

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



St. Paul's is blessed to have **His Grace Bishop Basil** visit our parish for Vespers on Nov.6 the feast of St. Paul of Constantinople. As a diocese we are blessed to have His Grace as our Shepherd who provides us with pastoral and spiritual oversight.

He's Coming.....

HIS GRACE BP. BASIL visits St. Paul on [Monday Nov. 6th at 7:00 pm](#)

THIS WEEK'S ADULT CLASS ~Ever been frustrated with dealing with a friend or co-worker? Are there some people that you try to stay away from? The Holiday season will soon be upon us are there some relatives that no matter what you do, you just aren't able to please them? There are some relationships that are healthy and then there are some that can be toxic, so what do you do as Christ's own? How do you handle yourself in a manner that reflects your faith and commitment to our Lord?

ALTAR BOYS THIS COMING SUNDAY
Zach Irwin, Judah Gobin, Julian Gobin, Will Irwin. Ian Reynolds
Reader ~ Nicholas Cook

USHERS Jason Hicks and Grady Hammett

Please remember in your prayers...
+ His Grace Bishop Antoun who reposed Oct. 2, 2017.

May His memory be eternal

+ James Lawrence the nephew of Fran Spiker,

+ James the cousin of Deacon Cook

+Those who died in Las Vegas, their families, the first responders, medical personnel and all those who assisted

the victims +Please remember those who have suffered loss through Harvey, Irma and Maria and the earthquake in Mexico~ for all

those impacted by the wildfires in California. Please remember the sick, the recovering, and those affected by Hurricane Harvey James, William, Ron, Jared, Mark, Anne, Pat, Tiffani, David, Jennifer 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..

Part 2 Tithing by Fr . Thomas Zell

For those who tithe, remember that God desires every corner of our heart, not a percentage. The tithe-even from its most ancient days-was a minimum standard, a guide to ensure basic, consistent giving, not a be-all and end-all. If we think that giving a tithe "gets us off the hook," we're placing ourselves in the company of those Pharisees the Lord debated with on a daily basis. We use a rule of prayer each day to guide us in our prayer life. But we don't say, "Thank God! I've done my ten minutes of prayer this morning, now I don't have to pray again until tonight!" A rule of prayer is just a starting point for prayer, a call to order, not the total of all we do. The same thing applies to the tithe.

(2) For those who do not tithe, exercise caution. There's one really wonderful excuse for not tithing, as long as it's honest: "I give way more than ten percent already, and would need to reduce my giving considerably to get down to a tithe." It's tempting to think we're giving vast sums to the Church, when in fact our giving amounts to pocket change by year's end. The statistics here are grim. In the typical church today, 5 percent of the congregation gives 50 percent of the weekly offering. Another 20 percent of the congregation gives 40 percent of the church's income. The remaining 75 percent of the typical congregation contributes 10 percent of the incoming dollars.

Registration for the SOUTH **St. Emmelia Homeschool Conference & Parenting Retreat** is NOW open! Look for a flier that will be sent later today! Registration is limited to 125 adults, and we expect to sell out.

Register TODAY at <https://saintemmeliaconferences.com/>



YOUTH EQUIPPED TO SERVE

WHAT? A wonderful opportunity to participate in Hurricane Harvey relief and healing efforts, in love and service to its people.

WHO? 13 years old- College Students

WHERE? We will meet at 5pm on Friday and stay Friday and Saturday nights at St. George Orthodox Christian Church: 5311 Mercer

Houston, TX 77005. The service learning weekend will come to a close following Liturgy on Sunday.

COST? A registration gift of \$150 a person will cover all trip expenses, make it possible for the YES Program to prepare and execute the trip, and enable our service team to meet the needs of those we serve.

ANY QUESTIONS? Please contact YES Program Director, Katrina Bitar: kbitar@focusna.org, or

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