

CHURCH CALENDAR

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 (Hosted by The Order of St. Ignatius)

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

Wednesday, June 13th: 6:30pm- Ladies Society Annual Dinner at the Grist Mill

Saturday, June 16th: 8pm-1am- Hafli at the Parish Center

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

Saturday, July 14th: 6:15pm- PawSox vs Syracuse game at McCoy Stadium

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

Sunday, August 12th: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 19th: Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost with Bishop John presiding

SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, May 27, 2018

Sunday of PENTECOST

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Schedule of Services

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

*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.

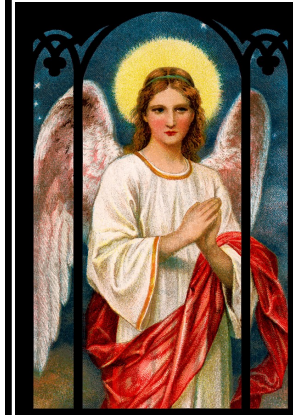


Prayer Line

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 ANGELS
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Christ himself indicates that we each have our own guardian angel who is companion, helper and protector.

According to tradition, not all angels are equal in dignity and closeness to God: there is a hierarchy. In the treatise *The Celestial Hierarchy*, attributed to Dionysius the Areopagite, the author counts three angelic hierarchies, each of which is divided into three ranks. The first and highest contains the seraphim, cherubim, thrones; the second, dominions, powers, authorities; the third, principalities, archangels, angels. The names of all nine angelic ranks are taken from Holy Scripture and, to quote again from Isaac the Syrian, mean the following:

In Hebrew, Seraphim means those who are fervent and burning; the Cherubim, those who are great in knowledge and wisdom; the Thrones, receptacles of God and rest...These orders are given these names because of their operations. The Thrones are so called as once truly honoured; the Dominions, as those who possess authority over every kingdom; the Principalities, as those who govern the atmosphere; Powers, as those who give power over the nations and every man; Virtues, as ones mighty in power and dreadful in appearance; the Seraphim, as those who make holy; the Cherubim, as those who carry; the Archangels, as vigilant guardians; the Angels, as those who are sent.

In this celestial hierarchy the upper ranks are illuminated by the divine light and partake of the mysteries of the Godhead directly, while the lower ranks receive illumination only by devolution through the higher ranks. According to Dionysius, the angelic hierarchy finds its continuation and reflection in the ecclesiastical hierarchy partakes of the divine mystery through the mediation of the celestial hierarchy. Biblical tradition speaks of the number of angels in general terms: there are 'a thousand thousands...and ten thousand times ten thousand' (Dan. 7:0). The angels certainly outnumber human beings. Gregory of Nyssa sees the lost sheep of the parable as an image of the entire human race, while he takes the ninety-nine sheep who stayed in the hills to be the angels.

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.

THE ANGELS

‘In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth’ (Gen. 1:1). Traditionally these verses are understood as indicating two worlds created by God— one invisible, spiritual and perceptible to the intellect, and the other visible and material. We have already remarked that there are no abstract concepts in biblical language and spiritual realities are often expressed by the word ‘heaven’. Christ speaks of the Kingdom of heaven...Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven’ (Matt. 6:9-10). It is obvious that reference is not being made to the visible, material sky. The Kingdom of God is a spiritual not a material kingdom, for by nature God is Spirit. And when we read that he ‘created the heavens’, this means the spiritual world and its inhabitants, the angels.

God created the angelic world before the visible universe. The angels are incorporeal spirits who possess reason and free will. John of Damascus speaks of them as being ‘ever in motion, free, incorporeal, ministering to God’, of their rational, intelligent and free nature. Following Gregory the Theologian, he calls the angels ‘secondary spiritual lights, who receive their brightness from the first Light which is without beginning’. Located in direct proximity to God, they are sustained by his light and convey this light to us.

The Bible frequently mentions the angels, yet there are no detailed descriptions of them, and there is no mention of their creation (apart from the reference to ‘heaven’). According to Isaac the Syrian, God created angels ‘out of nothing all of a sudden’, as worlds on high without number, limitless powers, legions of seraphs of fire, fearful and swift, wondrous and mighty, which have the power to carry out the will of the almighty design, the simple spirits which are luminous and incorporeal, which speak without a mouth, which see without any eyes, which hear without any ears, which fly without any wings...They do not tire or grow feeble, they are swift in movement, never delaying in any action, fearful to look upon, whose ministry is wondrous, who are rich in revelations, exalted in contemplation, who peer into the place of the *Shekhina* of Invisibleness, glorious and holy essences, who are arranged in ninefold order by the Wisdom which has created all...They are fiery in their movements, acute in intellect, wondrous in knowledge, resembling God insofar as that is possible.

Angels are actively engaged in the unceasing praise of God. Isaiah describes his vision of God, around whom the seraphim stand and proclaim: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory’ (Isa. 6:1-3). Yet the angels are also messengers sent by God to people (the Greek word means ‘messenger’ or ‘herald’). They take a vital and active part in lives of all people. Thus the archangel announces to Mary that she will bear a Son called Jesus; angels come and minister to Jesus in the wilderness; an angels supports Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane.

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Holy Pentecost

APOLYTIKION OF PENTECOST: Tone 8

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise, having sent upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them Thou hast fished the universe, O Lover of mankind, glory to Thee.

KONTAKION OF THE ASCENSION: Tone 8

When the High One descended, confusing tongues, He divided the nations. And when He distributed the fiery tongues He called all to one unity. Wherefore, in unison we glorify the most Holy Spirit.

Megalynarion for the Feast in Tone: 7

O Mother that hath known no man, thou didst conceive, not experiencing corruption, lending a body to the Word, the Creator of all, becoming a receptacle to thine insupportable Creator, a dwelling place to thine incomprehensible Maker. Wherefore, O virgin Theotokos, thee do we magnify.



THE EPISTLE

Their voice has gone out into all the earth. The heavens declare the glory of God.

The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (2:1-11)

When the day of Pentecost had come, the Disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (7:37-52; 8:12)

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this He said about the Spirit, which those who believed in Him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, many of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over Him. Some of them wanted to arrest Him, but no one laid hands on Him. The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring Him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in Him? But this crowd, who do not know the Law, are accursed." Nicodemus, who had gone to Him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our Law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

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!



Orthodox Vocabulary

Pentecost

This is the fiftieth day after the Resurrection of Christ when the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles (Acts of the Apostles, chapter 2). The Church applied the name Pentekoste = the fiftieth day, to the feast celebrating this event which may be considered the birthday of Christianity as an organized religion. In early times, the whole period between Easter and the Sunday marking the Fiftieth day after it was called Pentecost. During that time no fast was allowed, prayer was offered while standing, and the alleluia was sung more frequently. Now it is only the Easter week, from Easter Sunday to the Sunday of St. Thomas, that both Wednesday and Friday are not considered to be fasting days.

Coffee Hour

Coffee hour today is sponsored in memory of Fred & Sophie Hallal by Their Loving Family. Coffee hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.



THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On this day, the eighth Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate Holy Pentecost.

Verses

In a mighty wind Christ distributeth the Divine Spirit
In the form of fiery tongues unto the Apostles.
In one great day, the Spirit was poured out on the Fishermen.

On this day -the fiftieth after Great and Holy Pascha- we commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the holy Disciples and Apostles in the form of tongues of fire. Numbering about 120, they who followed the Master gathered in Jerusalem in the upper room of a house to await the Lord's promise to send the Holy Spirit. At about the third hour of the day, there came a sound from Heaven as of a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the house. Cloven tongues immediately appeared, like as of fire, and sat upon the head of each of them. The Apostles began to speak, not with the languages of their ancestors, but with other languages with which the Holy Spirit supplied them, as He inspired them. After the Apostle Peter explained what had happened, 3,000 people joined the Church on the inauguration of the priesthood of grace. The objectives of Pentecost are, namely, the coming of the Holy Spirit into the world, the fulfillment of the promise of Jesus Christ, and the completion of the undefiled hope of the Apostles

By the intercessions of the Holy Apostles, O Christ our God, have mercy on us.
Amen.

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Steve Kilsey
Offered lovingly by: His wife Patricia and
children Melissa, Melanie & Patrick,
Steven & Missy

Steve & Patricia Kilsey & Family
Offered by: Ed & Sue Ayoub

Steve Kilsey
Offered by: Walid & Mirna Nakhoul

Fr. Elie & Rouba
Tala, Bassam & Chadi
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Edward & Lillian Betor & Families
Offered by: Edward & Lillian Betor

Steve & Patti Kilsey
Al & Vicki Hallal
Offered by: Ron & Janice Hallal

Linda Dvelis
Jason, Stephanie, Lily & Violet Dvelis
Kristen, Robert, Alex & Jack Silva
Adele, Fred & Robert Shwaery
Fred & Cathy Shwaery & Family
Offered by: Fred, Adele & Robert Shwaery

Steve Kilsey
Offered by: Pat Nazarian

Steven Kilsey
Elaine Wilbur
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

Steven Kilsey
Bishop JOHN
Gregory & Diana
Joseph
Maria
Offered by: Mary Lou & Bill Catelli

Steve & Patricia Kilsey
Offered by: Elaine Gauthier

William & Louise Osborn
Holly Lazieh & Family & Bob Dessaint
Nassaney Family
Sterpis Family
Paula Hallal
Massiwer Family
Sam Matook & Family
Offered by: Mary Massiwer & Family



Holly, Jordan & Alexander Lazieh
Bob Dessaint & Family
Cheryl, Anthony, Emma & Evan Nassaney
Nancy, Demitrios, Steven & Nicholas Sterpis
Paula Hallal
Lil Massiwer
Diane Hashway
Mitchell Massiwer & Family
Offered by: Cindy Hayes & Children

Holly Lazieh & Sons
Bob Dessaint
Cheryl & Anthony Nassaney & Family
Paula Hallal
Nancy & Demitrios Sterpis & Family
Lily Massiwer
Diana Hashway
Mitchell Massiwer & Family
Mary Massiwer & Family
Steve & Pat Kilsey & Family
Glenn, Donna & Alicia Maurice
Offered by: Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian

Good Health & Blessings are being
offered to *Mary Gurghigian* on the
occasion of her graduation.

Offered by:
Paul & Maureen
Gurghigian



IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur



Fred & Sophie Hallal
Offered by:
Holly Lazieh and Sons
& Bob Dessaint
Paula Hallal
Cheryl & Anthony Nassaney & Family
Nancy & Dimitrios Sterpis & Sons

Sophie & Fred Hallal
John Hallal
James & Mary Hallal
Joseph & Linda Bowab
Offered by: Ron & Janice Hallal

Fred & Sophie Hallal
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

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

Fred & Sophie Hallal
Offered by: Fred, Adele & Robert Shwaery

Sophie & Fred Hallal
Offered by: Lily Massiwer

Fred & Sophie Hallal
Edward Hallal Sr.
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

Kh. Joanne Abdalah
Offered by: Mary Lou & Bill Catelli

Fred & Sophie Hallal
Massiwer Family
Moses Lazieh
Matook Family
Samra Family
Billy Osborn
Kay Matook
Offered by: Mary Massiwer & Family

Joanne Abdallah
Fred & Sophie Hallal
William Osborn Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Gauthier

Don Hayes
John Massiwer
Tom Andrew
Sophie & Fred Hallal
Moses Lazieh
Sarah, George, Abraham & Emile Massiwer
David Massiwer
Offered by: Cindy Hayes & Children

Sophie & Fred Hallal
Moses Lazieh
Sarah, George, Emil, & Abraham Massiwer
John Massiwer
Donald Hayes
Tom Andrew
Mary Gurghigian
Joanne Abdallah
Offered by: Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian



Good Health & Blessings are being offered
to Fr. Elie & Rouba on the occasion of
their 25th Wedding Anniversary. May God
bless them many more years together.

Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury



**Charitable Gift Program
Annual Memorial Service
Today-Sunday, May 27th**



This is the twenty-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 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 Andrew
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 Wartenburg
Susan Warzycha
Mary Jane Wehbe
Elaine Wilbur
Our Teens