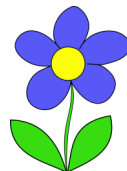


CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, September 2nd: Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Monday, September 3rd: Labor Day (church office closed)
Saturday, September 8th: 9:30 A.M.– Bazaar Cooking/Baking- Grape Leaves
6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy ****Please note date change****
Sunday, September 9th: Sunday before the Elevation of the Cross
Start of Church School & Luncheon hosted by The Order of St. Ignatius
Outreach Committee Meeting during Coffee Hour
Tuesday, September 11th: 7:00P.M.– Parish Council Meeting
Sunday, September 16th: Sunday after the Elevation of the Cross
40 Day Memorial Service for Dr. Adib Mechrefe
Outreach Committee 'Soup Kitchen' 12:00-12:30pm
Saturday, September 22nd: 9:30 A.M.– Bazaar Cooking/Baking- Grape Leaves
Sunday, September 23rd: Conception of John the Baptist
Wednesday, September 26th: 9:30 A.M.– Bazaar Cooking/Baking– Dates & Apricots
Saturday, September 29th: 8pm-1am Harvest Hafli ****Please note date change****
Sunday, September 30th: Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Wednesday, October 3rd: 9:30 A.M.– Bazaar Cooking/Baking– Mamoul Nuts
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
Sunday, October 7th: Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Monday, October 8th: Columbus Day (church office closed)
Tuesday, October 9th: 7:00P.M.– Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 10th: 9:30 A.M.– Bazaar Cooking/Baking– Graybee
Thursday, October 11th: 7:00 P.M.– Bazaar Committee Meeting
Saturday, October 13th: 9:30 A.M.– Bazaar Cooking/Baking– Sfeeha
6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy ****Please note date change****
Sunday, October 14th: Fathers of 7th Ecumenical Council
Saturday, October 20th: 9:30 A.M.– Bazaar Cooking/Baking– Sfeeha
Sunday, October 21st: Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
Outreach Committee 'Soup Kitchen' 12:00-12:30pm
Saturday, October 27th: 9:30 A.M.– Bazaar Cooking/Baking– Sfeeha



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, September 2, 2018

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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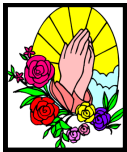
Schedule of Services

<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 SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On September 2 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy Martyrs Mamas and his parents, Martyrs Theodotos and Rufina, and Saint Ammia his foster mother.

Verses

*Keen for the Faith in the Trinity is Mamas, enduring the keen wound of a sharpened trident.
On the second the bowels of Mamas were spilled by a trident.*

Mamas was born in Paphlagonia of renowned Christian parents, Theodotos and Rufina. They were cast into prison for Christ's name. His father died first in prison, and as soon as Rufina bore Mamas, she also died. However, God sent an angel to a noble widow, Ammia, in a dream; he told her to go to the prison. The local eparch granted Ammia permission to bury the dead and to take the child to her home. In school, Mamas displayed unusual intelligence, and as he had been reared in a Christian spirit, he did not hide his faith, but confessed it to the other children. Mamas was fifteen years old when he was brought before Emperor Aurelian, who persecuted Christians. The emperor told him to deny Christ. Mamas refused, and so emperor ordered him to be tortured and killed. But an angel of God saved him and took him to a high mountain near Caesarea where he lived in solitude and prayer. His persecutors found him and again subjected him to fire and wild beasts. Finally, Mamas was run through with a trident by a pagan priest and martyred, giving his holy soul to God in the year 275.

On this day, we also commemorate John the Faster, patriarch of Constantinople. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.



Visitations

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

Orthodox Vocabulary

Heaven

HEAVEN is the place of God's throne beyond time and space. It is the abode of God's angels, as well as of the saints who have passed from this life. We pray, "Our Father, who art in heaven. . . "Though Christians live in this world, they belong to the Kingdom of heaven, and that Kingdom is their true home. But heaven is not only for the future. Neither is it some distant place billions of light years away in a nebulous "great beyond." For the Orthodox, heaven is part of Christian life and worship. The very architecture of an Orthodox church building is designed so that the building itself participates in the reality of heaven. Saint Paul teaches we are raised up with Christ in heavenly places (Ephesians 2:6), "fellow citizens with the saint and members of the household of God" (Ephesians 2:19). At the end of the age, a new heaven and a new earth will be revealed (Revelation 21:1).

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What is true for parents is also true for teachers. With prayer and sanctity you can also help children at school. The grace of God can overshadow them and make them good. Don't attempt with human methods to correct bad situations. No good will come of this. Only with prayer will you produce results. Invoke the grace of God on all the children - for divine grace to enter their souls and transform them. That is what it means to be a Christian.

~Elder Porphyrios the Kapsokalivite



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. Arabic Liturgy for the month of September will be held on Saturday, September 8th ****please note date change****

Let us therefore supplicate Him... let us assist the needy with prayers of intercession. The community of the Church can do much, if with a repented soul and a contrite spirit, we offer up our prayers! It is unnecessary to cross the ocean, or to undertake a long journey. Let every man and woman and child, whether meeting together in Church, or remaining at home, call upon God with much earnestness, and He will doubtless accede to our petitions.

~St. John Chrysostom



THE EPISTLE

Thou, O Lord, wilt keep and preserve us. Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (1:21-2:4)

Brethren, it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; He has put his seal upon us and given us His Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. But I call God to witness against me—it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. For I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (22:2-14)

The Lord spoke this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a marriage feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage feast; but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, Behold, I have made ready my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast.' But they made light of it and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find.' And those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment; and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."



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APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRECTION: Tone 5

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. MAMAS (**Be quick to anticipate**): Tone 4

Thy Martyr, O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee * received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. * For since he possessed Thy strength, he cast down the tyrants * and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. * O Christ God, by his prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

APOLYTIKION OF THE DORMITION: 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 OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS: Tone 4

By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life.



PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur



Newborn Benjamin Michael Kilsey
Steven & Missy Kilsey
Offered by: Steve & Patricia Kilsey

Benjamin Michael Kilsey
Steven & Missy Kilsey
Offered by: Philip & Bette Ayoub
Philip G. Ayoub

Steven & Missy Kilsey
Benjamin Michael Kilsey
Steve & Patti Kilsey
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Fr. Timothy & Louise Ferguson
Glenn & Alicia Maurice
Fr. Leonard Faris
Fr. Isaac Crow
Offered by: Lorice 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

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Donna Maurice
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

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



Coffee Hour

Coffee hour today is sponsored by Hassan & Zeina Ziud for the health of their family. Coffee hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.

