

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, May 20th: Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council
 Church School Walk-A-Thon to benefit "Food For Hungry People"
 Outreach Committee Meeting during Coffee Hour
 Outreach Committee 'Soup Kitchen' 12:00-12:30pm

Sunday, May 27th: Holy Pentecost

Monday, May 28th: Memorial Day
 9:00 A.M. – Memorial Day Prayers at Walnut Hill Cemetery

Saturday, June 2nd: 6:00 P.M. – Arabic Liturgy

Sunday, June 3rd: First Sunday after Pentecost
 Church School Graduation & Luncheon

Saturday, June 9th: **2018 PLC Day 1 – at Saint George in Norwood.** Oratorical Festival
 at 4pm followed by Great Vespers & a reception

Sunday, June 10th: Second Sunday after Pentecost
 Outreach Committee Meeting during Coffee Hour

Tuesday, June 12th: 7:00P.M. – Parish Council Meeting

Saturday, June 16th: Hafli at the Parish Center (more info to follow)

Sunday, June 17th: Third Sunday after Pentecost
 Outreach Committee 'Soup Kitchen' 12:00-12:30pm
 Father's Day

Saturday, June 23rd: **2018 PLC Day 2 – at Saint John of Damascus in Dedham**

Sunday, June 24th: Nativity of John the Baptist

Sunday, July 1st: Cosmas & Damian & 5th Sunday of Matthew

Wednesday, July 4th: Independence Day (church office closed)

Saturday, July 7th: 6:00 P.M. – Arabic Liturgy

Sunday, July 8th: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
 Family Fun Day (following Liturgy) ~ *Masonic Youth Center,
 116 Long Street, Warwick, RI*

Tuesday, July 10th: 7:00P.M. – Parish Council Meeting

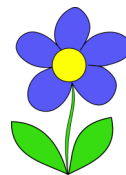
Sunday, July 15th: Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council
 Outreach Committee 'Soup Kitchen' 12:00-12:30pm

Sunday, July 22nd: Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 29th: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Tuesday, August 14th: 7:00P.M. – Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, August 5th: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, May 20, 2018

*Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council
 & After-feast of the Ascension of Christ*

Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Diocese of Worcester and New England**

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Schedule of Services

Sunday: Orthros (Matins)	9:00 a.m.
Church School	11:15 a.m.
Sunday: Divine Liturgy	10:00 a.m.

*Enter in Quietness, Rest in Prayer,
Worship in Reverence, Depart in Peace to Serve*

We welcome our Visitors & Guests: Please take a moment to fill out a Visitor Card. We invite you to join us for coffee hour at the Parish Center following Liturgy.

Receiving Communion: Only those Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves may approach the chalice for Holy Communion. Everyone is welcome to partake of the Holy Bread after the Liturgy.



Prayer Line

St. Mary ~ Internet Prayer Line
Prayer requests can be sent to us via the internet at
office@stmarypawtucket.org

All requests must be received by Wednesday noon to be included in that week's bulletin.
Any requests received after that time will be included in the following week's bulletin.

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

It is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. (Jn 16:7)

The words of Jesus in St. John's gospel are clear: the sending of the Spirit depends upon the departure of Christ. St. Luke takes up the theme of the Spirit just before Ascension. He speaks of the power from on high with which the apostles will be covered. Just as he does in Acts, St. Luke mentions the promise of the Father, the baptism with the Holy Spirit, the fire of Pentecost. Returning from the Mount of Olives, the apostles live in expectation of the Holy Spirit; and they are full of joy, for they know that Christ will not leave them orphaned. He has promised them the Comforter. There are ten days between Ascension and Pentecost, days during which we wait, just as did the apostles in the upper room, for the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We prepare ourselves to receive the comforting Spirit. With the promise of the Spirit, Christ makes two more promises before leaving this earth. What are they? ~The promise to remain with his disciples until the end of the world (Mt 28:20). Christ is indeed mysteriously present in his Church. It is the Holy Spirit who manifests his presence in the sacraments. Just as the Bread of Life assembles all the grains of wheat into one loaf, so the Body of Christ assembles humanity into one Church. ~The third promise of Christ is that he will return in glory at the Parousia, at the Second Coming. On the icon, we see the apostles gathered around the Mother of God, their eyes turned up to heaven. Two angels invite them to await the glorious return of the Son of God: *Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, Who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven. (Acts 1:11)* The group of apostles with the Mother of God represent the Church in the expectation of the second coming of Christ. As for the Lord, he blesses us with his hand and , by this gesture, he indicates that he remains with us until the end of the world, for his blessing never leaves us. Between Pentecost and the Parousia is the time of the Church, the time when we wait for the return of the Savior. The Holy Spirit stirs up within us the desire to see Christ again, he calls forth his presence in us. For "the Spirit helps us in our weakness...the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words" (Rom 8:26). The Book of Revelation explains the exact meaning of these sighs, which hasten Christ's return: *The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." "Surely I am coming soon." Amen Come, Lord Jesus! (Rev 22:17,20)* The Holy Spirit helps us to live in the expectation, and at the same time reveals the fulfillment of the promise. For this is not an empty wait, projected into a distant future, a joy promised for another world. Already today, in the Holy Spirit, we have the foretaste of the Parousia. This revelation is given to us in the eucharistic liturgy. Indeed, the eucharist allows us to escape chronological, historical time, the succession of days, hours, and minutes. It allows us to live everything at once: the past, the present, and the future. For liturgical time is not subject to linear time. It allows us to know the eternity of God, where "the past, the present, and the future somehow mysteriously coexist, where the 'already' and the 'not yet' meet one another." This is why we call the eucharist "the divine liturgy," for it is already participation in eternal life in God.

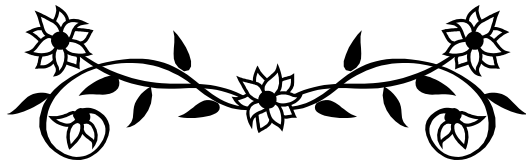
Orthodox Vocabulary

Oktoechos

Oktoechos: Book of The Eight Tones: In Greek, 'eight tones': either the system of eight tones which are the basis of the liturgical music of Byzantine, Roman, Syrian, and Armenian rites, or a Byzantine rite liturgical book, the Parakletike, containing the texts for each day's services for all eight tones, or a Troparion which makes use of all eight tones in the course of its melody.

A tree is known by its fruit, a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love.

~St. Basil the Great



Faith comes by hearing, because when we hear the Holy Scriptures we believe in the teaching of the Holy Spirit. This faith is made perfect by all the things which Christ has ordained; it believes truly, it is devout and it keeps the commandments of Him who has renewed us.



Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council & After-feast of the Ascension of Christ

Tone: 6 Eothinon: 10

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: Tone 6

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb. And the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE ASCENSION: Tone 4

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Thy Disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit, making them confident through the blessing that Thou art the Son of God, and Deliverer of the world.

APOLYTIKION OF THE HOLY FATHERS: Tone 8

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

TROPARION OF THE DORMITION: Tone 1

In giving birth, Thou didst keep Thy virginity and in thy repose, Thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos, for Thou art the mother of life, and Thou didst pass over into life; and through thy intercession from death Thou dost redeem our souls.

KONTAKION OF THE ASCENSION: Tone 6

When Thou didst fulfill Thy dispensation for our sakes, uniting the terrestrials with the celestials, Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, inseparable in space, but constant without separation, and crying unto Thy beloved: I am with you, and no one shall be against you.

THE EPISTLE

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers. For Thou art just in all Thou hast done.

The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (20:16-18, 28-36)

In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: “Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (17:1-13)

At that time, Jesus lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son that the Son may glorify Thee, since Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom Thou hast given Him. And this is eternal life, that they know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ Whom Thou hast sent. I glorified Thee on earth, having accomplished the work which Thou gavest Me to do; and now, Father, glorify Thou Me in Thy own presence with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was made. I have manifested Thy Name to the men whom Thou gavest Me out of the world; Thine they were, and Thou gavest them to Me, and they have kept Thy word. Now they know that everything that Thou hast given Me is from Thee; for I have given them the words which Thou gavest Me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from Thee; and they have believed that Thou didst send Me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom Thou hast given Me, for they are Thine; all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to Thee. Holy Father, keep them in Thy Name, which Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one. While I was with them, I kept them in Thy Name, which Thou have given Me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to Thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On May 20 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Martyrs Thallelaios the Unmercenary Healer of Phoenicia, and his disciples Alexander and Asterios of Cilicia; Martyr Askellas of Egypt; Venerable Nikitas, John and Joseph of Chios; Lydia ‘the seller of purple’ of Thyatira and Philippi; Alexis the wonderworker, metropolitan of Moscow; and Venerable Stephen of Piperi in Serbia.

On this day, the seventh Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the first Ecumenical Council of the 318 God-bearing Fathers, which took place in Nicaea in Bithynia.

Verses

O ye light-bearing stars of the spiritual firmament, enlighten my mind with your rays.

Verses Against Arius

*Calling the Son a stranger to the Father’s essence,
Arius proved to be a stranger to God’s glory.*

Arius, the notorious heretic, began to blaspheme against God and His Son the Word, saying that the latter was not God consubstantial with the Father, but that He was created as a stranger to the Substance of the Father and His glory. Alexander, the Archbishop of Alexandria, tried to constrain Arius from disturbing the faithful with this teaching; even though Alexander excommunicated him, Arius did not cease his blasphemy, which spread throughout the Church in all nations. Thus, Emperor Constantine the Great called the First Ecumenical Council, which gathered bishops and teachers in the Church from all lands. They all proclaimed, as by one mouth, the equality of the Son of God with the Father in Substance, thus laying down the noble Confession of Faith, *The Creed*, which we Orthodox Christians recite to this day. The Church regards these divine Fathers as preachers of the Faith next to the holy Apostles.

*By the intercessions of the 318 God-bearing Fathers, O Christ God, have mercy on us.
Amen.*



Memorial Day Prayers

This year Memorial Day falls on May 28th. Prayers for the deceased will be held at Walnut Hill Cemetery starting at 9am on Monday, May 28th. Please bring a list of the names of your beloved deceased and give them to Fr. Elie at the central cross for the offering of the Trisagion Prayers (9am).

May God grant the Departed, rest and peace and may their memories be eternal.

Prayers for the Departed

Remember, O Lord, all who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection and of eternal life, our fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters. Orthodox Christians who rest both here and in all other parts of the earth. Place them with Your saints, where the light of Your countenance shines, and have mercy upon us, for You are gracious and love all mankind. Grant, O Lord, to all that have gone before us in faith and hope of the resurrection, remission of sins and keep them in everlasting memory. Amen.

In the place of Your rest, O Lord, where all Your saints repose, give rest to the souls of Your servants, for You alone are immortal. O virgin, alone pure and immaculate that in maiden-motherhood brought forth God, intercede for the salvation of the souls of your servants. With the saints give rest, O Christ, to the souls of Your servants (names), where there is not pain, sorrow or sighing, but Life everlasting. Amen and repose to the beloved deceased and may their memories be eternal!



Food For Hungry People Collection (F.F.H.P.)

“When you see a poor person, remember the words of our Lord Jesus Christ by which He declared that it is He Himself who is fed. For through that which appears to be not Christ, yet in that person’s form, it is Christ Himself who receives and begs.”
~St. John Chrysostom

During the Holy Season of Lent, we collect alms to feed the hungry, as an act of Christian Mercy. Food for Hungry People collection boxes are available in the Vestibule & Church Hall. Take one home, fill it with coins during Lent and return it at Holy Pasha (Easter). Donations will also be accepted. To: St. Mary Orthodox Church earmarked “F F.H.P.”

May we be generous to reach out to those who hunger and who are in need.
This “reaching out” and caring will help us to witness the resurrection.

**PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR
GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:**

Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Steve Kilsey
Fr. Herbert Nahas (100th Birthday)
Al & Vicki Hallal
Offered by: Ron & Janice Hallal

Steve & Patricia Kilsey
Offered by: Sandra Matook

Steve & Patricia Kilsey
Offered by: Nora Abdelahad

Bishop JOHN
Gregory & Diana
Joseph
Maria
Offered by: George, Lois, Mary
& Christopher Kilsey

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Gregory & Diana
Joseph
Maria
Offered by: Leon & Judith Josephs

Steve & Patricia Kilsey
Lorice Hallal
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Steve Kilsey
Father Herbert Nahas (100th Birthday)
Offered by: Albert & Victoria Hallal

Edward & Lillian Betor
Paul & Kerrie Betor
Thomas & Lynn Marcotte
Matthew & Adrienne Dykstra
Peter Marcotte
Laurice Zambie
William & LaVerne Ameen
Great-Grandchildren Daniel, Rose &
Joelle Dykstra
Offered by: Edward & Lillian Betor



Samy & Helen Morcos & Family
Steve & Pat Kilsey
Offered by: Philip & Bette Ayoub

Mason Matook
(on his appointment to West Point)
Steve & Patti Kilsey
Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi

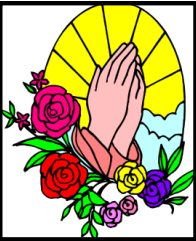
Mirna Nakhoul
Rajaa Audi
Steve Kilsey
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Mary & Michael Saati
Alexa & Emad Tayebi
Steve & Patricia Kilsey
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

Steve Kilsey
Elaine Wilbur
Offered by: Barbara Samra

Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Rajaa Audi
Walid & Mirna Nakhoul
Steve & Pat Kilsey & Family
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Bill & Mary Franklin & Family
Steve & Patti Kilsey & Family
Glenn, Donna & Alicia Maurice
Offered by: Cindy Hayes & Children



IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Youssef & Elise Masry Morcos
Offered by: Philip & Bette Ayoub

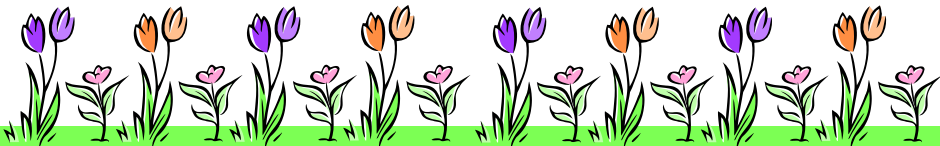
Teta Elise & Giddo Youssef
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

Ameen and Nayfey Sabath
Petros and Afife Betor
Helen Betor
Fred Sabath
Fred "Fritzie and Jimmy Sabath
Offered by: Edward & Lillian Betor

Florence Franklin
Don Hayes
John Massiwer
Tom Andrew
Offered by: Cindy Hayes & Children

Joanne
Offered by: George, Lois, Mary
& Christopher Kilsey

Joanne
Offered by: Leon & Judith Josephs



Arabic Liturgy

Arabic Liturgy is being offered the first Saturday of each month at 6:00 P.M. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Food For Hungry People Collection (F.F.H.P.)

Please make sure to bring your Food for Hungry People collection boxes to the Church Office if you have not done so already.

Coffee Hour

Coffee hour today is sponsored by Samy & Helen Morcos & Family in memory of Youssef & Elise Masry Morcos. Coffee hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.



This is the twentieth-fourth year that Memorial Trisagion services are offered for those deceased parishioners in our Charitable Gift Program who have made their contribution to the fund.

The Trisagion service will be offered this year on Sunday, May 27th in memory of:
Assad Ayoub, Mary Ayoub, Naseem Ayoub, Joseph Bowab, Linda Salhany Bowab, Alice David, Florence David, George David, Mary Elizabeth David, Nora David, Christopher Gauthier, Ronald Gauthier, Esma Gorab, Jacqueline Gorab, John Gorab, Edward J. Hallal, Sr., Fred Hallal, Sophie Hallal, Donald Hayes, Matilda Josephs, Theodore Juczyk, Michelle Kilsey, Ida Lavin, Theodore Lavin, John Massiwer, Sarah Massiwer, Esma Matook, Wadi Matook, Kamal Nassif, Ruth Ganim Salhany, Rita Sayegh, Joseph Samra, Mary Samra, Jameela Tahmoush and Nora Walker.

May their Memory Be Eternal!

We would also like to offer prayers for the health and safety of the following individuals who have committed to the Charitable Gift Program:

Fr. Leonard Faris
Fr. Timothy Ferguson
Anonymous—Four
Lisa Andrews
Cindy Antypas
Bette Ayoub
Edward Ayoub
Geoffrey Ayoub
Philip Ayoub
Philip G. Ayoub
Suzanne Ayoub
Janet Bowab
Christine Briggs
Liam Burke
Mary Lou Catelli
William Catelli
Bryan Chowning
Stephanie Chowning
Linda Dvelis
Fred Elliott
Renda Ferrari
Elaine Gauthier
Maureen Gurghigian
Paul Gurghigian
Janice Bowab Hallal
Jim Hallal
Keith Hallal

Lorice Hallal
Maria Hallal
Paula Hallal
Ronald Hallal
Dianna Hashway
Fareed Hawwa
Olga Hawwa
Tawfik Hawwa
Cindy Hayes
Daniel Hayes
Donald Hayes, Jr.
Sarah Hayes
Hilda Jarjoura Juczyk
Fadia Kabak
Eli Karam
Julia Karam
Naji Karam
Nabil Khoury
Salwa Khoury
Audrey Kilsey
Fred Kilsey
George Kilsey
Lois Kilsey
Melissa Ann Kilsey
Patricia A. Kilsey
Steven G. Kilsey
Steven W. Kilsey

Robert Laffey
Holly Lazieh
Lily Massiwer
Mary Massiwer
Keith Marshall
Marlene Marshall
Donna Maurice
Glen Maurice
Mary Mechrefe
Louise Megalli
Melanie Ann Merner
Mirna Nakhoul
Walid Nakhoul
William Salhany
Barbara M. Samra
Joseph J. Samra
Joseph J. Samra III
Marlene Samra
Rebecca Samra
Florence Spenard
Phil Spenard
Carol Wartenberg
Susan Warzycha
Mary Jane Wehbe
Elaine Wilbur
Our Teens