CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, October 7th: Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Outreach Committee Meeting during Coffee Hour
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 at the Parish Center
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
12:00 P.M.- Kick-Off Luncheon & 'Shower'
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
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: 7:00P.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

SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, October 7, 2018

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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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

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.

Orthodox Vocabulary

Chrism, Holy

Chrism, Holy: from the Greek *chrisma*, "oil." Holy Chrism, or *myron*, is an oil composed of olive oil and a number of precious spices. It is consecrated by bishops, and a supply is kept in every church. Chrismation, which is the anointing with this Holy Chrism, immediately follows baptism. The person who has been incorporated into Christ through baptism then receives the gift of the Holy Spirit and becomes a member of the people of God. Thus he becomes "anointed," or, in other words, "christened." Christ (this term means "anointed" and "Messiah") gives us the unction with which he himself is anointed through the Holy Spirit, which God bestows on him.

Become a good manager of those things given you by God.

~St. John Chrysostom

St. Paul said, "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature, the old has passed away; behold the new has come" (2 Corinthians 5:17). Only God's love which we experience in Christ can transform our inner being and create new hearts in us... make new minds, renew our families, transfigure our parishes and ultimately transform the entire world. But all these things can happen only "if we do not accept the grace of God in vain."

~Metropolitan PHILIP

Coffee Hour

Coffee hour today is sponsored by Emile Sarkis in memory of Najib N. Sarkis & Jamile F. Sarkis. Coffee hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.

THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On October 7 in the Holy Orthodox Church we celebrate the holy Great Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus of Syria.

Verses

O Bacchus, brass were thy sinews before the whips' violence,
And burning fire was thy heart before the sword, O Sergius.
On the seventh, sword slew Sergius, and whips, Bacchus.

They were noblemen at the court of Emperor Maximian whose esteemed them greatly because of their courage, wisdom and fidelity. Once, when there was a great sacrificial offering to idols, the emperor demanded that Sergius and Bacchus offer sacrifices with him, but they openly refused. Beside himself with rage, Maximian commanded that their military garments, rings and emblems be stripped from them and that they be dressed in women's clothing. He then placed iron hoops around their necks and paraded them through the streets of the city of Rome to be mocked by everyone. Afterward, he sent them to Antiochus, his deputy in Asia, for torture. Antiochus had risen to his position with Sergius and Bacchus' help, as they had at one time recommended him to the emperor. When Antiochus implored them to deny Christ and save themselves from dishonorable suffering and death, these saints replied: "Both honor and dishonor, both life and death—all are the same to him who seeks the Heavenly Kingdom." The souls of Sergius and Bacchus went to Paradise, where they received crowns of immortal glory from Christ in 303.

On this day, we also commemorate the Hieromartyr Polychronios of Nicaea; Priest Julian and Deacon Caesarius of Campania; Venerable John the hermit and those with him; and Venerable Sergius of Nurma. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

THE EPISTLE

The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me severely.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (11:31-12:9)
Brethren, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, He Who is blessed forever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who 14 years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (7:11-16)
At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and many of His disciples and a great crowd went with Him. As He drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And He came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you: arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited His people!"

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APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRECTION: Tone 2

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF SS.SERGIUS AND BACCHUS: TONE 4

(**Be quick to anticipate**)

Thy martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee * received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. * For, since they possessed Thy strength, they cast down the tyrants * and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. * O Christ God, by their 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 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

Sue Ayoub
Offered by: Ed & Lisa Ayoub

Bill & Mary Lou Catelli
Offered by: Ed & Sue Ayoub

Bill & Mary Lou Catelli
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

William & Mary Lou Catelli
Offered by: Nora Abdelahad
Elaine Agaty
Sandra Matook

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

Robert Laffey
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

***IN LOVING MEMORY OF*:**

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Najib N. Sarkis
Jamile F. Sarkis
Offered by: Emile Sarkis

Dorothy Catelli
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Dorothy Catelli
Offered by: Ed & Sue Ayoub

Naseem Ayoub
Vincent Penta
Donald Aubin
Offered by: Philip & Bette Ayoub
Philip G. Ayoub

Thomas Matook
Offered by: Sandra Matook & Family

Dorothy Catelli
Offered by: Nora Abdelahad
Elaine Agaty
Sandra Matook

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

Edward Hallal Sr.
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

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****