Sunday, October 14th: Fathers of 7th Ecumenical Council
12:00 P.M. - Kick-Off Luncheon & 'Shower'

Tuesday, October 16th: 7:00 P.M. - Parish Council Meeting

Saturday, October 20th: 9:30 A.M. - Bazaar Cooking/Baking - Sfeeha
5:30 - 8 P.M. - Sunday School/Teens Fall Harvest Party

Sunday, October 21st: Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
NAC SOYO’s Special Olympics Awareness Day Collection
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

**Friday, November 2nd-Sunday, November 4th:**

**Annual Bazaar at the Parish Center**

Saturday, November 3rd: 6:00 P.M. - Arabic Liturgy

Sunday, November 4th: Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
Daylight Savings Time Ends

Sunday, November 11th: Menas the Wonderworker & Eighth Sunday of Luke
Veterans Day

Tuesday, November 13th: 7:00 P.M. - Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, November 18th: Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Outreach Committee ‘Soup Kitchen’ 12:00-12:30pm

Thursday, November 22nd: Thanksgiving (church office closed)

Sunday, November 25th: Great-Martyr Katherine

Saturday, December 1st: 6:00 P.M. - Arabic Liturgy

Sunday, December 2nd: Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, December 9th: Conception of Theotokos
Choir Appreciation

Tuesday, December 11th: 7:00 P.M. - Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, December 16th: Forefathers (Ancestors) of Christ
Church School Pageant

Sunday, December 23rd: Sunday before the Nativity (Genealogy)

Tuesday, December 25th: Christmas Day

**Sunday, October 14, 2018**

Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council
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.

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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

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 October 14 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Martyrs Nazarius, Gervasius, Protasius and Celsus of Milan; Cosmas the Hymnographer, Bishop of Maïuma; and Venerable Paraskeva the New of Thrace.

On this day we commemorate the holy and blessed Fathers who came together for the second time in Nicaea, during the reign of the pious and Christ-loving Sovereigns Constantine and Irene, against those who impiously, ignorantly and foolishly asserted that the Church of God worshippeth idols, and rejected the august and holy icons.

Verses

Thy champions, O Word, with words as their weapons,
Turn to flight the foes of the venerable icons.

The Council met in 787 to refute the Iconoclast heresy, whose camp believed that all depictions of Christ, His Mother and the saints should be destroyed. The iconophiles believed that icons served to preserve the doctrinal teachings of the Church; and they considered icons to be man’s dynamic way of expressing the divine through art and beauty. The council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype, or the person depicted. It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because “no man has seen God at any time” (John 1:18).

By the intercessions of the Holy Fathers, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Epistle

Titus 3:8-15

Prokeimenon blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers.
Verse For you are just in all you have done.
The reading is from Saint Paul’s Letter to Titus

Titus, my son, The saying is sure. I desire that you insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these things are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful: he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicus, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way, and see that they lack nothing. And let people learn to devote themselves to good deeds so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with all of you. Amen.

The Gospel

Luke 8:5-15

The Lord said this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seeds; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundred fold."

And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the evil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience. As he said these things, he cried out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."
Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

**Tone: 3  Eothinon: 9**

**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 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.

**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 ORDINARY SUNDAY: 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.

**PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:**
Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Ed & Sue Ayoub
Joe & Marlene Samra
Elaine Wilbur
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Keith & Marlene Marshall
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

Joe & Marlene Samra
Keith & Marlene Marshall & Children
Joseph & Rebecca Samra & Children
Elaine Wilbur
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Newborn child Emily Makrina Zabak
Zabak Family
Offered by: Sandra Matook

Georgette Hallal & Family
The Hallal, Sackall, Mouro & Kandalaft Families
Offered by: Georgette Hallal

Joe & Marlene Samra (50th Wedding Anniversary)
Offered by: Steve, Patricia & Family

Joe & Marlene Samra
Offered by: Philip & Bette Ayoub
Pat Nazarian

Donnie & Lauren Hayes
Daniel Hayes
Offered by: Cindy Hayes

Joe & Judy Dincecco & Family
Liz Larose & Family
Mary Massiever & Family
Glenn & Alicia Maurice
Steve & Patti Kilsey & Family
Nabil & Salwa Kilsey
Steve, Missy & Benjamin Kilsey
Melanie, Patrick & Esma Merner
AI & Vicki Hallal
Bill & Mary Lou Catelli
Offered by: Cindy Hayes & Children

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**
Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

George T. Matook
Offered by: Sandra Matook & Family

Vinnie Penta
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Dorothy Catelli
John & Esma Gorab
Jacqueline Gorab
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

Dorothy Catelli
Offered by: Audrey & Wayne Kilsey

George Hallal
Hallal, Sackall, Mouro & Kandalaft Family
Offered by: Georgette Hallal

Dorothy Catelli
Offered by: Steve, Patricia & Family

Herbert Trabulsi
Dorothy Catelli
Offered by: Leila and Ray Trabulsi

Tom Trabulsi
David Trabulsi

George T. Matook
Offered by: Elaine Agaty
Nora Abdelahad

Donna Maurice
Don Hayes
John Massiever
Tom Andrew
Connie Matook
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Moses Lazieh
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