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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?

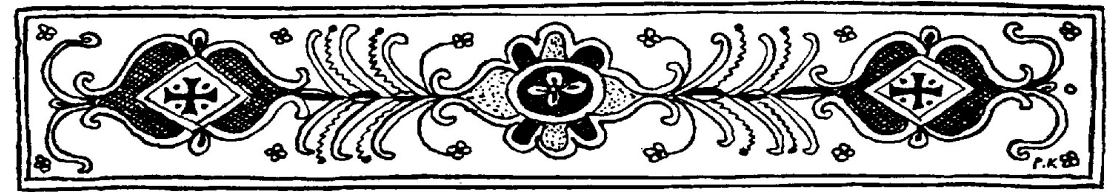
+HOLY COMMUNION (EUCHARIST)+

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 - Molieban 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 & MOLIEBAN (PRAYER FOR HEALING FROM ILLNESS)

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

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

Pancake Breakfast - TODAY @ Fellowship Hour

Make your way out to the Pavilion or see Bessie Jarjoura - \$10 donation (Children under 10 free!)

Specialty Bread & Cheese Sale — Stop by the table in the Narthex after the Divine Services!

+Welcome to His Grace Bishop +THOMAS of the Diocese of Oakland, Charleston and the

Mid-Atlantic+

Nativity Fast Begins next Friday (Nov. 15) - Dec. 25 (Feast of Nativity of Christ)



**“...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.

Prayers for the health of Elias and Barbara Hebeke, Malaz and Georgette Sourial, as well as Michaelene Aber are requested by Philip and Bette Ayoub.

Prayers for the health of Viola Boctor are requested by Elias and Barbara Hebeke.

Prayers on occasion of the 20th wedding anniversary of Bill and Leslie Yurkovac are requested by Barbara Cleaver. May God grant them many more years!

Prayers for the memory of Michael Hebeke, Robert Aber, as well as Victor Trabulsi are requested by Philip and Bette Ayoub.

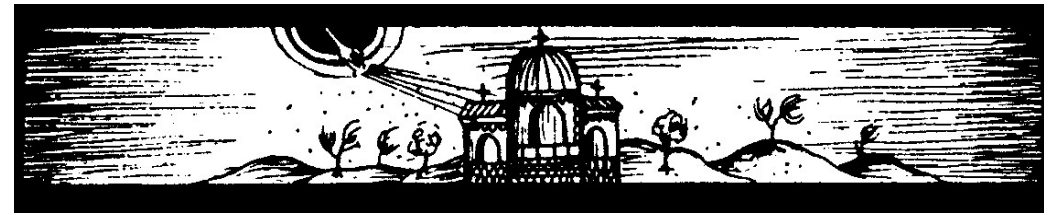
Prayers for the memory of Mansour George and Lulu Mansour, parents of Raymond Mansour, are requested by Ray and Vincenza (Jennie) Mansour.

Please remember the newly departed servant of God Anthony Stefanis, father of Nick Stefanis, in your prayers. Please keep the entire Stefanis family in your prayers.

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

“ROBERT ABER LEMONS”

Debi Javarone brought two boxes of lemons she picked from Bob Aber's lemon tree here in Naples. Debi brought them because “Bob always shared” and she thought this would be a beautiful way to honor him. They are in the kitchen - help yourself!



SPIRITUAL MORSELS FOR THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

We all have to die, beloved brethren, and it will be hard for us if, while we are in this world, we do not love each other, if we are not reconciled to our enemies, whom we have offended, and if one has grieved another, if we do not forgive him.

+St. Peter of Cetinje

“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



SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 10, 2019

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & EIGHTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

APOSTLES OLYMPAS, RODION, SOSIPATER, TERTIOS, ERASTOS AND QUARTOS OF THE SEVENTY; GREAT-MARTYR ORESTES OF CAPPADOCIA; VENERABLE THEOSTIRIKTOS OF SYMBOLA AND NONNUS, BISHOP OF HELIOPOLIS

+DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM+

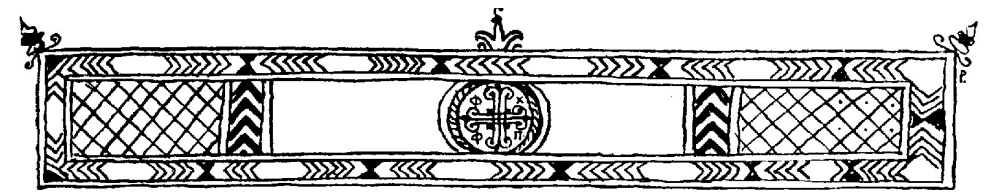
RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FOUR

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

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

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

On November 10 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy Apostles Olympas, Rodion, Sosipater, Tertios, Erastos and Quartos of the Seventy.

Olympas and Herodion were followers of the Apostle Peter and when Peter suffered, they were beheaded by the command of Emperor Nero. Erastus had been the steward of the church in Jerusalem, and later became Bishop of Paneas in Palestine. Quartos was the first Bishop of the Apostolic See of Beirut. He suffered greatly, but converted many to the Christian Faith. Sosipater was the bishop in Iconium and Tertios was the second bishop in that city. They waged spiritual warfare and, as victors, received heavenly wreaths of glory.

On this day, we also commemorate the Great-martyr Orestes of Tyana in Cappadocia. He was a Christian from birth and a physician by profession. He was harshly tortured by a certain wicked eparch Maximus during the reign of Diocletian. When Maximus advised him to deny Christ and worship idols, Orestes replied: "If you knew the power of the Crucified One, you would reject idolatrous falsehoods and worship the true God. I am prepared to endure every pain, having the sign of my Lord Jesus Christ inscribed on my heart." A man bright as the sun appeared, gathered Orestes' relics, and honorably buried them on a hill near Tyana. This wonderful saint appeared to St. Dimitri of Rostov and showed him all the wounds on his body.

On this day, we also commemorate the Venerable Theostiriktos of Symbola and Nonnus, bishop of Heliopolis.

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

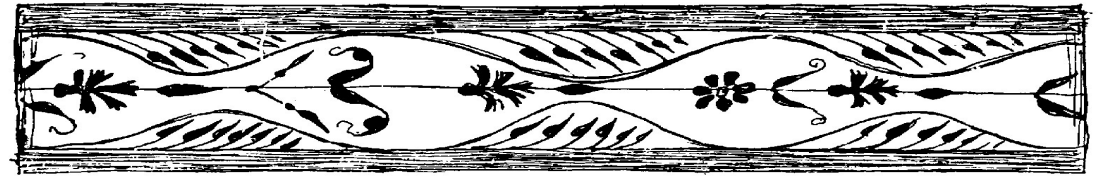
THE EPISTLE

(For the Twentieth-first Sunday after Pentecost)

*O Lord, how magnified are Thy works. In wisdom hast Thou made them all. Bless the Lord,
O my soul.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (12:16-20)

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the Law but through faith in Jesus Christ. Even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the Law, because by works of the Law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the Law died to the Law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.



THE GOSPEL

(For the Eight Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (10:25-37)

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read?" And the lawyer answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And Jesus said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But the lawyer, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" The lawyer said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."



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 (UPDATED)

The Parish Council appointed “Building Committee” recently met 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 but we are drawing closer to a plan worthy of presenting to the parish for consideration.

Details:

- Functional 6,500 sq. ft. building including:
 - “Social space” approx. three (3) times the size of Pavilion
 - Seating for approximately 200 people
 - Facilitates countless opportunities for:
 - Parish Events
 - Family Activities
 - Community Outreach, Ministry, Education, etc.
 - Four (4) Classrooms for Youth & Young Adult Programs, Ministries, etc.
 - Improved Kitchen
 - Rest Rooms
 - Storage
- Design and materials will match parish church

"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. Reach out to any of your Parish Council members to discuss, ask questions, express thoughts, and so forth.

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



**A LITTLE DAILY WISDOM
FROM THE EARLY CHURCH**

*Someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.”
Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works
will show you my faith.”*

James 2:18

Abba Poemen said, “Teach your heart to follow what your tongue speaks to others. We attempt to appear excellent in our preaching, but we are less than excellent in practicing what we preach.”

I by my works will show you my faith.

Source: “A Little Daily Wisdom from the Early Church” compiled by Bernard Bangely