

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Sunday, August 5th: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Monday, August 6th– Friday, August 10th: Summer Camp/School Week

Sunday, August 12th: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

Feast Day (following Hierarchical Liturgy-with Bishop JOHN) ~
Music & Luncheon at the Parish Center

Outreach Committee 'Soup Kitchen' 12:00-12:30pm

Sunday, August 26th: Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 2nd: Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Monday, September 3rd: Labor Day (church office closed)

Sunday, September 9th: Sunday before the Elevation of the Cross

Start of Church School & Luncheon hosted by The Order of St. Ignatius

Tuesday, September 11th: 7:00P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, September 16th: Sunday after the Elevation of the Cross

Outreach Committee 'Soup Kitchen' 12:00-12:30pm

Sunday, September 23rd: Conception of John the Baptist

Sunday, September 30th: Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Friday, October 5th– Sunday, October 7th: Diocese Family Camp & our Diocese Teen
SOYO Fall Camp at the St. Methodios Faith & Heritage Center in Contoocook, NH

Saturday, October 6th: 8pm-1am Hafli

Sunday, October 7th: Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, June 24, 2018

Nativity of John the Baptist

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& Metropolitan of all North America**

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Diocese of Worcester and New England**

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Sub-Deacon Chadi Saad & Sub-Deacon Emad Amirhom

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 SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On June 24 in the Holy Orthodox Church we celebrate the Nativity of the venerable and glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John.

Verses

*Dance now, O Zacharias, together with thy wife;
Though ye bear not many, the one ye do bear is great.
On the twenty-fourth a mother brought forth the Forerunner.*

Six months before his appearance in Nazareth to the All-holy Virgin Mary, the great archangel of God, Gabriel, appeared to Zacharias the high priest in the Temple at Jerusalem. The archangel announced the miraculous conception to the childless old woman Elizabeth. Zacharias did not immediately believe the words of the herald of God and this is why his tongue was tied with dumbness and remained as such until eight days after the birth of John. On that day, the relatives of Zacharias and Elizabeth gathered for the young child's circumcision and for the sake of giving him a name. When they asked the father what name he wishes to give to his son and being dumb, he wrote on a tablet: "John." At that moment he could speak again. Herod heard of this news and sent soldiers to slay the children throughout Bethlehem, including the Forerunner. Herod's executioners killed Zacharias between the court and the temple; his blood coagulated and petrified on the stone pavers and remained a perpetual witness against Herod. Elizabeth hid with the child in a cave where she died soon after. The young child John remained in the wilderness alone under the care of God and God's angels.

On this day, we also commemorate the New-martyr Panayiotis of Caesarea in Cappadocia. By their intercessions, O God, have mercy on us. Amen.

On July 1st Jim and I are hosting a memorial service and luncheon in memory of my father, Charles L. Sakey. He would be celebrating his 100th birthday. My father was a Latin teacher at Boston Latin School for 37 years, and a Professor at Northeastern University (evenings) for just as many years. He loved children. We are asking for a voluntary donation of any baby to toddler needs. It may be a book, a jar of baby food, a bag of diapers, a t-shirt, a pair of booties, etc. These items will be donated to the New Bedford High School where there is a day care center for babies of unwed mothers. The children are between the ages of 3 months to 3-1/2 years old. We hope you will attend the luncheon.

~Jim and Beth Schillawski



Orthodox Vocabulary

Redemption

Redemption: from a Latin word meaning "ransom." Through the fall, humanity became enslaved to sin and death. In order to restore human liberty; God himself became incarnate and saved all men by his passion and resurrection. St Paul expresses this: *"You were bought with a price [the blood of Christ]"* (1 Cor 6:20).

Visitations

Please contact Fr. Elie with any names of parishioners that are in need of visitation either at home, in hospital or nursing homes.

A large part of the responsibility for a person's spiritual state lies with the family. For children to be released from their various inner problems it is not enough for them to receive good advice or to be compelled by force; nor do logical arguments or threats do any good. These things rather make matters worse. The solution is to be found through the sanctification of the parents. Become saints and you will have no problems with your children. The sanctity of their parents releases the children from their problems. Children want to have saintly people at their side, people with lots of love who will neither intimidate them nor lecture them, but who will provide a saintly example and pray for them. You parents should pray silently to Christ with upraised arms and embrace your children mystically. When they misbehave you will take some disciplinary measures, but you will not coerce them. Above all you need to pray.

+Elder Porphyrios of Kafsokalyvia



THE EPISTLE

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord. O God, hear my voice when I cry unto Thee.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (13:11-14:4)

Brethren, salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for God is able to make him stand.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (1:1-25, 57-68, 76, 80)

Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things which have been accomplished among us, just as they were delivered to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may know the truth concerning the things of which you have been informed. In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah; and he had a wife of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blamelessly. But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years. Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, according to the custom of the priesthood, it fell to him by lot to enter the Temple of the Lord and burn incense. And the whole multitude of the people was praying outside at the hour of incense. And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And Zacharias was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth; for he will be great before the Lord, and he shall drink neither wine nor strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. And he will turn many of the sons of Israel to the Lord their God, and he will go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared." And Zacharias said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years." And the angel answered him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God; and I was sent to speak to you, and to bring you this good news. And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things come to pass, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time." And the people were waiting for Zacharias, and they wondered at his delay in the temple. And when he came out, he could not speak to them, and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple; and he made signs to them and remained dumb. And when his time of service was ended, he went to his home. After these days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she hid herself, saying, "Thus the Lord has done to me in the days when he looked on me, to take away my reproach among men." Now the time came for Elizabeth to be delivered, and she gave birth to a son. And her neighbors and kinsfolk heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they would have named him Zacharias after his father, but his mother said, "Not so; he shall be called John." And they said to her, "None of your kindred is called by this name." And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he would have him called. And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, "His name is John." And they all marveled. And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea; and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying "What then will this child be?" For the hand of the Lord was with him. And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people. And you, child, will be called the Prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare His ways." And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day of his manifestation to Israel.

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Tone: 3 Eothinon: 4

APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRECTION: Tone 3

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST: Tone 4

*(**Be quick to anticipate**)*

O prophet and Forerunner of Christ God's coming to us, * all we who with longing now extol thee are at a loss to honor thee worthily. * For thy mother's barrenness and father's long silence, * by thine all-renowned and hallowed birth, were both ended, * and the Incarnation of the Son of God is preached unto all the world.

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 FOR ORDINARY SUNDAYS 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.



One Year Memorial Service



A One Year Memorial Service is being offered for the servant of God *Wissam Greigre* and is being offered by Ricky & Roula Greigre.

May God grant him peace and may his memory be eternal.

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Ray & Leila Trabulsi
Offered by: Walid & Mirna Nakhoul

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Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Ray & Leila Trabulsi
Walid & Mirna Nakhoul
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Ray & Leila Trabulsi
Steve & Patty Kilsey & Family
Offered by: Susan Warzycha & Family

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

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

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



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.

Coffee Hour

Coffee hour today is sponsored by Ricky & Roula Greige in memory of Wissam Greigre (1 Year Memorial). Coffee hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.

