



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, Ed and Marilyn Edge., Robert and Michaelene Aber, and the recently departed Ibrahim Shaheen.

Prayers for the good health of Maryann, Larry, Kimmy, Alexandra, Justin, George, Alice, and Manny as well as the peaceful repose of Dante and Ines Follandri, Diane Scirpo Nicholas, Louis, Maria, Emmanuel, Irene, and Nikita are requested by Judy Tirakis.

A memorial service has been requested for George Tirakis, departed four years ago, by his wife Judy Tirakis, on occasion of the annual commemoration of his repose.

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

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 25 in the Holy Orthodox Church we conclude the commemoration of the Feast of the Entrance of the Most holy Theotokos into the Temple and now commemorate the holy and glorious Great-Martyr Katherine the All-wise of Alexandria.

Verses

*Katherine, first a sage and a virgin, becometh,
By the sword, a Martyr; O three things right goodly!
On the twenty-fifth a sword the Maiden Rhetorician slew.*

Her mother was secretly a Christian who, through her spiritual father, brought Katherine to the Christian Faith. In a vision, Katherine received a ring from the Lord Jesus Himself as a sign of her betrothal to Him. Katherine was greatly gifted by God, well-educated and very beautiful. When the iniquitous Emperor Maxentius offered sacrifices to the idols and ordered others to do the same, Katherine boldly confronted the emperor and denounced his idolatrous errors. The emperor, seeing that she was greater than he in wisdom and knowledge, summoned fifty of his wisest men to debate with her on matters of faith and to put her to shame. Katherine outwitted them. In a rage, the emperor ordered all fifty men be burned. By Katherine's prayers, all fifty confessed the Name of Christ and declared themselves Christians before their executions. During the torture of Katherine, an angel of God came to her and destroyed the wheel on which the holy virgin was being tortured. Afterward, the Lord Jesus Christ Himself appeared to her and comforted her. After many tortures, Katherine was beheaded at the age of eighteen, on November 25, 310. Her miracle-working relics repose on Mount Sinai in Egypt.

On this day, we also commemorate the Great-Martyrs Mercurios of Caesarea in Cappadocia; and Mercurios of Smolensk.

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

SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 25, 2018

LEAVE-TAKING (APODOSIS) OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS,
GREAT-MARTYR KATHERINE THE ALL-WISE OF ALEXANDRIA
& THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

MARTYR MERCURIOS OF CAESAREA IN CAPPADOCIA;
MARTYR MERCURIOS OF SMOLENSK

+DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM+

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

APOLYTIKION OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR

Today the Virgin is the foreshadowing of the pleasure of God, and the beginning of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. Thou hast appeared in the Temple of God openly and hast gone before, preaching Christ to all. Let us shout with one thrilling voice, saying, Rejoice, O thou who art the fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation.

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

Let us praise the all-lauded and noble bride of Christ, the godly Katherine, the guardian of Sinai and its defense, who is also our support and succor and our help; for with the Holy Spirit's sword she hath silenced brilliantly the clever among the godless; and being crowned as a Martyr, she now doth ask great mercy for us all.

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. Katherine the Great-Martyr)

God is wondrous in His saints. Bless God in the congregations.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (3:23-4:5)

Brethren, before faith came, we were confined under the Law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the Law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son, to redeem those who were under the Law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

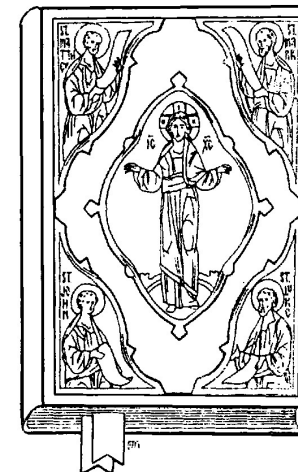


THE GOSPEL

(For the Thirteenth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:18-27)

At that time, a man came testing Jesus and asking, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery. Do not kill. Do not steal. Do not bear false witness. Honor your father and mother.'" And the man said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when the man heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus, seeing him sad, said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."



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 - Join us this week (11/29)!



- 2018 Nativity Season (Nov. 15 - Dec.25) is upon us - good strength!
- **Final week (Dec. 2)** for 2018 St. Paul Parish Christmas Card Forms
- St. Nicholas Day (Dec. 5) w/His Grace Bishop Nicholas (6:00PM)
- Nativity of Christ Service Schedule forthcoming - stay tuned!
- “Specialty Bread Sale”: Order delicious, and traditional, breads and support the parish. Order forms available on tables in the Pavilion.

SPIRITUAL MORSALS FOR THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

“Truth is given to us when we seek it humbly, as we seek a cure from a doctor. We can’t order the truth, but we can ask that it be given to us, to be revealed to us. Because the truth is God, Whom we can’t order, only ask from Him and love Him.”

+ St. Iakovos Tsalikis

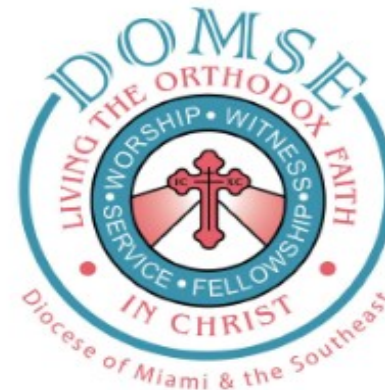
Don’t criticize or judge other people, regard everyone else as an angel, justify their mistakes and weaknesses, and condemn only yourself as the worst sinner. This is step one in any kind of spiritual life.” +Fr. Seraphim Rose

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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:

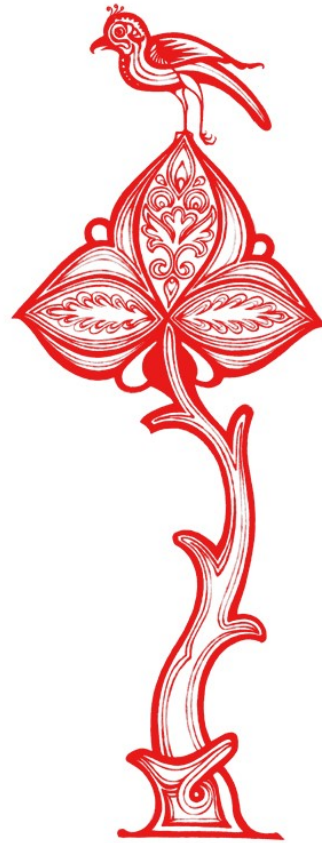
Great Vespers & Artoklasia

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