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# SAINT PAUL



## ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



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## +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?

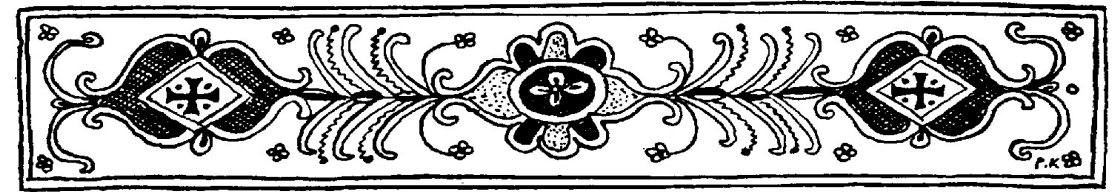
## +HOLY COMMUNION (EUCHARIST)+

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

Thursday - Moleban 7:00PM (Following Bible Study)

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

Sunday - 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 (frpaulgirgis@gmail.com).*

## +WEEKLY COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY & MOLEBAN (PRAYER FOR HEALING FROM ILLNESS)

Thursday's 6:00PM-7:15PM

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

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

Visit [stpaulnaples.org/youthprogram](http://stpaulnaples.org/youthprogram) for details and registration

## +LOOKING AHEAD

**Specialty Bread & Cheese — STARTS TODAY 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 tickets see Bessie Jarjoura - \$10 donation (Children under 10 free!)

**SAVE THE DATE:** Annual Parish Meeting - Sunday March 1, 2020

+Today's Fellowship Coffee Hour is sponsored by Marilyn Edge and Jo Krevinko +



**“...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 and the Hessney family, Christopher and the Sapp family, Al and Anna Castley, Victor (newly departed) and Lucy Bard, Ed and Marilyn Edge, Robert (newly departed) 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.

The Prospora (Holy Bread) today is offered in memory of Charles (50 years) and Mary Shady, as well as Charles, Wilma and Martha Love by Joe and Linda Shady. Also, for the health of the Shady, Ferris, and Devine families as well as Kristie Dennes.

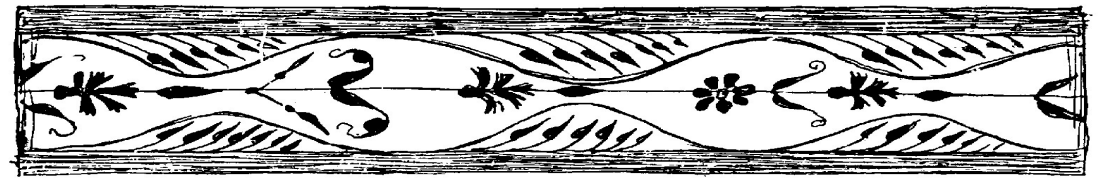
Prayers in beloved memory of Robert Aber, a friend for many years, who went to his eternal rest at 8:00PM Friday evening, are requested by Fr. Joe and Kh. Diane Shaheen.

**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](http://orthodoxwiki.org)



**+“SPECIAL [2ND TRAY] COLLECTION” TODAY+**

## 2019 Special Olympics Awareness

*“Once again this summer, our teens will have the blessing to host and serve at the 39th Special Olympics SOYO Sports Training Camp, providing - free of charge - a week of sports training for over 320 athletes and coaches. Once again, I ask the parishes of our God-protected Archdiocese to generously support this worthy program.*”

*The mission of Special Olympics is to provide: “year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community. As is true in any ministry, when we offer the love of Christ to others, we receive so much in return. I have heard from countless young people how their own lives were caned in profound and beautiful ways by serving the athletes of Special Olympics. Please generously support this offering of love by our young people and be a part of the far-reaching transformative impact it has on so many lives.”*

**+Metropolitan Joseph, Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America**

## THE EPISTLE

(For the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

*The Lord is my strength and my son. The Lord has chastened me severely.*

### **The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (11:31-12:9)**

Brethren, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, He Who is blessed forever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who 14 years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.” I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.



## THE GOSPEL

(For the Seventh Sunday of Luke)

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:41-56)**

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As Jesus went, the people pressed round Him. And a woman, who had had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had spent all her living upon physicians, and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind Him, and touched the fringe of His garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, “Who was it that touched Me?” When all denied it, Peter said, “Master, the multitudes surround Thee and press upon Thee! And Thou sayest, ‘Who touched Me?’” But Jesus said, “Someone touched Me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from Me.” And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before Him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed. And Jesus said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.” While Jesus was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, “Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more.” But Jesus on hearing this answered him, “Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well.” And when Jesus came to the house, He permitted no one to enter with Him, except Peter and James and John, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but Jesus said, “Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand Jesus called, saying, “Child, arise.” And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and Jesus directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

**SUNDAY - OCTOBER 27, 2019**

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & SEVENTH SUNDAY  
OF LUKE**

**MARTYR NESTOR OF THESSALONICA; PROCLA (CLAUDIA) THE WIFE OF PONTIUS  
PILATE; KYRIAKOS, PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE; VENERABLE NESTOR THE  
CHRONICLER OF THE KIEV CAVES**

**+DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM+**

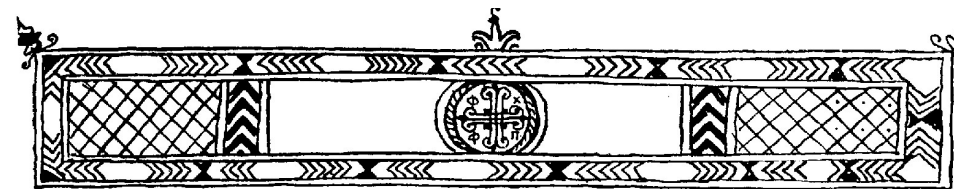
**RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE TWO**

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

*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 27 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the companion of Great-Martyr Demetrios the Myrrh-Streamer: Martyr Nestor of Thessalonica.

**Verses**

*Having slain Lyaeus and his lying error, truthful Nestor lieth on the ground, beheaded.  
On the twenty-seventh they took the head off of dear Nestor.*

Nestor learned the Christian Faith from St. Demetrios himself. At that time, Christ's enemy, Emperor Maximian, highly prized a Vandal fighter named Lyaeus, a man of Goliath-like size and strength. He defeated all challengers and threw them to their deaths onto a forest of spears. Christians were arrested and forced to duel with Lyaeus. Nestor's heart was torn with pain, and he decided to duel Lyaeus. But first, he went to prison to see St. Demetrios and sought a blessing from him. St. Demetrios made the sign of the Cross on his chest and forehead and prophesied to him, "You will defeat Lyaeus, but you will suffer for Christ." Thus, young Nestor of David-like size went to duel with Lyaeus. Maximian was present with a great crowd. Everyone pitied and feared for Nestor, but he crossed himself and said: "O God of Demetrios, help me!" With God's help, he defeated Lyaeus, knocked him down, and threw him to his death onto the sharp spears. Then all the people cried out: "Great is the God of Demetrios!" But the humiliated emperor commanded that Nestor be beheaded and Demetrios run through with lances. Thus, both Christian heroes took up habitation in the Kingdom of their Lord in the year 306.

On this day, we also commemorate Procla (Claudia) the wife of Pontius Pilate; Kyriakos, patriarch of Constantinople; and Venerable Nestor the Chronicler of the Kiev Caves.

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



## 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:

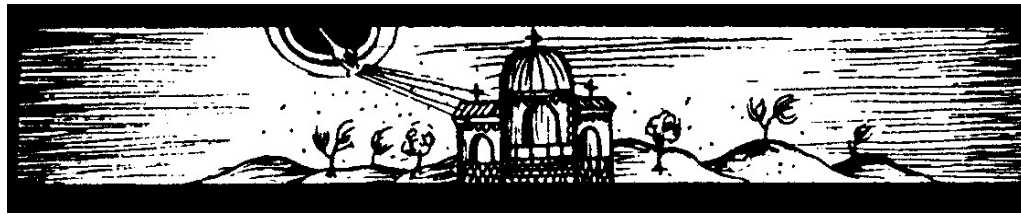
- Functional 5,000 sq. ft. w/ability for future expansion
- Efficient Climate Control
- Rest Rooms, Storage, Kitchen (relocated)
- Design and materials will match church Temple
- "Social space" (space to gather) approx. three (3) times the size of Pavilion
  - Seating for approximately 200 people
    - 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*



## SPIRITUAL MORSELS FOR THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

*“Every holy church is a piece of Heave on earth . 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)*

