christ striving to “seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness” (Mt. 6:33) above all else.

The Church is a spiritual hospital and our Lord Jesus Christ is the Great Physician who offers us healing, hope, and refuge – true life with real freedom. We answer Christ's call to repent and be transformed, healed of our brokenness, through a real spiritual life - our priority is to be in “perfect communion” with the living God.

Please join us after service for our fellowship hour in the pavilion. Fr. Paul is available to answer questions you may have about any facet of the Christian faith.

### +HOLY COMMUNION (EUCARIST)+

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. Since participation in the Eucharist expresses a unity with all the dogma, teachings, and practice of the Orthodox Church, it is natural that non-Eastern Orthodox Christians (Roman Catholic, Protestant, Non-Chalcedonian/Oriental, etc.) do not approach the chalice for Holy Communion but respect the official policy of the Antiochian Archdiocese of North America and canonical boundaries of the One, Holy, Catholic (Universal), and Apostolic Church - the Orthodox Christian Church. Teaching the people of Corinth about the seriousness of the Holy Eucharist, St. Paul warns:

*“Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord...For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep (i.e. die).” (1 Cor. 11:27;29).*

We lovingly desire the salvation of all - not judgment and condemnation.

All Eastern Orthodox Christians are expected to prepare for the receiving of the Body and Blood of Christ through recent confession, prayer, and fasting from all food/drink approximately midnight the night before. Please speak with Fr. Paul if medical conditions preclude it.

May God bless you.



**“...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 Fr. Joe and Kh. Diane Shaheen, Joe & Doris Hessney, Christopher and the Sapp family, Al and Anna Castley, Victor Bard, as well as Ed and Marilyn Edge.

A 40 day Memorial Service will be prayed for our dear brother Khalil Malaab. Please join us in the Pavilion after service for the Fellowship hour sponsored by Khalil's family and partake of the blessed Koliva (boiled wheat) offered on occasion of the 40th day since his repose. May Khalil's memory be eternal.

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

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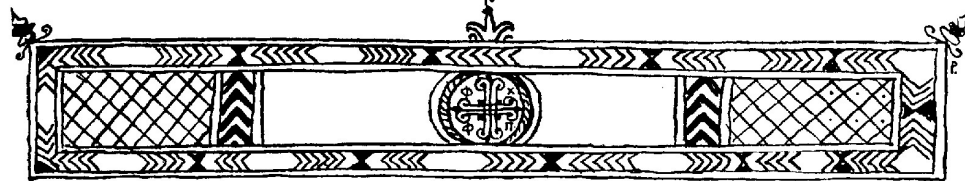
### SPIRITUAL FOOD FOR SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT

*“Watch out for complaining. It only makes situations worse and increases sorrows.”*

*+ St. Macarius of Optina*

*“There is a spiritual law of ups and downs of our moods. When despondency strikes do not give yourself over to it too much. Remind yourself that after sorrow gladness will come.”*

*+Archbishop Averky (20th C.)*



## THE SYNAXARION

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

On October 14 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Martyrs Nazarius, Gervasius, Protasius and Celsus of Milan; Cosmas the Hymnographer, Bishop of Maïuma; and Venerable Paraskeva the New of Thrace.

On this day we commemorate the holy and blessed Fathers who came together for the second time in Nicaea, during the reign of the pious and Christ-loving Sovereigns Constantine and Irene, against those who impiously, ignorantly and foolishly asserted that the Church of God worshippeth idols, and rejected the august and holy icons.

### Verses

*Thy champions, O Word, with words as their weapons,  
Turn to flight the foes of the venerable icons.*

The Council met in 787 to refute the Iconoclast heresy, whose camp believed that all depictions of Christ, His Mother and the saints should be destroyed. The iconophiles believed that icons served to preserve the doctrinal teachings of the Church; and they considered icons to be man’s dynamic way of expressing the divine through art and beauty. The council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype, or the person depicted. It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because “no man has seen God at any time” (John 1:18).

By the intercessions of the Holy Fathers, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2018

SUNDAY OF HOLY FATHERS OF SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL  
& FOURTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

MARTYRS NAZARIUS, GERVASIUS, PROTASIOUS AND CELSUS OF MILAN;  
COSMAS THE HYMNOGRAPHER, BISHOP OF MAÏUMA;  
VENERABLE PARASKEVA OF THE NEW OF THRACE

+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 become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

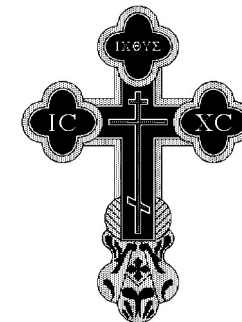
### APOLYTIKION OF THE HOLY FATHERS IN TONE EIGHT

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee

+ Now sing the apolytikion of the holy Apostle Paul+

### ORDINARY KONTAKION 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.

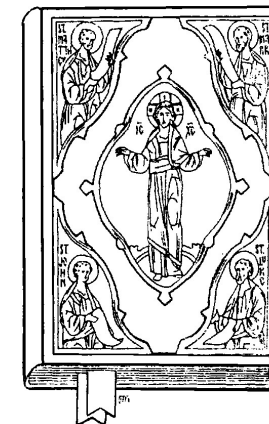


## THE GOSPEL

(For the Fourth Sunday of Luke)

### The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:5-15)

The Lord spoke this parable: “A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold.” And when His Disciples asked Him what this parable meant, Jesus said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience.” As Jesus said this, He called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”



## THE EPISTLE

(For the Holy Fathers)

*Blessed are Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.  
For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done.*

### The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to St. Titus. (3:8-15)

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissension, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.





# 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: 6:00PM

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

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

**Weekly Bible Study Group** - Every Thursday from 6PM - 7PM!



**NEXT FRIDAY**

**Oct. 19, 2018 @ 6:00PM**

### **Hawaii's Myrrh-Streaming Iveron Icon of the Theotokos visiting St. Paul**

Numerous miracles have been attributed to the Theotokos through this "humble little Icon", accounts are only just being collected, and are indeed numerous. Physical and spiritual healings have included the healing of blindness and eye disease, cancer, demonic possession, paralysis, kidney disease, chronic pain, and debilitating viruses.

Yet, wherever the holy Icon goes, the Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ and His Holy Mother abound. People have commented that just being in the presence of this Icon, you feel such an abundance of love and joy. It is truly indescribable.

### **Coming up:**

Myrrh-Streaming Icon visit - Friday Oct. 19 @ 6:00PM

Installation of AW Officers - Sunday Oct. 21

St. Paul AW Autumn Luncheon - Sunday Oct. 28 - tickets available after service

Avow Condolence Coaching - Fr. Paul on panel - Tuesday Oct. 30 @ 7:00PM to 8:30PM

Women's Nativity Retreat - Saturday Nov. 17 - Details forthcoming



## **MIRACULOUS & MYRRH-STREAMING IVERON ICON VISITING ST. PAUL CHURCH**

**NEXT FRIDAY, OCT. 19 @ 6:00PM**

It is absolutely critical to arrive on time - come no later than 5:45PM - so that the church is not empty when the Mother of God arrives. There is a chance the holy Icon will even arrive a few minutes before 6:00PM so it is of utmost importance we are all present and ready.

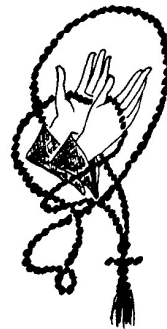
It is customary for the children and laity to throw flower petals in the path of the holy Icon as it is brought into the church, and in order that the resting place of the holy Icon is properly decorated for the Mother of God, it is greatly encouraged that the faithful donate fresh flowers or make an offering towards providing them.

This is a very special event and rare occurrence here in Naples, FL. A real blessing for our parish and the entire community - Glory to God.



**+Special offering can be placed in gold collection tray on banister+**

*For more information visit: [stpaulnaples.org](http://stpaulnaples.org) & [facebook.com/stpaulnaples](https://facebook.com/stpaulnaples)*





## ST. PAUL AW AUTUMN LUNCHEON

**SUNDAY - OCT. 28, 2018**

**[AFTER LITURGY IN THE PAVILION]**

**PULLED PORK - BBQ & PUERTO RICAN STYLE**

**GREEN SALAD**

**LEMON & OIL POTATO SALAD**

**CHICKEN FINGERS**

**APPLESAUCE**

**ROLLS**

**TRUFFLES**

**PIES**

**COOKIES**

**& MORE**



**Tickets available today after Liturgy:**

**Donation \$12/person**

## **CONDOLENCE COACHING: FINDING THE RIGHT WORDS AND ACTIONS IN TIMES OF GRIEF**

**Tuesday, October 30, 2018 - 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

**Waterview Room at Avow's Ispiri Community Center**

Many people struggle to find the right words to say to someone who has experienced a loss. Some say hurtful things without knowing it and others don't say anything at all, which may be equally harmful.

This interactive panel discussion will include insights and recommendations from area professionals with experience in grief and loss support.

They will offer suggestions on what to say and what not to say to friends, family members, and colleagues who have experienced a loss. Panelists will share a variety of perspectives, including those of adults, teens, clergy, bereavement counselors, and social workers.

This panel discussion event will kick off Children's Grief Awareness Month and National Hospice and Palliative Care Month.

### **Panelists**

- Father Paul Girgis, *Parish Priest at St. Paul Orthodox Christian Church*
- Lillian LaJevic-Augustine, *Bereaved Adult*
- Loren Whipple, *Social Worker/Bereavement Specialist at Avow*
- Henry Braga, *Chaplain/Bereavement Supervisor at Avow*
- Laura Annis, *Victim Advocate at the Collier County Sheriff's Office*

*Event is free and open to the community.*

*Refreshments provided. Childcare provided to limited number of school-aged children.*

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.**

**REGISTER AT [REGISTER@AVOWCARES.ORG](mailto:REGISTER@AVOWCARES.ORG) OR 239-430-3184.**

