

St. Paul Orthodox Church



A Parish of the Antiochian Christian Archdiocese of North America

Antioch where the followers of Jesus were first called Christians

Acts 11:26



This Sunday we have our first and only Christmas pageant rehearsal! Right after the liturgy the children will meet in the Church for their costumes and "parts" So please make a real effort to have your child here for rehearsal we have a part for everyone! Steven Spielberg would be jealous.

This year Our Christmas service project is being done in connection with the organization STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING. As you know we are assisting a young woman who is expecting a baby early next summer. We

are providing her with specific items for both her and her baby. YOU have done an excellent job!! God Bless. **All** the items that were requested have been purchased. Gifts of food or Christmas decor are not to be wrapped, but all other gifts are to be wrapped in holiday paper. **DEADLINE FOR GIFTS TO BE DELIVERED TO THE CHURCH IS THIS SUNDAY DECEMBER 10. So please do your best to get the items you purchased here on Sunday**

Pledge Cards PLEASE

Please bring in your 2018 pledge card for the work of Christ' Church here at St. Paul's 2018 to Church this Sunday. It will certainly save our Parish Council from making a number of phone calls

Poinsettia's for the Christmas Liturgy are \$20.00 each. If you would like to give a poinsettia in thanksgiving for someone you love the forms will be in the Sunday bulletin. Just complete the form and place it in the Alms basin as the ushers collection for Sunday.

Camp Saint Raphael 2018:

Session I- June 24th-30th Session II - July 1st-7th Session III - July 8th-14th

Staff & CIT applications will be online January 1st (both are due back by February 15th for selection). Camper applications will be available February 1st and accepted on a first come first serve basis. To access all applications, go to www.campstaphael.org Questions? Contact GAYLE MALONE gayle@campstaphael.org

Sundays Altar Servers

**Jonah Gobin, Zac Irwin, Will Irwin, Michael Yazigi, Karl Cook,
Reader ~ Jason Hicks**

THE NATIVITY FAST continues after Thanksgiving Day through Sunday, December 24th The Fast is divided into two periods: The first is November 15th through December 19th when the traditional fasting discipline (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, and olive oil) is observed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, with katalysis (allowance) for wine and olive oil (some also permit fish) on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and for fish, wine, and olive oil on Saturdays and Sundays. The second is the period of the Forefeast, December 20th through 24th, when the traditional fasting discipline is observed Monday through Friday, with katalysis for wine and olive oil on Saturday and Sunday.

Besides fasting it is helpful to try and attend Vespers either on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm or Saturday at 5:30 pm



Please remember the sick and recovering, George, Susan Sophie, John, James, George, William, Ron, Jared, Mark, Anne, Pat, Tiffani, Robert, Kathy, and Alex, for those serving in the Armed Forces Brett Sukolics

For the release of Met. Paul and Archbp. Johanna and for all those suffering persecution for their faith.

For our sister diocese of Bosra-Hauran, His Eminence Mt. Saba, the Archmandrite Isaac, the Priests, Peter, George, Peter, Philip, George, Symeon, Elia, Timon, Paul and Anas..

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