



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 (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.

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.

Prayers for the health and safety of Philip and Bette Ayoub as well as Helen and Samy Morcos are requested by Raymond and Leila Trabulsi.

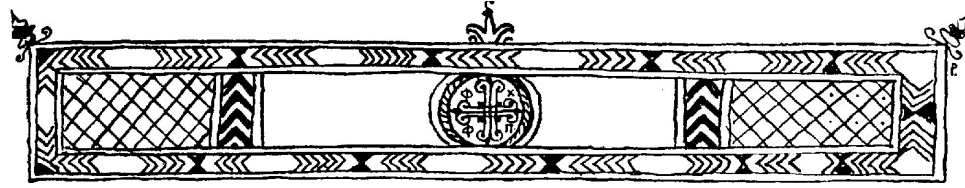
Prayers are requested for the health and safety of Raymond and Leila Trabulsi's son's, Tom and David and their families, by their parents.

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

Remember in your prayers Ibrahim Shaheen - father to Dr. Elias and Jacob Shaheen from our parish. He departed this life early Thursday morning peacefully in his sleep.

In the Orthodox Church the various prayers for the departed have as their purpose to pray for the repose of the departed, to comfort the living, and to remind those who remain behind of their own mortality, and the brevity of this earthly life.

+MAY THEIR MEMORY BE ETERNAL+



THE SYNAXARION

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

On November 11 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy Great-Martyr Menas of Egypt, who was martyred at Cotyaeion of Phrygia in Asia Minor.

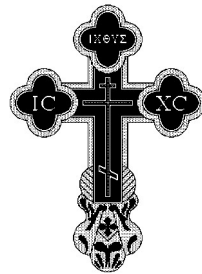
Verses

*When Egypt bringeth forth, it truly bringeth forth greatly;
Menas showeth this to be true as he is beheaded.
On the eleventh, Menas gladly suffered death by the sword.*

Menas was a soldier and, as a true Christian, he was not able to witness the abominable sacrificial offerings to the idols. He left the army, the town, the people and everything else, and went to a deserted mountain, for it was easier for him to live among the wild beasts than with pagans. One day, Menas clairvoyantly discerned a pagan celebration in the town of Cotyaeus. He went into town and openly declared his faith in Christ the Living God. He denounced idolatry and paganism as falsehood and darkness. Hearing this, the town eparch, Pyrrhus, subjected Menas to severe tortures. Persecutors threw his beheaded body into a fire so that Christians would not be able to retrieve it, but they still recovered several parts of his body nevertheless and reverently buried those remains. Menas suffered in the year 304 and went to the Kingdom of Christ. He was and remains a great miracle-worker, both on earth and in heaven. The saint has often appeared as a warrior on horseback, arriving to help the faithful or punish the unfaithful.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyrs Victor and Stephanie in Damascus; Martyr Vincent of Spain; Venerable Theodore the Studite; Blessed Maximos the fool-for-Christ; Martyr Stephen of Dechani, king of Serbia, Stephen Urosh and Princess Milica; and Martin the merciful, bishop of Tours.

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



SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 11, 2018

HOLY MARTYR MENAS OF EGYPT & EIGHTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

MARTYRS VICTOR AND STEPHANIE IN DAMASCUS; MARTYR VINCENT OF SPAIN; VENERABLE THEODORE THE STUDITE; BLESSED MAXIMOS THE FOOL-FOR-CHRIST; MARTYR STEPHEN OF DECHANI, KING OF SERBIA, STEPHEN UROSH AND PRINCESS MILICA; MARTIN THE MERCIFUL, BISHOP OF TOURS

+DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM+

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

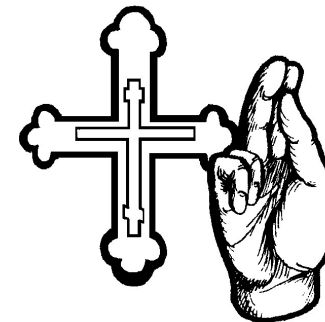
APOLYTIKION OF ST. MENAS THE GREAT-MARTYR IN TONE FIVE

With great valor of soul, thou didst strive in martyrdom, * and having fought the good fight, O divine Great Martyr Menas, * thou from Heaven hast received the gift of miracles; * for God hath shown thee to the world * as a worker of great signs, and He made thee our protector * and a swift help in afflictions and ever-vigilant defense from harm.

+ Now sing the apolytikion of the holy Apostle Paul+

KONTAKION OF ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR

The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, * the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, * the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, * into the House of the Lord * on this day is brought forward * and bringeth with herself the grace * of the Most Divine Spirit; * her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, * for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.



THE EPISTLE

(For St. Menas)

The Lord will give strength to His people.

Ascribe to the Lord, O children of God, ascribe to the Lord glory and honor.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (4:6-15)

Brethren, it is the God Who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," Who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. While we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believe, and so we speak, knowing that He Who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

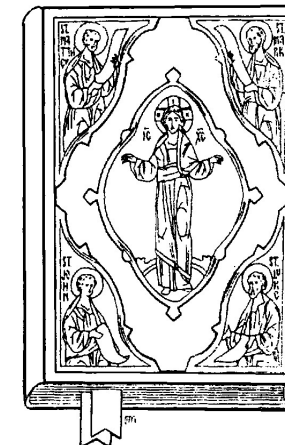


THE GOSPEL

(For the Eight Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (10:25-37)

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read?" And the lawyer answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And Jesus said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But the lawyer, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" The lawyer said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."



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

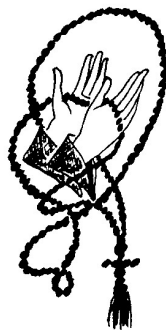
Sunday: Orthros 8:30AM; Divine Liturgy at 9:30AM

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

Weekly Bible Study Group - Holiday Break - Resumes 11/29!



Now accepting 2018 St. Paul Parish Christmas Card Forms!



Diocese of Miami and the Southeast Winter Retreat Registration Now Open!

2018 Nativity Season (Nov. 15 - Dec.25)

- Women's Nativity Retreat - Saturday Nov. 17 - Details printed in Bulletin
- Pancake Breakfast - Sunday Nov. 18 - After Liturgy in Pavilion - donate & eat!
- Save the Date: St. Nicholas Day (Dec. 5) w/His Grace Bishop Nicholas (Details TBA)
- And much more - stay tuned!

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

“The man who cries out against evil men but does not pray for them will never know the grace of God.”

+ St. Silouan the Athonite

“The goal is to rise spiritually, not simply to avoid sin.”

+ St. Paisios of Mt. Athos

For more information visit: stpaulnaples.org & “facebook.com/stpaulnaples”

Diocese Of Miami & the SouthEast

2019 Winter Retreat

~ Bishop NICHOLAS, presiding, cordially invites you to attend ~



DOMSE 2nd Annual Winter Retreat

Hosted at St. Elias Church in Atlanta, GA

Pastors Only: Jan. 23 - 24, 2019; all Pastors to arrive in Atlanta by Jan. 22

Attached Clergy & Assistant Pastors are strongly encouraged to participate & arrive on the same date!

Clergy, Antiochian Men, Women, & Young Adults: Jan. 25 - 27, 2019

Note: Teen SOYO's part in the Winter Retreat will be moved to the Spring to accommodate for Winter Camp

ALL must register! \$50 fee per person to cover meals & all other retreat expenses

REGISTER HERE (includes hotel info): <http://bit.ly/DMC-Winter-Retreat>

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Parish Christmas Card

Brothers and Sisters in Christ - A message from your Choir:

As you know, the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord is approaching.....and, this year, **once again**, your Choir is happy to help you prepare for this glorious season - by designing an original Christmas Card and mailing it to each and every member of our St. Paul Parish. The proceeds of this card will be used to fund a designated parish project.

Voila! For a *minimum* donation of \$35.00

your name will be imprinted on the Card, allowing you to personally and joyfully wish the blessings of this Holy Season to all of our St. Paul Clergy and Parish Families, as well as to our Blessed Hierarchs.

Our absolutely final deadline is **Sunday, December 2.**

Order forms available on the entrance banister in the back of the Nave



WOMEN'S NATIVITY RETREAT - "THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS"

Saturday, November 17, 2018

10:00AM - 5:00PM

10:00AM - Retreat Breakfast at St. Paul

1030AM - First Retreat Session

11:30AM - Q&A

11:45AM - Visiting St. Katherine Church

12:30PM - "Sightseeing" around Naples

1:00PM - Lunch at Country Club

3:00PM - Second Retreat Session w/Q&A

4:00PM - Great Vespers at St. Paul

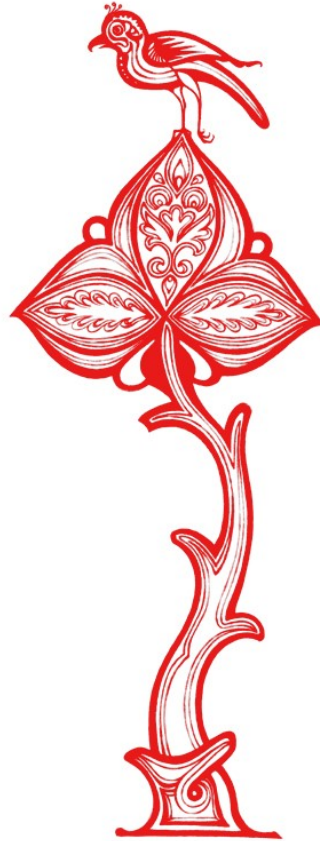
5:00PM - Departure



Join us and other Orthodox Christian women, from as far as St. George in Coral Gables, for an exciting day of fellowship, learning, and edifying discussion related to the Nativity of Christ.

Please R.S.V.P. by Nov. 12 to Anna Castley
(anna@icsamerica.com)

*A coordinated effort of St. Paul Antiochian Women (AW)
and AW of St. George Cathedral in Coral Gables.*



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

+ St. Macarius of Optina