



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. Also remember in your prayers 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.

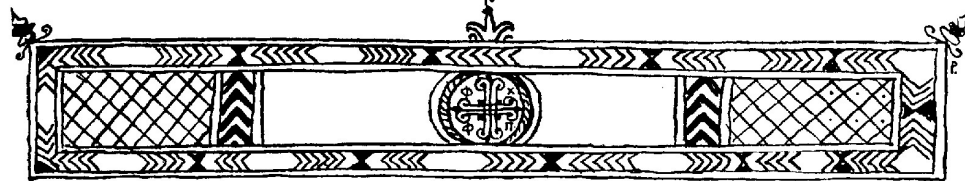
**MAY THE LORD OUR GOD HEAR OUR PRAYERS AND SEND DOWN UPON US HIS
DIVINE GRACE FOR STRENGTH AND CONSOLATION.**

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The Prosphora today was offered by Joe and Linda Shady in loving memory of Charles and Mary Shady, Charles and Wilma Love, as well as for the health of Fr. Joe, Nick Monsour, the Shady, Devine, Ferris, and Love families.



Prosphora (Greek for "offering") is bread prepared for use in the Divine Liturgy. A portion of it, known as the lamb is cut out during the proskomedia which is consecrated during the Divine Liturgy to be the Eucharist, while the rest is cut up for the antidoron, the blessed bread distributed at the end of the liturgy.



THE SYNAXARION

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

On October 28 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy Martyrs Terence and Neonilla and their children: Nitas, Sarbelus, Hierax, Theodulus, Phocas, Beles and Eunice.

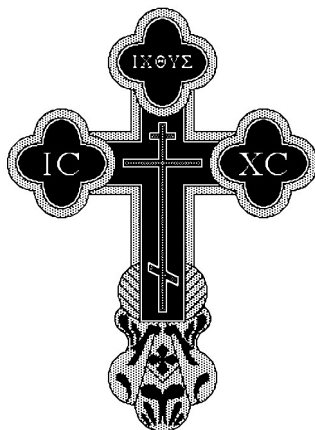
Verses

*The pair of yoke-mates with their seven children reckoned the sword's cutting to be an honor.
On the twenty-eighth the necks of Terence's family were cut.*

This family came from Syria, suffering martyrdom during a persecution of Christianity under the emperor Decius (249-250). They zealously confessed Christ and denounced idolatry. For this, the pagans subjected the entire Christian family to terrible tortures and torments, but failed to get them to renounce the true Faith. The holy martyrs were beheaded and received crowns of martyrdom.

On this day, we also commemorate Venerable Bishop Stephen of Mar Sabbas monastery in Palestine; Athanasios I, patriarch of Constantinople; and Venerable Job of Pochaev.

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



SUNDAY - OCTOBER 28, 2018

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & SEVENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

MARTYRS TERENCE AND NEONILLA AND THEIR CHILDREN; VENERABLE BISHOP STEPHEN OF MAR SABBAS MONASTERY IN PALESTINE; ATHANASIOS I, PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE; VENERABLE JOB OF POCHAEV

+DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM+

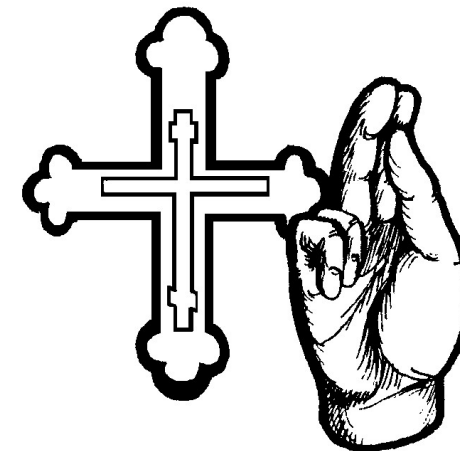
RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

+ 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.

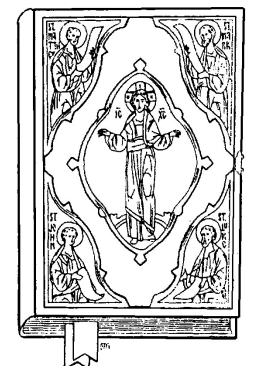


THE GOSPEL

(For the Seventh Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:41-56)

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As Jesus went, the people pressed round Him. And a woman, who had had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had spent all her living upon physicians, and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind Him, and touched the fringe of His garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround Thee and press upon Thee! And Thou sayest, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Someone touched Me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from Me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before Him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed. And Jesus said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While Jesus was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when Jesus came to the house, He permitted no one to enter with Him, except Peter and James and John, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but Jesus said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand Jesus called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and Jesus directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.



THE EPISTLE

(For the Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost)

Thou, O Lord, shalt preserve us and keep us from this generation. Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (6:11-18)

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the Law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all, who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. 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!



TODAY - St. Paul AW Autumn Luncheon

Stay and enjoy this lovely Fellowship Meal with a \$12 donation

Coming up:

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

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

Pancake Breakfast - Sunday Nov. 18 - After Liturgy in Pavilion

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

“No matter how just your words may be, you ruin everything when you speak with anger.” +St. John Chrysostom

*“Don't forget these words: God has given you time to build your eternal salvation. Do not waste it!”
+Elder Sophrony*

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CHRISTIANITY 101

THE BIBLE ALONE?

The true Christian faith is based on the Bible alone - right?

The Bible never has been and never can be “alone”. It was the Orthodox Catholic (i.e. “Universal”) Church that finally decided what books belonged in the Bible and what did not. In the era following the death of the Apostles, there were many books that claimed to be Apostolic Scripture. The Church decided what books were authentic and what were not, based on whether or not those books conformed to the oral tradition she had received from the Apostles. Without the Church there would be no Bible.

Heresies and distortions result when the Bible is torn away from the Church or interpreted privately outside the universal tradition of the Church (2 Peter 3:16). The same Holy Spirit that inspired the Scriptures is promised to guide the Church unto all truth and preserve her from error (John 16:13).

The Bible is not “alone” - it belongs to the Church.

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

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



ST. PAUL AW AUTUMN LUNCHEON

TODAY!

PULLED PORK - BBQ & PUERTO RICAN STYLE

GREEN SALAD

LEMON & OIL POTATO SALAD

CHICKEN FINGERS

APPLESAUCE

ROLLS

TRUFFLES

PIES

COOKIES

& MORE



**The Antiochian Women (AW) are asking for a
\$12 donation for this lovely [Fellowship] Luncheon**

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.

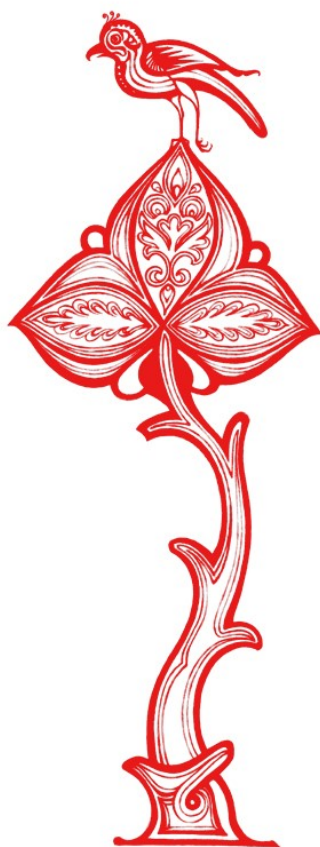
This panel discussion event will kick off Children's Grief Awareness Month and National Hospice and Palliative Care Month.

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 OR 239-430-3184.**



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

+ St. Macarius of Optina