



# SAINT PAUL



## 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, as well as Ed and Marilyn Edge. Continue to remember our recently departed brother, Khalil, in your prayers.

**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

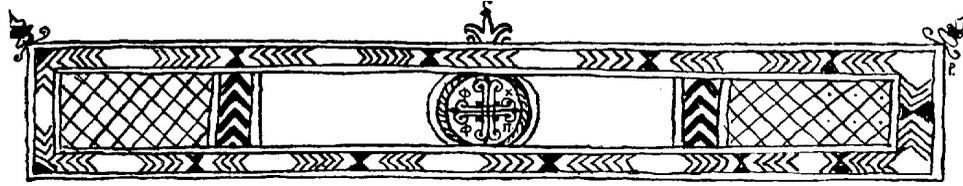
*“Watch out for complaining. It only makes situations worse and increases sorrows.”*

*+ St. Macarius of Optina*

*“I have been with you for nineteen centuries, O men, and have you not recognized me? Nineteen centuries filled with His glory, miracles, power, grace, mercy, saints and martyrs. And there are still imbeciles who ask: ‘Where is God?’”*  
*+St. Nikolai Velimirovic (Prologue of Ochrid)*

*“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 7 in the Holy Orthodox Church we celebrate the holy Great Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus of Syria.

### Verses

*O Bacchus, brass were thy sinews before the whips' violence,  
And burning fire was thy heart before the sword, O Sergius.  
On the seventh, sword slew Sergius, and whips, Bacchus.*

They were noblemen at the court of Emperor Maximian whose esteemed them greatly because of their courage, wisdom and fidelity. Once, when there was a great sacrificial offering to idols, the emperor demanded that Sergius and Bacchus offer sacrifices with him, but they openly refused. Beside himself with rage, Maximian commanded that their military garments, rings and emblems be stripped from them and that they be dressed in women's clothing. He then placed iron hoops around their necks and paraded them through the streets of the city of Rome to be mocked by everyone. Afterward, he sent them to Antiochus, his deputy in Asia, for torture. Antiochus had risen to his position with Sergius and Bacchus' help, as they had at one time recommended him to the emperor. When Antiochus implored them to deny Christ and save themselves from dishonorable suffering and death, these saints replied: "Both honor and dishonor, both life and death—all are the same to him who seeks the Heavenly Kingdom." The souls of Sergius and Bacchus went to Paradise, where they received crowns of immortal glory from Christ in 303.

On this day, we also commemorate the Hieromartyr Polychronios of Nicaea; Priest Julian and Deacon Caesarius of Campania; Venerable John the hermit and those with him; and Venerable Sergius of Nurma.

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2018

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & THIRD SUNDAY OF LUKE

MARTYRS SERGIUS AND BACCHUS OF SYRIA

HIEROMARTYR POLYCHRONIOS OF NICAEA; PRIEST JULIAN AND DEACON CAESARIUS OF CAMPANIA; VENERABLE JOHN THE HERMIT AND THOSE WITH HIM; VENERABLE SERGIUS OF NURMA

+DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM+

### RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE TWO

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

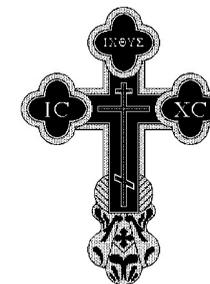
### APOLYTIKION OF SS. SERGIUS AND BACCHUS IN TONE FOUR

Thy martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee \* received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. \* For, since they possessed Thy strength, they cast down the tyrants \* and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. \* O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

+ 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 EPISTLE

(For the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

*The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me severely.*

### **The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (11:31-12:9)**

Brethren, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, He Who is blessed forever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who 14 years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.” I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

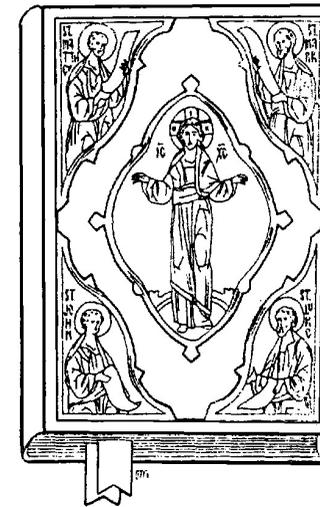


## THE GOSPEL

(For the Third Sunday of Luke)

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (7:11-16)**

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and many of His disciples and a great crowd went with Him. As He drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” And He came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And Jesus said, “Young man, I say to you: arise.” And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited His people!”



# 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!



**SAVE THE DATE - TIME CHANGE:**

**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

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

# LETTER FROM HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN JOSEPH:

## YOUTH & SEMINARIAN MONTH

*Beloved Clergy and Faithful of our Archdiocese:*

*Greetings in the Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We pray that you have enjoyed a peaceful and productive beginning of the new ecclesiastical year.*

*Once again we bring to your attention that October in our Antiochian Archdiocese is Youth Month and Seminary Month.” This year we have 24 students studying in three seminaries. Most, if not all of these students will someday serve this Archdiocese as priests. It is vital that we not only support and subsidize their education, but that we also support the institutions that provide this vital education. While we do not have our own seminary in this Archdiocese at this time, we are fortunate to have three different schools in America in which to educate our future priests, each with its own emphasis and strengths. These same schools also train choir directors, youth ministers and Christian education leaders. Likewise, several of our clergy either teach or are affiliated with these seminaries. As such, it is our duty to help them as much as we are able so we can continue to strengthen their mission and goals.*

*To that end, we ask for your generous donations today in order to support the institutions that educate our seminarians, youth workers, choir directors and Christian education leaders.*

*May the Lord continue to bless all your efforts in His name as well as those theological schools that train our men preparing for the holy priesthood and our future musicians, youth and lay leaders for their vital ministry to the Church.*

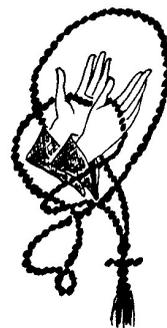
*Your Father in Christ,*

**+JOSEPH**

*Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America*

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

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

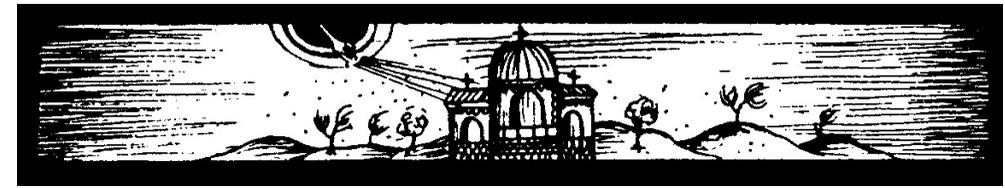
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**& MORE**



**Tickets available today after Liturgy:**

**Donation \$12/person**



## **CHRISTIANITY 101**

### **SCRIPTURE AND THE CHURCH**

**“On the basis of the Scripture, I cannot accept decisions made by the Church.”**

If you do not accept the authority and infallibility of the Church, how can you accept the authority and infallibility of the Scriptures? It was the Orthodox Church that decided what books constitute Holy Scripture. At the time that the New Testament was compiled, there were many “Gospels” and other books that claimed to be apostolic scripture. The Church rejected some as spurious and accepted others as being genuinely apostolic and divinely inspired. If the Church erred [in other areas] (i.e. icons, sacraments, etc.), then it is possible that she erred regarding Scripture. Thus you are left without the Scripture as well as the Church.

The truth is that Christ promised to guide the Church unto all truth, and that the gates of Hell would not prevail against her (Jn 16:13, Mt. 16:18). The decisions of the ecumenical Church as defined in her Holy Councils must be accepted by all Christians.

Without the Church, there is no Bible.



*+Learn more at our weekly Bible Study - Thursday 6PM-7PM+*

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

