

From the Front Cover

As the Holy Evangelist Luke tells us, our Lord Jesus Christ arrived at the gate of Nain accompanied not only by His disciples, but by a large multitude, as well. You can imagine what kind of congestion would have been caused by this large multitude coming into the gate at this time. But there was another source of congestion. At the same time, the funeral procession of a young man, the only son of his widowed mother, was going out of the gate accompanied by a great multitude. At the beautiful gate of the town of Nain, these two processions collide. In the procession leaving the town, there is death, and in the procession entering the town there is our Lord Jesus Christ. Thus, at this gate, death meets Life Himself.

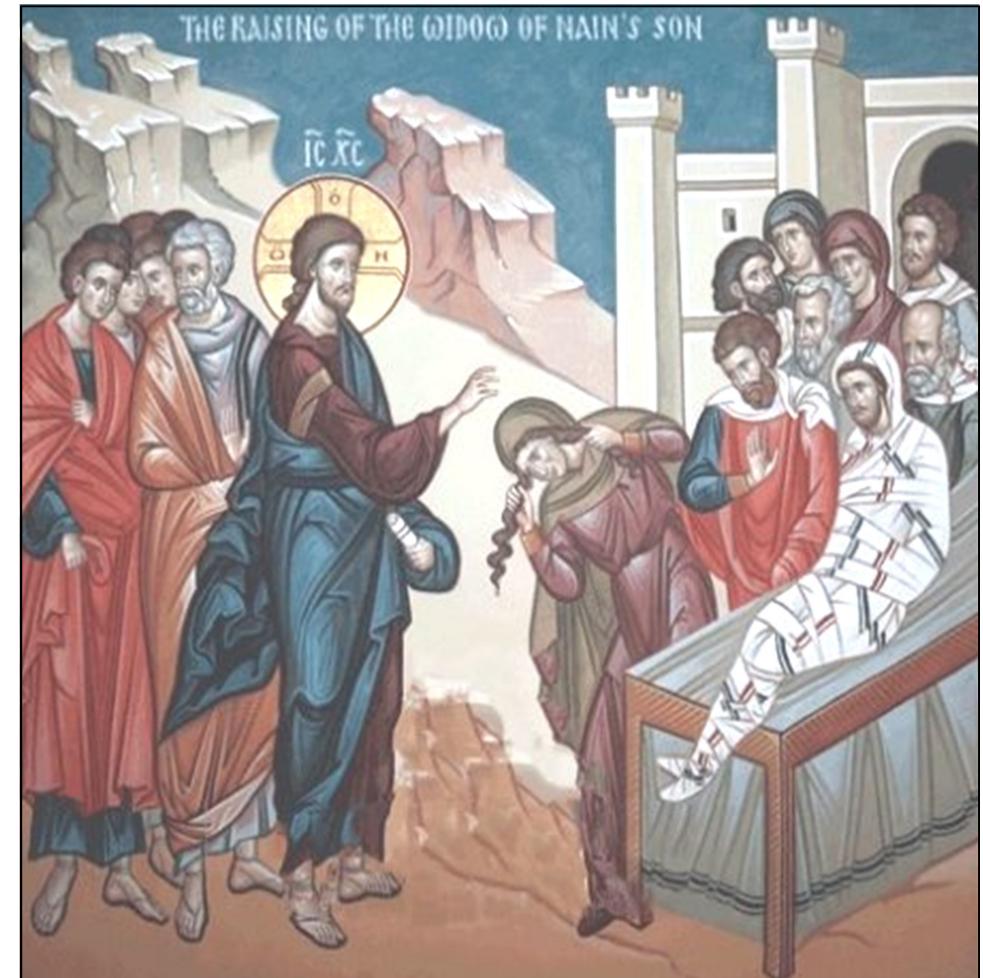
What happens? Death stops in its tracks. Our Lord stretched forth His Hand and death stopped: “And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him *stood still*. And he said, ‘Young man, I say unto thee, Arise.’”

This funeral procession that was leaving the town of Nain represents in many ways the funeral procession of humanity. From the time of Adam and Eve’s disobedience, humanity has been one long funeral procession. Despite our greatest accomplishments, death remains our inevitable end.

Our Lord Jesus Christ came and halted this funeral procession. Death, which was not natural to humanity, was stopped in its tracks through the lifegiving Resurrection of the Son of God from the dead. He proved that He is not only the Lord over the living, but also the Lord over death itself. This is why St. Luke uses the word “Lord” for the very first time in v. 13 of today’s passage. He wrote, “And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, ‘Weep not.’” For six chapters, he has referred to our Lord simply as “Jesus,” but when he tells this story, he purposefully uses the word “Lord” in order to teach us that Christ is the Lord Who is triumphant over death and the power of death over us.

Thus, at the beautiful gate of Nain, death came face to face with Life Himself, our Lord Jesus Christ, and the funeral procession of human history came to a stop. Soon afterwards, our Savior would trample upon death through His life-giving sacrifice on the Cross and destroy the power of death over man through His descent into Hades, where He liberated the captives who believed in Him.

This, then, is the cause of our joy. Every joy we experience as Christians emanates from our Savior’s triumph over death.



+ The Raising of the Widow of Nain’s Son

The Weekly Bulletin - October 9, 2022



Saint Mary Orthodox Church of West Palm Beach

*A Parish of the Diocese of Miami and the Southeast of the
Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of North America*

The Most Reverend Metropolitan Joseph, *Primate*

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Welcome!

Whether you are a parishioner or a visitor, we are glad you have chosen to pray with us at Saint Mary's. As a friendly reminder, please observe the following upon entering the church for prayer.

- If you arrive after the services begin, try to enter the Church quietly and observe what is happening. Try not to interrupt the service by your entrance.
- Please silence your cellular telephones.
- Please place your offerings in the basket on the table in the Church Narthex (Entrance), or the Offering Tray when passed.
- You are invited join us in the Banquet Hall for coffee and refreshments following the Sunday Divine Liturgy.

OCTOBER IS YOUTH MONTH!

Our Church Website

Have you checked-out our new Church Website? Go to stmaryschurchwpb.org and let us know what you think.



Schedule of Church Services

Sunday, October 9th

Matins at 8:50 AM; Divine Liturgy, at 10:00 AM.

Wednesday, October 12th

Vespers Service at 6:30 PM

Sunday, October 16th

Matins at 8:50 AM; Divine Liturgy, at 10:00 AM.

Fr. Peter is available for Confession by appointment; or 30 minutes prior to Sunday Matins, Wednesday Vespers and Feast Day Services.

Upcoming Meetings and Activities

October is Youth Month!

- ◇ **Sunday, October 9th:** Monthly Parish Council Meeting at 12 Noon, in the Conference Room.
- ◇ **Tuesday, October 11th:** Bible Study beginning at 6:45 PM, in the Conference Room.
- ◇ **Sunday, October 16th:** Special Olympics Awareness Sunday Luncheon, hosted by SOYO.
- ◇ **Sunday, October 23rd:** Ladies Society Meeting at 11:45 AM, in the Conference Room.
- ◇ **Sunday, October 30th:** Trunk or Treat beginning from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, in the North Parking Lot of the church. More details forthcoming.



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No: 105/2022

Your Grace, Bishop JOHN, Beloved Members of the Temporary Operating Committee, and the Members of the Board of Trustees,

We embrace you and your families with our paternal love and Patriarchal greetings, offering our warm prayers for your protection.

As you may know, the Holy Synod of Antioch will convene starting on Wednesday, October 12th, 2022, at the Patriarchal Residence, and under the protection of our Lady of Balamand. The Synod will dedicate part of its work to discuss the current developments in your God-protected Archdiocese, after the Retirement of His Eminence Metropolitan Joseph Zehlaoui.

Therefore, I, along with the Holy Synod Fathers, wish that you keep us in your prayers, as a new phase in the history of your noble Archdiocese begins, and which we hope it shall be blessed.

On this occasion, I bring your attention that as soon as the Synod concludes its meeting, we will send you an official letter about the Synodal decision related to the Archdiocese, and we will appoint a Patriarchal Vicar, in accordance with the provisions of the Antiochian Laws and Regulations. The Patriarchal Vicar will manage the affairs of the Archdiocese, in accordance with the pertinent regulations. He will especially supervise the procedures related to the nomination process.

We inform you about this, as part of the transparency in our relationship, and in order for you not to initiate any action related to the nomination process until the Vicar arrives and assumes his responsibilities in the Archdiocese.

We embrace you and your families with our paternal love, offering our warm prayers for your protection. May the Lord God strengthen you in your blessed ministry in His Church.

With our apostolic blessings.

Balamand, 5 October 2022.

✠ JOHN X

Patriarch of Antioch and all the East

Divine Liturgy Variables for the The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost The Holy Apostle James, Son of Alphaeus

The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom is celebrated on this day. The service text may be found beginning on page 91 in the Red Service Book in the pews.

- *During the Little Entrance, the Resurrectional Apolytikion is sung. The Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn) is "O come, let us worship... save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead..." as on ordinary Sundays. After the Entrance, chant these hymns in the following order:*

Resurrectional Apolytikion in Tone 8

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Apolytikion for the Apostle James, Son of Alphaeus in Tone 3

O holy apostle James, intercede with the merciful God to grant to our souls forgiveness of sins.

Apolytikion of the Church (Dormition) in Tone 1

In thy birth-giving, O Theotokos, thou didst keep and preserve virginity; and in thy falling-asleep thou hast not forsaken the world; for thou wast translated into life, being the Mother of Life. Wherefore, by thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

Kontakion for Ordinary Sundays in Tone 2

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 Epistle (For the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost)

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:16-7:1)

Brethren, we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Therefore, come out from them, and be separate from them," says the Lord, "and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

صَلُّوا وَأَوْفُوا الرَّبَّ إِلَهَنَا.

اللَّهُ مَعْرُوفٌ فِي أَرْضِ يَهُودَا. إِسْمُهُ عَظِيمٌ فِي إِسْرَائِيلَ.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِّيسِ بُولُسِ الرَّسُولِ الثَّانِيَةِ إِلَى أَهْلِ كُورِنْثُوسِ.

يَا إِخْوَتِي، أَنْتُمْ هَيْكَلُ اللَّهِ الْحَيِّ، كَمَا قَالَ اللَّهُ، "إِتِي سَأَسْكُنْ فِيهِمْ، وَأَسِيرُ فِيهِمْ، وَأَكُونُ لَهُمْ إِلَهًا وَهُمْ يَكُونُونَ لِي

شَعْبًا. لِذَلِكَ أَخْرَجُوا مِنْ بَيْنِهِمْ وَاعْتَزَلُوا" يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ "وَلَا تَمَسُّوا نَجَسًا. فَأَقْبَلْكُمْ وَأَكُونْ لَكُمْ أَبًا وَتَكُونُوا أَنْتُمْ لِي بَنِينَ

وَبَنَاتٍ، يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ الْقَدِيرُ. "وَإِذْ لَنَا هَذِهِ الْمَوَاعِدُ، أَيُّهَا الْأَحْبَاءُ، فَلْنُطَهِّرْ أَنْفُسَنَا مِنْ كُلِّ أَدْنَسِ الْجَسَدِ وَالرُّوحِ، وَنُكَمِّلِ

الْقِدَاسَةَ بِمَخَافَةِ اللَّهِ.

The Gospel (For the Third Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (7:11-16)

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and many of His disciples and a great crowd went with Him. As He drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And He came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you: arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited His people!"

SPECIAL OLYMPICS Awareness Day

AS NAC TEEN SOYO PREPARES TO SPONSOR THE 42ND ANNUAL SPECIAL OLYMPICS SPORTS CAMP, WE ASK FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND HELP IN MAKING THIS MINISTRY POSSIBLE. APPROXIMATELY 300 ATHLETES AND COACHES PARTICIPATE IN OUR CAMP EACH YEAR. TEEN SOYO MEMBERS TRAVEL FROM ACROSS OUR ARCHDIOCESE TO VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME, TO LIVE IN SERVICE TO OTHERS AND TO FULFILL THE CALL TO DO ALL THINGS

"As working for the Lord, not for men." (Col. 3:23)

Next Sunday, October 16th, our teens will request your financial donations to enable them to sponsor the 42nd Annual Special Olympics Sports Camp, which will be held at the Antiochian Village, in August of 2023. Your donations make it possible for every athlete to attend this event free of charge and also help Teen SOYO members travel to serve as Coaches at the camp. As an expression of gratitude for your donation to this effort, teens will be handing out bookmarks with the icon of All Saints.

Thank you for considering the support of this wonderful ministry that allows our children to be a blessing to others!

Please make checks payable to your local Teen SOYO group with "SOAD 2022" in the memo.

DID YOU KNOW?

Each year, NAC Teen SOYO covers the cost of the camp, approximately \$75,000, through the generosity of our fellow parishioners. Through the years, we have hosted more than 8,500 athletes and coaches. Around 1,200 of our teens have had the unique experience of being a coach or volunteer at the camp.



Repair and Improvement Campaign Update

\$25,000 \$50,000 \$75,000 \$100,000

Amount
Received

As of September 25, 2022: **\$44,230**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Since the Parish Council initiated the Repair and Improvement Campaign at the end of May, much needed repairs and improvements have been carried out.

- ◇ New Air-Conditioning System for our Banquet Hall, in addition to a new A/C system for our hall restrooms, kitchen and new Sunday School Rooms.
- ◇ Repair and re-surfacing of our parking lots; new curb stones and parking stripes; relocation of handicapped spaces and signage to South Parking Lot and school.
- ◇ Repair of pumps and zone timer for the outdoor sprinklers.

The total cost for the above repairs currently exceeds to amount donated to date.

For those who have donated we THANK YOU!

In order to reach our goal of \$100,000, your donations are still needed, no matter the amount.

It is also imperative to continue to keep up with your annual giving, especially during the summer months. This will keep the church from falling into a deficit.

For more information on how you may donate to our campaign, please speak with Mark Samra, Judy Chalhub, or Sam Pasley.

Online Donations

The church offers Zelle as an online means of fulfilling your 'Annual Pledge' as well as make a donation to the 'Repair and Improvement Campaign.'

To use Zelle, please access it through your online bank to:
stmarywpbfinance@gmail.com.

In addition, you may use the online services of Paypal, and the Envelopes on the table in the Church Narthex in fulfilling your pledge, or to make an offering.

For questions and information, please speak with our Parish Council Treasurer Sam Pasley.

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ لَوْقَا الْإِنْجِيلِيّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّمْلِيذِ الطَّاهِرِ .

في ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، كَانَ يَسُوعُ مُنْطَلِقاً إِلَى مَدِينَةِ اسْمُهَا نَايُنُ، وَكَانَ كَثِيرُونَ مِنْ تَلَامِيذِهِ وَجَمَعَ غَفِيرٌ مُنْطَلِقِينَ مَعَهُ. فَلَمَّا قَرَّبَ مِنْ بَابِ الْمَدِينَةِ، إِذَا مَيِّتٌ مَحْمُولٌ، وَهُوَ ابْنٌ وَحِيدٌ لِأُمِّهِ، وَكَانَتْ أَرْمَلَةً، وَكَانَ مَعَهَا جَمْعٌ كَثِيرٌ مِنَ الْمَدِينَةِ. فَلَمَّا رَأَاهَا الرَّبُّ، تَحَنَّنَ عَلَيْهَا وَقَالَ لَهَا: "لَا تَبْكِي." وَدَنَا، وَلَمَسَ النَّعْشَ (فَوَقَّفَ الْحَامِلُونَ). فَقَالَ: "أَيُّهَا الشَّابُّ، لَكَ أَقُولُ قُمْ." فَاسْتَوَى الْمَيِّتُ، وَبَدَأَ يَتَكَلَّمُ، فَسَلَّمَهُ إِلَى أُمِّهِ. فَأَخَذَ الْجَمِيعَ خَوْفًا، وَمَجَدُوا اللَّهَ قَائِلِينَ: "لَقَدْ قَامَ فِيْنَا نَبِيٌّ عَظِيمٌ، وَافْتَقَدَ اللَّهُ شَعْبَهُ."

- *The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom continues as usual.*

After receiving Communion, please read the 'Prayers of Thanksgiving After Holy Communion' on pages 128-131 in the Red Service Book in the pews.

Liturgical Offerings

Weekly Altar Candle offered for the week of October 9th

- ◇ In glory of the Most-Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

If you wish to offer Holy Bread for a Divine Liturgy, or a Weekly Altar Candle for the health of or memory of a love one, please speak with Fr. Peter.

Please Remember In Your Prayers

For the Living

"Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord." James 5: 14

For the Good Health of the Servants of God: Archpriest Michael & Matushka Annette Zaparyniuk, Michael, Sub-Deacon William Hall, George Frieji, Jodet Rae, Judy Chalhub, Johnny & Joyce Chalhub, Jenna Welch, Shane Brown, Raouf Saballeil, Jennifer Joseph Zicky, Marie-Therese Habib, Sabah, Magda Danese, Jason Gamez.

For the Shut-ins of our Church Community: Gloria Yedlinsky, Lidia Pawlcuk, Basil Dalack, Angie Smith, Zakia Salloum.

Metropolitan Boulos & Archbishop Youhanna, for their release from captivity and safe return.

For all persecuted Christians and all people suffering from violence, war, captivity, hunger, and homelessness throughout this world.

For those serving in our armed forces here and abroad: Christopher Smith, Jonathan Shportun, Alexios Gavrilos.

For the Departed

"With the spirits of the righteous made perfect, give rest O Lord to the souls of Thy servants..."

Ernest Shwayri (newly departed 9/29/22), Sarah Nabhan (newly departed 9/5/22), Thomas Eissey (5/4/22), Margo Fankhauser (5/3/22), Archpriest Nicholas Neyman (12/12/21).

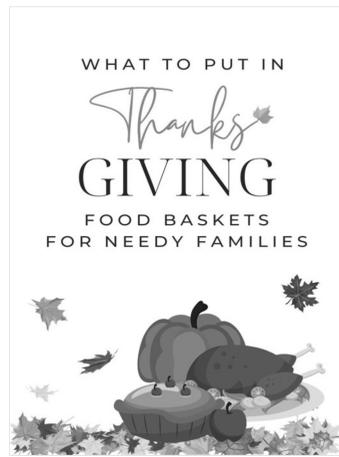
Seven Day Prayer Candles Offered

◇ By Tatiana, for the good health and well-being of Alexiy, Alexiy, Sergey, Olga, Maria, Elena, Lyudmila, Olga, Nikolai, Ksenia.

When offering a Seven Day Prayer Candle, please list only the names that you are praying for, and are asking the church community to pray for. Please do not include greetings, birthday and anniversary wishes, etc.

Congratulation!

To Gabriel Cogan on his Baptism and Chrismation last Sunday, October 2nd. Gabriel is the son of Samuel Cogan and Melisa Meza. May God grant him many years!



Again this Thanksgiving, Saint Mary's will be providing 30 Thanksgiving Baskets for Needy Families in the community. The following is a list of items in need for each basket:

*\$25.00 Gift Card from Publix

*1 Box of Stuffing

*1 Can of Cranberries

*1 Can of Green Beans

*1 Can of Yams

*If you are unable to shop, donations will be accepted.

*Items may be brought is anytime between now and Sunday, November 6th.

*Baskets will be assembled after church on November 6th.

**Regular Size Cans,
not large.**

For more information, or to make donations, please see Lisa Geesy or Jane Pasley.

Sunday School and Teen Classes Underway!

Classes are held each Sunday morning following Communion, and last approximately 30 minutes.

The following is general information regarding Sunday School and teen classes:

◇ There will be three classes:

Pre-K and K Class (Ages 4 - 6 years)

Middler Class (Ages 7 - 10 years)

Pre-Teen (Ages 11 & 12) and Teens

◇ This year the curriculum will focus on the Boof of Genesis, in addition to the basics in the Orthodox faith.

NOTE: The Sunday School is still in need of someone to teach the Middler Class. If you are interested, please speak to Fr. Peter.

Weekly Bible Study

Our Bible Study for the Fall continues on Tuesday, October 11th, from 6:45 PM to 7:45 PM, in the Conference Room. We are blessed to have Jim Gavrilos to once again lead our weekly study.

The topic: 'The Acts of the Apostles'

Everyone is welcome to attend. The only requirement is that you bring your Bible, and a desire to learn about the Word of God.

Church Directory Information

We are updating our Church Directory to better minister to our Saint Mary's Community. If you have not done so already, please take a minute or two to complete a Church Directory Information Form. Forms are on the table in the Church Narthex. The forms may be returned to Jane Pasley or Fr. Peter.

Saint Philip Fall Dinner Hafli

Featuring: Richard Corey, Fadi Hardan, Elias Kilzi & Walid Abusad

~ Saturday, October 29th ~

Germack Hall - 4860 Griffin Road, Davie FL 33314

Doors open at 7:30 PM

Catered Dinner - Cash Bar - Great Music

To RSVP by email: office@orthodoxfl.com or telephone Pam Black (954) 224-9228