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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, Ed and Marilyn Edge., Peter and Page Barakett with their recently departed daughter Kelly, as well as the newly departed Ibrahim Shaheen - father of Dr. Elias and Jacob Shaheen.

Prayers for the health and safety of Robert and Michaelene Aber are requested by Raymond and Leila Trabulsi.

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

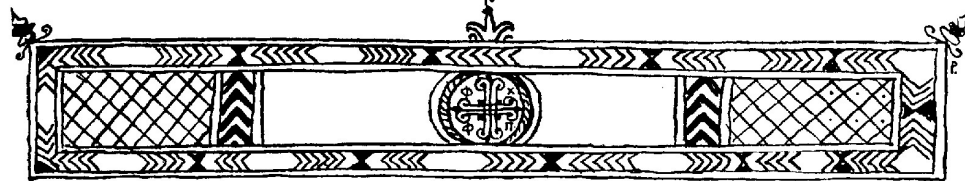
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**The Nativity Fast (Nov. 15 - Dec. 25)** is one of the four Canonical Fasting Seasons in the Church year. This is a joyous fast in anticipation of the Nativity of Christ. That is the reason it is less strict than other fasting periods. The fast is divided into two periods. The 1st period is November 15th through December 19th when the traditional fasting discipline (no meat, dairy, fish, wine, and oil) is observed. There is dispensation given for wine and oil on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Similarly, fish, wine, and oil are permitted on Saturdays and Sundays.

The 2nd period is December 20th through 24th when the traditional fasting discipline (no meat, dairy, fish, wine, and oil) is observed. There is dispensation given for wine and oil only on Saturday and Sunday during this period.

Fasting always works in conjunction with prayer and giving alms (helping the poor, giving to worthy charities, etc.). Fasting helps us reorder the interior life, but the reordering does not occur without greater prayer and greater concern for the poor.

The reordering is a clarification — we end up seeing things more clearly, we get stronger in the fight against sin and temptation. The fast always ends on a great Feast Day of our Lord. (*source: antiochian.org*)



## THE SYNAXARION

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

On November 18 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy Great-Martyr Plato of Ancyra in Galatia.

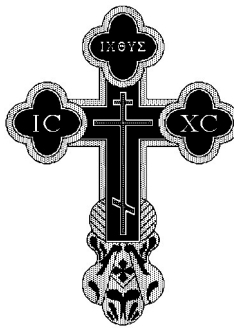
### Verses

*Plato almost escaped unnoticed; that Plato, I mean, whom the broad sword slaughtered.  
On the eighteenth, a saber slew Plato.*

Plato is the brother of the holy Martyr Antiochus the Physician (July 16). While still a youth, he left home and went through the cities, preaching the Word of God to pagans, amazing his audience with the persuasiveness and beauty of his speech, and his profound knowledge of Greek learning. For this, Plato was arrested and brought for trial to the temple of Zeus before the governor Agrippinus. At first, the judge attempted to persuade the saint to turn away from Christ by flattery. He assured the youth that he might be on a par of intellect with the greatest of the philosophers Plato, if only he worshipped also the pagan gods. To this, Saint Plato answered that the wisdom of the philosopher, although great, was but ephemeral and limited; whereas the true, eternal and unbounded wisdom comprised the Gospel teachings. Agrippinus ordered the holy Martyr Plato to be beheaded, and he entered the Heavenly Kingdom in 266.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Romanos of Antioch; Martyrs Zacchaeus the deacon and Alphaeos the reader of Caesarea in Palestine.

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



SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 18, 2018

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & NINTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

HOLY MARTYR PLATO OF ANCYRA; MARTYR ROMANOS OF ANTIOCH; MARTYRS ZACCHAEUS THE DEACON AND ALPHAEOS THE READER OF CAESAREA IN PALESTINE

+DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM+

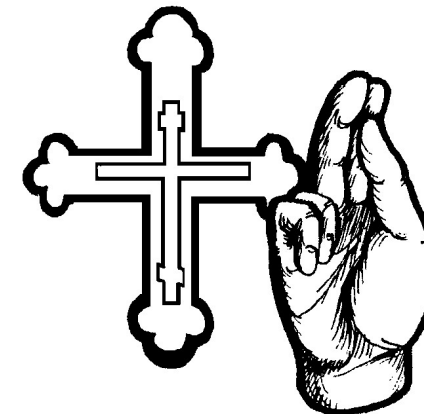
### RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE EIGHT

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the threeday burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

- 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.



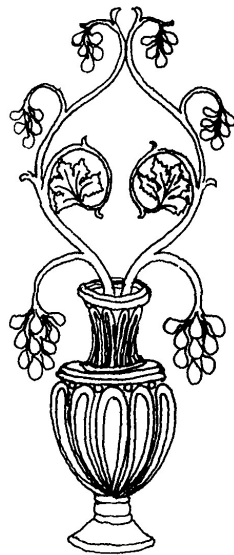
## THE EPISTLE

(For the Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost)

*Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.  
God is known in Judah; His Name is great in Israel.*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (4:1-7)**

Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, Who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

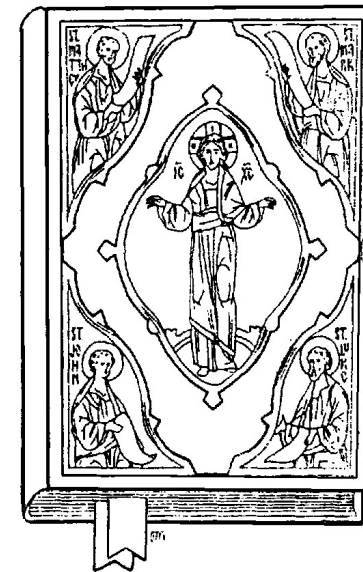


## THE GOSPEL

(For the Ninth Sunday of Luke)

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (12:16-21)**

The Lord spoke this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As He said this, Jesus called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."





# 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** - Thanksgiving Break - Resumes 11/29!



Still accepting 2018 St. Paul Parish Christmas Card Forms!

- 2018 Nativity Season (Nov. 15 - Dec.25) is upon us - good strength!
- St. Nicholas Day (Dec. 5) w/His Grace Bishop Nicholas (6:00PM)
- Nativity of Christ Service Schedule forthcoming - stay tuned!

Starting today, the AW will offer a "Specialty Bread Sale". This will be an on-going opportunity for family and friends of our parish to order delicious, and traditional, breads and support St. Paul Church. Order forms available in the Pavilion.

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING, brothers and sisters!**

**+Glory to God for all things+**

*"Thank God for everything you are; everything you have and everything you achieve. By thanking God you will realize that these are not your achievements but His gifts and, thus, you will feel humble."* +St. Paisios of Mt. Athos

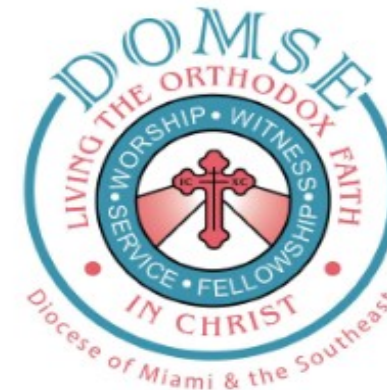
For more information visit: [stpaulnaples.org](http://stpaulnaples.org) & [facebook.com/stpaulnaples](https://facebook.com/stpaulnaples)



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*



## ST. NICHOLAS DAY CELEBRATION

A FAMILY EVENT - ADULTS & KIDS

SAVE THE DATE:

DECEMBER 5, 2018 @ 6:00PM

**+His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS looks forward to joining us  
on occasion of this being his “Names Day”+**

**Arrival & Reception of Bishop NICHOLAS to St. Paul Church**

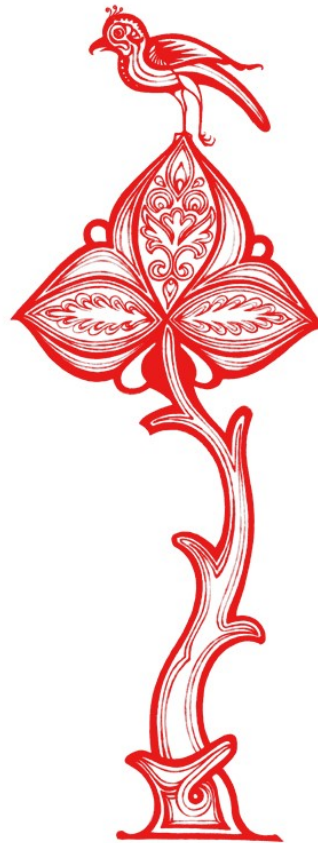
**Followed by:**

**Great Vespers & Artoklasia**

**Interactive Story: “St. Nicholas & the gold coins”**

**Surprise from St. Nicholas w/treats & more!**

*+God willing, we will be joined by St. Peter and various faithful from other parishes+*



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

*+ St. Macarius of Optina*