

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Monday, September 10th: 7:00 P.M.- Bazaar Meeting

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
 4pm-6pm- Sunday School/Teens Bowling at Town Hall Lanes,
 Johnston, RI

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
 5:30 P.M.- Sunday School/Teens Fall Harvest Party

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

Sunday, October 28th: Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, September 9, 2018

Sunday Before Elevation of The Cross

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**His Grace Bishop JOHN, Auxiliary and Bishop of the
Diocese of Worcester and New England**

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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 September 9 in the Holy Orthodox Church we continue to celebrate the Nativity of the Theotokos, and we celebrate the Synaxis of the righteous Joachim and Anna.

Verses

*Let Joachim rejoice together with his yoke-mate,
who gave birth to spiritual joy for creation.
The ninth found the Synaxis of the begetters of God's Mother.*

Joachim, the son of Barpathir, was of the tribe of Judah and a descendant of King David, to whom God had revealed that the Savior of the world would be born from his seed. Anna was the daughter of Matthan the priest of the tribe of Levi; her family came from Bethlehem. The couple lived at Nazareth in Galilee. They were childless into their old age and all their life they grieved over this; but they fervently prayed to God for a child, humbly trusting in Him. One day, after great humiliation, each prayed separately to God to grant them a child; He answered their prayers. An angel told them that a daughter would be born to them, who would be blessed above all other women. He also told them that she would remain a virgin, would be dedicated to the Lord and live in the Temple, and would give birth to the Savior. Obeying the instructions of the heavenly messenger, Joachim and Anna met at the Golden Gate in Jerusalem. Then, as God promised, a daughter was born to them and they named her Mary. Joachim died a few years later at the age of 80, after his daughter went to live in the Temple. Anna died at the age of 70, two years after her husband. Couples trying to have children invoke this holy couple for intercession.

On this day, we also commemorate the Great-martyr Severian of Sebastia; and the Holy Fathers of the Third Ecumenical Council. 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.

Feast of The Exaltation of The Precious and Life-Giving Cross

The “Procession of The Cross” will be held on Sunday, September 16th at the end of Divine Liturgy.

“ O Lord Save Thy people and bless Thine Inheritance granting victory to the believers over all adversaries and by the power of Thy Cross, preserve all those who follow Thee.”

Elevation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross. Outnumbered, Emperor Constantine prayed for victory over his demonic enemy Maxentius. At noon, the image of the cross appeared in the sky. Formed by stars, it shone more brightly than the sun. An inscription on it said, “By this sign conquer.” However, Constantine still doubted. Jesus appeared to him in a vision instructing him to carry a cross in front of his army. A cross was made with precious metals and stones and the soldiers signed their equipment with crosses. Maxentius’ army was defeated. Again later, the message was spelled out in stars before he defeated the Byzantines and later the Scythians. Convinced of the power of Christ, Constantine and his mother Helen were baptized. Constantine sent Helen to Jerusalem to find the Holy Cross. Under duress, the stubborn son of a prophet showed her that it was hidden under a temple to Aphrodite. The temple was destroyed and the fragrant crosses and nails were unearthed. Uncertain as to which was the Holy Cross of Jesus, a woman who was at the point of death was brought to touch the crosses, and as she approached the Holy Cross, she was miraculously healed. Archbishop Macarius of Jerusalem lifted the Cross so that the people could behold it.



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 October will be held on October 13th ****please note date change****

THE EPISTLE

*O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.
To Thee, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (6:11-18)

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the Law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all, who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (3:13-17)

The Lord said, “No one has ascended into heaven but He who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.”



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

Thy nativity, O Theotokos, hath proclaimed joy to the whole universe; for from thee did shine forth the Sun of justice, Christ our God, annulling the curse, and bestowing the blessing, abolishing death and granting us life everlasting.

APOLYTIKION OF SS.JOACHIM AND ANNA: Tone 2

As we celebrate the remembrance of Thy righteous Ancestors, O Lord our God, through them we beseech Thee to save our souls.

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

Mary Elmasry
Al Hallal
Bob Laffey
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Bob Laffey
Al & Vicki Hallal
Offered by: Ron & Janice 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

Richard McNeil Sr.
Leon Matook
Offered by: Sandra Matook & Family

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

Leon Matook
Offered by: Nora Matook & Family



Orthodox Vocabulary

Parousia

Parousia: from a Greek word meaning "presence." This is the term used to refer to the second coming of the Lord. On that day, all persons will arise, their bodies transfigured, and all creation will be transformed: new earth and new heavens. This will also be the day of judgment, when the Lord "*will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead*" (Creed; Mt 25:31; Rom 2:5-11).

God has a Divine plan for each one of us, and we must submit to His plan. We must accept life as it is given to us, without asking "Why me?" We must know that nothing on earth or in heaven ever happens without the will of God or His permission.

~Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica

