



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

OCTOBER 20, 2019

+WELCOME VISITORS AND FAITHFUL+

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 make sure to sign our guest book at the visitors table in the Narthex/lobby area and 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.

+ENCOURAGEMENT TO FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN+

Your children are welcome here. Don't worry if they wiggle or squirm a bit. Unless your child is making more noise than our priest and choir, stay put. When they need a little more room, or a short break, it is OK to walk them to the back (or out) until they are ready to return. Please enjoy the “Children's Word” (bulletin) found on the banister upon entering the Nave (worship space).

If you want to raise your children in the Church, then they have to be in the church. The entire spiritual culture of the Orthodox faith is necessary formation for everyone, whether 40 days old, 40 years old, or 40 years a senior citizen.

It can be a sacrifice to raise children in the Church, and we know it, but if your child doesn't learn to incline his/her heart in worship, and turn aside from distraction from a young age, how in the world will they survive as an older Christian in a world which is designed to distract them?

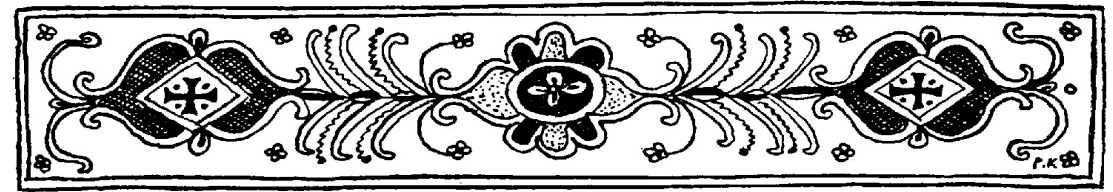
+HOLY COMMUNION (EUCHARIST)+

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 mid-night the night before. Please speak with Fr. Paul if medical conditions preclude it.



+PARISH CLERGY

REV. FR. PAUL GIRGIS, PRESIDING PRIEST
V. REV. FR. JOSEPH SHAHEEN, RETIRED ARCHPRIEST
REV. DN. NICHOLAS REID, ATTACHED DEACON

+WEEKLY SERVICES

Saturday's - Great Vespers 6:00PM-6:45PM

Sunday's - Orthros 8:30AM ; Divine Liturgy 9:30AM

Fr. Paul is available to hear confessions throughout the week - simply make an appointment Don't know anything about confession? Don't worry, Fr. Paul is ready to help (frpaulgiris@gmail.com).

+WEEKLY COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

Thursday's 6:00PM-7:00PM

+ST. THEOPHAN ORTHODOX ENRICHMENT YOUTH PROGRAM (AGES 4-13)

Every Wednesday 5:00PM-7:00PM (Dinner Provided)

Visit stpaulnaples.org/youthprogram for details and registration

+LOOKING AHEAD

Today—October 20 — Immediately Following Liturgy

“Welcome Back Autumn Luncheon”; \$15 donation—kids under 10 free!

Specialty Bread & Cheese — October 27 to April 2020: Pita, Zaatar, Spinach pies, Cheese pies, and more will be available for purchase after the Divine Services.

November 10 — Sunday — Pancake Breakfast @ Fellowship Hour

For more info, calendar of special services/events, visit: stpaulnaples.org or “[facebook.com/stpaulnaples](https://www.facebook.com/stpaulnaples)”



**“...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, Joe and the Hessney family, Christopher and the Sapp family, Al and Anna Castley, Victor and Lucy Bard, Ed and Marilyn Edge, Robert and Michaelene Aber, Margaret Mourad, Carol Simone, Vincent and Irene Benfatti, Al and Gloria Mizhir, Raymond and Vincenza Mansour, as well as Thelma and Robert Badwey.

Prayers for the departed servant of God Michael Hebeke are requested by Beverly and Frank Czerwinski.

Prayers on occasion of “...our talented and 3 beautiful girls who sang and responded the full liturgy 2 weeks ago all alone. Deacon and his wife, along with Bill were away, but that did not keep them from their weekly participation” are requested by Vincenza and Raymond Mansour.

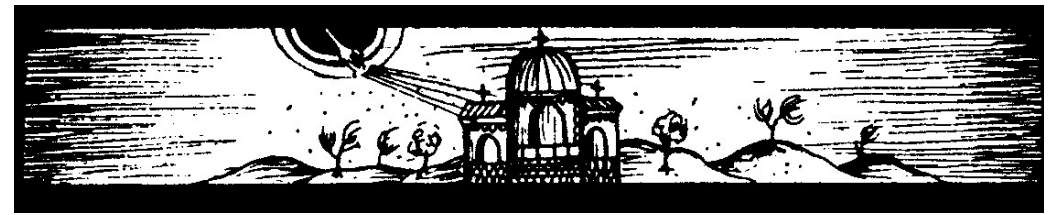
Prayers for the health of Fr. Joe and Kh. Diane Shaheen as well as Ed and Marilyn Edge are requested by Anna and Al Castley.

Prayers for the health and spiritual welfare of Leila and Ray Trabulsi are requested by Elias and Barbara Hebeke.

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

Early Christians expressed their concern for the repose of the souls of their beloved by works of charity and love and by personal and communal prayers. The Apostolic Constitutions recommended that part of the possessions of a dead person be distributed to the poor in his "memory". St. John Chrysostom, Jerome, Tertullian, and others also recommended alms giving in memory of the dead although they believe that this and other good works for the repose of the soul of the dead also benefit the doers.

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. For this reason, memorial services have an air of penitence about them and tend to be served more frequently during the four fasting seasons (Great Lent, Nativity Fast, Apostles' Fast and Dormition Fast). *source: orthodoxwiki.org*



SPIRITUAL MORSELS FOR THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

“Every holy church is a piece of Heave on eartrh. And when you’re in church, look — you’re already in Heaven. When the earth torments you with its hell, hurry to church, go inside, and behold — you have entered into Paradise. And if it happens that you are attacked by entire legions of demons, then run to church — stand among the holy angels, for the church is always full of angels, and the angels of God will protect you from every demon of this world. And nothing will be able to hurt you. Do not forget, brothers: We, Christians, are strong by God. Who then can be stronger than us? No one, no one!”

+St. Justin Popovic

“Do not undertake to explain the Gospels or the other books of Holy Scripture yourself... The Holy Spirit, having expressed the Word of God through the prophets and apostles, explained it through the Holy Fathers. Both the Word of God and its explanation are a gift of the Holy Spirit.”

+St. Ignatius Brianchaninov, On Reading the Gospel)



SUNDAY - OCTOBER 20, 2019

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & SIXTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

GREAT-MARTYR ARTEMIOUS AT ANTIOCH

VENERABLE GERASIMOS THE NEW ASCETIC OF KEPHALLENIA; VENERABLE MATRONA OF CHIOS

+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.

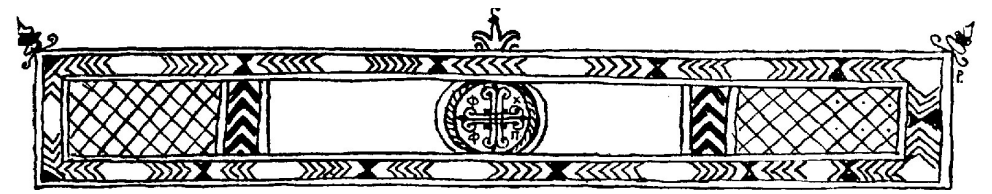
APOLYTIKION OF ST. ARTEMIOUS THE GREAT-MARTYR IN TONE FOUR

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

Now sing the apolytikion of the patron of the parish (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 SYNAXARION

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

On October 20 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy Great-Martyr Artemius at Antioch.

Verses

Artemius, who in all things in life shone brightly, was beheaded, departing for the highest glory.

On the twentieth, the neck of swift-witted Artemius was cut.

This glorious saint was Egyptian by birth and the chief commander under Emperor Constantine the Great. Artemius was present with the emperor when the victorious Cross appeared to him. At that moment, Artemius believed in the Lord Christ and was baptized. He was appointed as imperial prefect in Egypt and remained in this position under Emperor Julian the Apostate. He summoned Artemius to Antioch where the apostate emperor subjected two Christian priests, Eugenius and Macarius, to torture. Seeing this, Artemius became greatly enraged and told Julian, "Your death is near." Julian then stripped Artemius of his military rank and ordered him to be flogged and torn asunder. Artemius was thrown into prison, where the Lord Jesus Christ appeared and healed him. Artemius was beheaded in the year 362. Emperor Julian went out against the Persians and perished dishonorably, as Artemius had foretold.

On this day, we also commemorate the Venerable Gerasimos the New Ascetic of Kephallenia; and Venerable Matrona of Chios.

By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

THE EPISTLE

(For the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (9:6-11)

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, “He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.” He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.



THE GOSPEL

(For the Sixth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:26-39)

At that time, Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as He stepped out on land, there met Him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, “What hast Thou to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech Thee, do not torment me.” For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. [For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.] Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. And they begged Jesus not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged Jesus to let them enter these. So He gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked Jesus to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so He got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Jesus; but Jesus sent him away, saying, “Return to your home, and declare all that God has done for you.” And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.



PARISH STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Dear Brothers and sisters,

Your Stewardship Commitment in 2019 is greatly appreciated. Thank you for supporting the parish through the St. Paul Orthodox Christian Church Stewardship Program.

Stewardship is an opportunity to examine our priorities and values, to express our thankfulness, to give ourselves and to grow in grace. It allows us to participate in the work of God. Bearing fruit in the world is the visible result of our abiding in Christ, the True Vine.

Your Stewardship Commitment is a testimony of your dedication to your own spiritual growth and the spreading of our beloved Orthodox Faith.

As we bring 2019 to a close and approach year end, please be reminded to fulfill your annual Stewardship Commitment (pledge) and if possible help us meet a balanced budget with any additional contributions the Lord has inspired in your heart.

Yours in Christ,

+St. Paul Stewardship Committee



“PARISH COUNCIL CORNER”

PARISH FELLOWSHIP HALL

The Parish Council has appointed a committee to collaborate in prayerfully addressing the needs of our growing community in terms of a Parish Fellowship Hall.

This continues to be a work-in-progress as we are in the early stages.

Current considerations:

- Functional 5,000 sq. ft. w/ability for future expansion
- Efficient Climate Control
- Rest Rooms, Storage, Kitchen (relocated)
- Design and materials will match church Temple
- "Social space" (space to gather) approx. three (3) times the size of Pavilion
 - Seating for approximately 200 people
 - Facilitates countless opportunities for:
 - Parish Events
 - Family Activities
 - Community Outreach, Education, etc.

This beautiful "next step" involves the entire St. Paul parish family. Your input will be specifically requested and most welcome within the next two (2) to three (3) months as more information becomes available.

The Lord is preparing all of us for the fulfillment of His vision for our growing parish. This is the next step in further establishing St. Paul and putting us “on the map” within the greater community.

Please pray for the Lord’s guiding hand and stay tuned for more information.

+Fr. Paul & the St. Paul Parish Council

One man asked a priest:
“If God is everywhere, what do I go to Church for?”

To which the priest replied:
“The whole atmosphere is filled with water, but if you want to drink you have to go to a fountain or a well.”



“Orthodoxy is life. If we don’t live Orthodoxy, we simply are not Orthodox, no matter what formal beliefs we might hold.”
+Fr. Seraphim Rose