



# ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX 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 (EUCHARIST)+

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.

Prayers for the strength and health of Fr. Joe, who recently underwent a successful hip and arm surgery, as well as Kh. Diane, have been requested by Lou & Shirley Nicholas as well as Ray and Leila Trabulsi.

Prayers for Peter and Paige Barakett, who live in Montreal and recently lost their daughter Kelly, that they may find strength and consolation, and Kelly eternal peace, have been requested by Ron Barakett.

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

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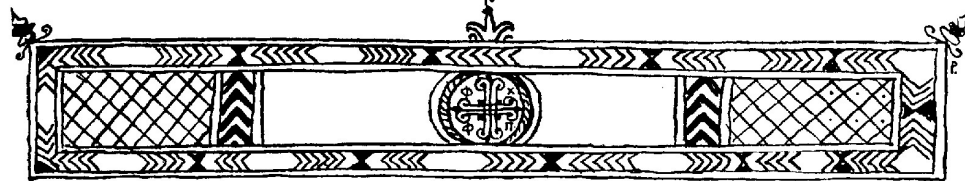
### SPIRITUAL FOOD FOR SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT

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

*+ St. Macarius of Optina*

*“Don't judge your neighbor; His sin may be obvious, but his repentance is not.”*

*+ Abba Dorotheos*



## THE SYNAXARION

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

On October 21 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate our righteous Father Hilarion the Great of Palestine.

### Verses

*Having before sown down here in tears and labors, now reap there, O Hilarion, with rejoicing. On the twenty-first Hilarion fell asleep for the last time.*

Like a rose growing among thorns, this great saint was born of pagan parents in the village of Tabatha near Gaza in Palestine. Hilarion's parents sent him to study in Alexandria, where the gifted youngster quickly excelled in both secular learning and spiritual wisdom. Coming to know the Lord Christ, he was baptized, and desired to dedicate himself completely to the service of the true God. With this desire in his heart, Hilarion visited St. Anthony in the desert and became his disciple. Then he returned to his homeland and lived a life of asceticism near Maïuma at Gaza. Demons tried to terrify Hilarion in various ways, but by prayer to God and the sign of the Cross he always overcame them and drove them away. Many lovers of the spiritual life gathered around him. Hilarion became for Palestine what St. Anthony was for Egypt. A divine teacher, a strict ascetic and a wonderful miracle-worker, Hilarion was revered not only by Christians but also by pagans. He peacefully entered the Heavenly Kingdom in the year 372 at the age of 80.

On this day, we also commemorate Christodoulos of Patmos the wonderworker; Martyrs Socrates and Theodota at Ancyra; Venerable-confessors Vissarion and Sophronios of Ciorara, and Martyr Oprea of Salistie in Romania.

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

SUNDAY - OCTOBER 21, 2018

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & SIXTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

VENERABLE HILARION THE GREAT OF PALESTINE  
CHRISTODOULOS OF PATMOS THE WONDERWORKER; MARTYRS SOCRATES AND THEODOTA AT ANCYRA; VENERABLE-CONFESSORS VISSARION & SOPHRONIOS OF CIORARA, & MARTYR OPREA OF SALISTIE IN ROMANIA

+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.

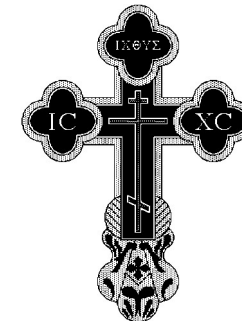
### APOLYTIKION OF ST. HILARION THE GREAT IN TONE EIGHT

The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundred-fold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father Hilarion, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

+ 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.

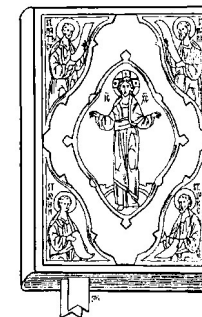


## THE GOSPEL

(For the Sixth Sunday of Luke)

### The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:26-39)

At that time, Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as He stepped out on land, there met Him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What hast Thou to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech Thee, do not torment me." For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. [For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.] Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged Jesus not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged Jesus to let them enter these. So He gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked Jesus to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so He got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Jesus; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare all that God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.



## THE EPISTLE

(For the Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost)

*O Lord, how magnified are Thy works. In wisdom hast Thou made them all.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul.*

### The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (2:16-20)

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the Law but through faith in Jesus Christ. Even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the Law, because by works of the Law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the Law died to the Law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.





# 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!



### **Installation of AW Officers**

At the end of the Divine Liturgy today, we will receive and install the following as the 2019 St. Paul Antiochian Women Officers:

- Chairwoman - Anna Castley
- Vice-Chair - Kh. Diane Shaheen
- Treasurer - Bessie Jarjoura
- Secretary - Barbara Hebeka

May God give them the humility, patience, and strength required to serve as AW Officers in order to lead by example in living “...the Orthodox faith in Christ, through Worship, Witness, Service and Fellowship...” (AW Pledge before God).

### **Coming up:**

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

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



## MIRACULOUS & MYRRH-STREAMING IVERON ICON VISIT TO ST. PAUL CHURCH

It was a beautiful and rich Friday evening with many compliments from those that attended. The holy Icon really brought the community together through God's Divine grace in the form of myrrh. I am grateful we had such a blessing bestowed upon our community, and specifically our parish.

May God bless you for the struggle and hard work required to enable such a life-changing event to occur. Without struggle, there is no fruit.

At the end of the day, if we cooperate with the will of God, which means growing to be increasingly more faithful to the Orthodox life as revealed by Jesus Christ, a synergetic relationship with our Lord is established. Such a relationship is absolutely necessary because only then can a real change unfold in the life of our parish

It starts with each one of us.





## 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.**

