

CHURCH CALENDAR

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 –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



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, September 30, 2018

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church
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Diocese of Worcester and New England**

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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.

Orthodox Vocabulary

Eighth Day

Eighth Day: We have meditated a great deal about the significance of God's rest on the seventh day, blessed and sanctified after six days of creative activity during which heaven and earth, and everything in them, were created. We have also reflected at length on the symbolism of this first week of the world and of each of its days. When the Word, the Son of God, was incarnate, became man, the week of his passion, which culminated in his resurrection, was seen somehow in the light of "the first week" of creation. The Lord Jesus also took his "rest" when he was placed in the tomb. But on the day following that sabbath, on Sunday, there was an incredible event: the Lord arose, and his resurrection is a pledge that we too shall rise. Sunday was henceforth called "the Day of the Lord," the first day (Jn 20:1), which is also the Eighth Day, the day of entrance into eternity. For Christians, this day keeps its essentially paschal character—a new era, beyond time—and remains, *par excellence*, the day of the eucharistic liturgy. Many Fathers have written that the first day of the world, on which light, a symbol of divine light, was created, was a Sunday, the first day.... The day of the resurrection is unique, at once the first and the eighth day: "*For the day following the sabbath, the first day of the week, was also the eighth in the cycle of days succeeding one another, without ceasing being the first*" (Justin, *Dialogues*, 41). St Basil shows that the mystery of time and eternity is summarized in the significance of Sunday:

It is therefore in order to direct our thoughts toward the life to come that Scripture has named this the *first* day, for it is the image of eternity, the first-fruits of the days and the contemporary of the light, the holy Day of the Lord, which the Master has honored by his resurrection. (*2nd Homily on the Hexaemeron*, SC 26 bis)

In another text, St Basil writes:

We stand for prayer on the day of the resurrection to remind ourselves of the graces we have been given: not only because we have been raised with Christ and are obliged to seek the things that are above, but also because Sunday seems to be an image of the age to come. Notice that although Sunday is the beginning of days, Moses does not call it the first day... Therefore "one" and "eight" are the same, and the "one" day really refers both to itself and to the "eighth day,"... a day without sunset, nightfall, or successor, an age which does not grow old or come to an end. (*On the Holy Spirit*, XXVII, 66)



Coffee Hour

Coffee hour today is sponsored by Monika Messori and is offered for the health of her Family. Coffee hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.



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 SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On September 30 in the Holy Orthodox Church we celebrate the holy Hieromartyr Gregory, bishop and enlightener of Greater Armenia.

Verses

*Knowing God the Word's word, even: Be ye watchful,
Thou wast found watchful when God called thee, O Father.
On the thirtieth died Gregory of Greater Armenia.*

Gregory was born of prominent families of Persia and Armenia. He eventually withdrew to Caesarea in Cappadocia, where he first learned of the Christian Faith, was baptized and married. He had two sons of this marriage, Bardanes and Aristakes, and dedicated them both to the service of the Church. (Aristakes was one of the 318 Holy Fathers at the First Ecumenical Council.) After the death of his wife, Gregory returned to Armenia and placed himself in the service of King Tiridates. But when the king learned that Gregory was a Christian, Tiridates threw him into a deep pit full of poisonous reptiles to kill him. However, the All-seeing God preserved Gregory's life in that pit for 14 full years. Tiridates went insane and was like a wild boar. His sister had a dream in which a man, dazzlingly bright, told her that Tiridates would only become well when Gregory was removed from the pit. Taken from the pit, Gregory healed and baptized Tiridates. Then, at the wish of Tiridates, Gregory became Bishop of Armenia. Gregory ended his earthly life of great labor in old age, in about the year 335.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyrs Rhipsime and Gaiana and companions of Armenia; Michael the wonderworker, first metropolitan of Kiev; and Venerable Gregory of the Pelshma River. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

THE EPISTLE

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (9:6-11)
Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (6:31-36)
The Lord said: "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."



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Tone: 1 Eothinon: 7

APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRECTION: Tone 1

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. GREGORY OF ARMENIA: TONE 4

Thou hast become like the Apostles in their states, a successor to their throne, finding indeed the intelligential ladder, O thou God-inspired. Therefore, thou hast followed the Word of God in righteousness, and striven unto blood for the Faith. O Hieromartyr Gregory, intercede with Christ God 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 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

Bill & Mary Lou Catelli
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Esma Leila Merner
Patrick & Melanie Merner
Steve & Patricia Kilsey
Offered by: Philip & Bette Ayoub
Philip G. Ayoub

Sue Ayoub
Patrick, Melanie & Esma Leila Merner
Steve & Patti Kilsey & Family
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

Suzanne Ayoub
Offered by: Nora Abdelahad
Sandra Matook
Elaine Agaty

Albert Hallal
Sue Ayoub
Glenn & Alicia Maurice
Benjamin Kilsey
Esma Merner
Offered by: Holly Lazieh & Sons & Bob Dessaint



IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Dorothy Catelli
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Jacqueline Gorab
Adib Mechrefe
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

Moses Lazieh
Sophie & Fred Hallal
Edward Hallal
Donna Maurice
Offered by: Holly Lazieh & Sons & Bob Dessaint



It is with great sadness that we inform you of the falling asleep of the servant of God *Dorothy Catelli*. She was the mother of Bill Catelli & his wife Mary Lou Catelli. Our deepest condolences are extended to her family.

***May God rest her soul in peace and
may her memory be eternal.***



Wake:

*Sunday, September 30th
4-7pm
Manning-Heffern Funeral Home
68 Broadway
Pawtucket, RI*

Funeral:

*Monday, October 1st
10:00am
St. Raymond Roman Catholic Church
North Main Street
Providence, RI*