



# 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, 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 peaceful repose of Tatiana Bob and good health to her family were requested by Elias and Barbara Hebeke.

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

A Memorial Service will be prayed at the end of the Divine Liturgy for the departed servants of God, Alexander Kennan and Tatiana Bob, at the request of:

- Alvanette, Katherine and Marian Kennan for the 3-year anniversary of Alexander Kennan's repose.
- Olivia, marking 9-months since the repose of her mother Tatiana Bob.

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.

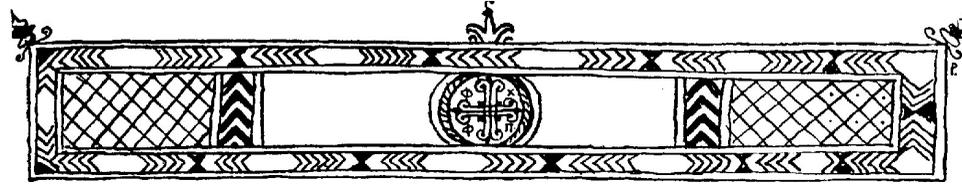
**+MAY THEIR MEMORY BE ETERNAL+**

SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 4, 2018

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & FIFTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

VENERABLE IOANIKIOS THE GREAT OF MOUNT OLYMPUS  
HIEROMARTYRS NICANDER THE BISHOP OF MYRA AND HERMIAS THE PRIEST;  
MARTYR PORPHYRIOS OF EPHEBUS; EMPEROR JOHN THE MERCIFUL

+DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM+



## THE SYNAXARION

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

On November 4 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate our righteous father Ioanikios the Great of Mount Olympus.

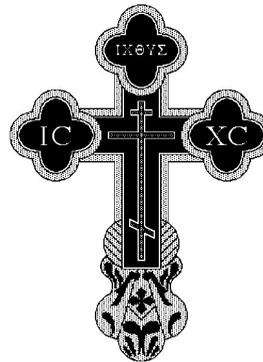
### Verses

*The Word, Who with a word fixed the earth's foundation,  
Up from the earth Ioanikios now taketh.  
On the fourth they dug thee a grave, O Ioanikios.*

The great spiritual light Ioanikios was born in the village of Marycata in the province of Bithynia. As a youth, he was a shepherd. While tending his sheep, he would often retreat into solitude and remain in prayer the whole day, encircling his flock with the sign of the Cross so that the flock would not stray and scatter. Later, he was taken into the army and displayed marvelous courage. Following his military service, Ioanikios withdrew to Mount Olympus in Asia Minor, where he was tonsured a monk and dedicated himself completely to asceticism until his repose at age 94 in the year 846. He lived in asceticism for over fifty years in various places, and received from God a truly abundant gift of wonder-working.

On this day, we also commemorate the Hieromartyrs Nicander the bishop of Myra and Hermias the priest; Martyr Porphyrios of Ephesus; and Emperor John the merciful.

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



### RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SIX

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

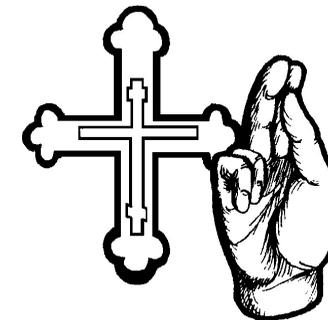
### APOLYTIKION OF ST. IOANIKIOS THE GREAT IN TONE EIGHT

The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundred-fold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father Ioanikios, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

+ 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 Fifth Sunday of Luke)

## THE EPISTLE

(For the Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost)

*O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.  
To Thee, O Lord, have I cried, O my God.*

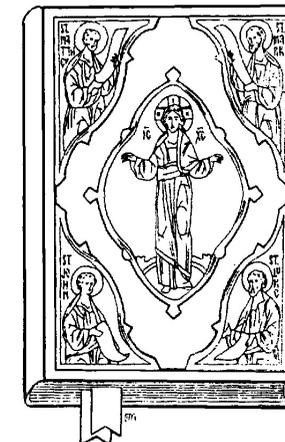
### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (2:4-10)**

Brethren, God, Who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and made us sit with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God—not because of works, lest any man should boast. For, we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.



### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (16:19-31)**

The Lord said, “There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table; moreover, the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”



# WEEKLY SERVICE SCHEDULE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WEEKLY SERVICES

*“A sure sign of the deadening of the soul is the avoidance of church services.”*

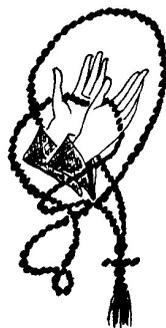
*+St. John Climacus (“The Ladder of Divine Ascent”)*

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!



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.”*

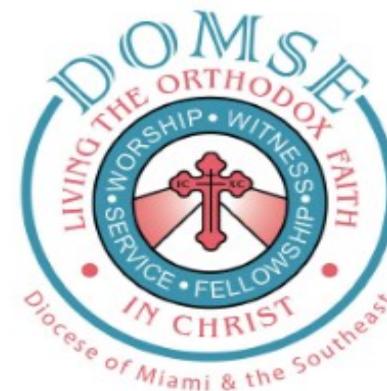
*+ St. Paisios of Mt. Athos*

For more information visit: [stpaulnaples.org](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*



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR: WOMEN'S NATIVITY RETREAT

THEME: "THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS"

Saturday, November 17, 2018

10:00AM - 5:00PM

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 - the Birth of the God-man Himself.

*-Additional details are forthcoming-*

Please R.S.V.P. by Nov. 11 to Anna Castley  
([anna@icsamerica.com](mailto: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*