

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, November 25th: Great-Martyr Katherine
Wednesday, November 28th: 7:00 P.M.– Bazaar Committee Post Bazaar Meeting
Saturday, December 1st: 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy
Sunday, December 2nd: Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
5:00 P.M.- Sunday School outing to La Salette
Saturday, December 8th: 6:00 P.M.- Choir Concert (in English & Arabic)- refreshments to follow at the Parish Center
Sunday, December 9th: Conception of Theotokos
Choir Appreciation
Outreach Meeting during Coffee Hour
Tuesday, December 11th: 7:00P.M.– Parish Council Meeting
Saturday, December 15th: 10:00 A.M.- Sunday School Pageant practice in the church hall
Sunday, December 16th: Forefathers (Ancestors) of Christ
Church School Pageant & Luncheon
Outreach Committee 'Soup Kitchen' 12:00-12:30pm
Sunday, December 23rd: Sunday before the Nativity (Genealogy)
Monday, December 24th: 5:00 P.M.- Christmas Liturgy
Tuesday, December 25th: Christmas Day
Sunday, December 30th: Sunday after the Nativity
Monday, December 31st: New Year's Eve



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SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, November 25, 2018

**Great-Martyr Katherine the
All-Wise of Alexandria**

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& Metropolitan of all North America**

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Diocese of Worcester and New England**

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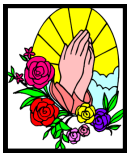
Schedule of Services

<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.

THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On November 25 in the Holy Orthodox Church we give up the Feast of the Entrance of the Most-holy Theotokos into the Temple, and we commemorate the holy and glorious Great-Martyr Katherine the All-wise of Alexandria.

Verses

*Katherine, first a sage and a virgin, becometh,
By the sword, a Martyr; O three things right goodly!
On the twenty-fifth a sword the Maiden Rhetorician slew.*

Her mother was secretly a Christian who, through her spiritual father, brought Katherine to the Christian Faith. In a vision, Katherine received a ring from the Lord Jesus Himself as a sign of her betrothal to Him. Katherine was greatly gifted by God, well-educated and very beautiful. When the iniquitous Emperor Maxentius offered sacrifices to the idols and ordered others to do the same, Katherine boldly confronted the emperor and denounced his idolatrous errors. The emperor, seeing that she was greater than he in wisdom and knowledge, summoned fifty of his wisest men to debate with her on matters of faith and to put her to shame. Katherine outwitted them. In a rage, the emperor ordered all fifty men be burned. By Katherine's prayers, all fifty confessed the Name of Christ and declared themselves Christians before their executions. During the torture of Katherine, an angel of God came to her and destroyed the wheel on which the holy virgin was being tortured. Afterward, the Lord Jesus Christ Himself appeared to her and comforted her. After many tortures, Katherine was beheaded at the age of eighteen, on November 25, 310. Her miracle-working relics repose on Mount Sinai in Egypt.

On this day, we also commemorate the Great-Martyrs Mercurios of Caesarea in Cappadocia; and Mercurios of Smolensk. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.



Antiochian Village Winter Family Camp

Antiochian Village Winter Family Camp program to be held January 18-21 (MLK Jr. weekend), 2019! It is a wonderful opportunity for families to spend a weekend growing closer to Christ together. Please visit avcamp.org to register. Please feel free to contact us at (724)-238-9565 or e-mail office@avcamp.org. (optional snowtubing)

Coffee Hour

Today, Coffee Hour is being offered by Mr. & Mrs. Ghassan Eldayaa & Family for the health of their family. Coffee Hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.



Christmas Liturgy

Christmas Liturgy this year will be on Monday, December 24th at 5:00 P.M.



Arabic pastry will be available for purchase during coffee hour.
(date fingers, apricot crescents, graybee, rolled baklava-walnut, rolled baklava-pistachio, rolled baklava– dates)



Those things we don't have the strength to perform on our own, we can accomplish easily through persevering prayer. For we have the duty to pray without ceasing. Those in pain and those spared from pain must pray. So must those in danger and those in prosperity. For those who have ease and wealth must pray that these things may never change. Those in pain and in danger must pray that some favorable change will come to them, so that they may move into a comfortable, calm state.

~ Saint John Chrysostom

THE EPISTLE

God is wondrous in His saints. Bless God in the congregations.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (3:23-4:5)

Brethren, before faith came, we were confined under the Law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the Law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son, to redeem those who were under the Law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:18-27)

At that time, a man came testing Jesus and asking, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery. Do not kill. Do not steal. Do not bear false witness. Honor your father and mother.'" And the man said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when the man heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus, seeing him sad, said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

Great-Martyr Katherine the All-Wise of Alexandria

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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 THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS: Tone 4

Today the Virgin is the foreshadowing of the pleasure of God, and the beginning of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. Thou hast appeared in the Temple of God openly and hast gone before, preaching Christ to all. Let us shout with one thrilling voice, saying, Rejoice, O thou who art the fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. KATHERINE THE GREAT-MARTYR: Tone 5

*(**Let us worship the Word**)*

Let us praise the all-lauded and noble bride of Christ, * the godly Katherine, the guardian of Sinai and its defense, * who is also our support and succor and our help; * for with the Holy Spirit's sword * she hath silenced brilliantly the clever among the godless; * and being crowned as a Martyr, she now doth ask great mercy for us all.

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 ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS: Tone 4

*(**Thou Who wast raised up**)*

The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, * the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, * the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, * into the House of the Lord * on this day is brought forward * and bringeth with herself the grace * of the Most Divine Spirit; * her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, * for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur



Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Offered by: Anita, John, Reyna &
Anthony Chamoun

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

Family of Louise Osborne
Offered by: Linda Dvelis

Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Offered by: A Friend

Fr. Elie
Julia Vale
Cindy Hayes
Maureen Gurghigian
Salwa & Nabil Khoury
Dr. Joe & Marlene Samra
Offered by: Walid & Mirna Nakhoul

Julia Vale
Offered by: Dianna Hashway

Julia Vale
Mary Massiwer & Family
Bill Osbourne & Family
Emily & Leila Chowning on their Birthdays
Elaine Gauthier
Joseph Samra
Offered by: Mary Lou & Bill Catelli

Mary Massiwer & Family
Julia Vale
William Osborne & Family
Offered by: Lily Massiwer

William Osborne & Family
Mary Massiwer & Family
Nora Matook & Family
Julia Vale
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

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

Louise Osborne
Anthony Agaty
Charles Agaty
Offered by: Elaine Agaty

Louise Osborne
Offered by: Nora Abdelahad

Louise Osborne
Offered by: Linda Dvelis

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Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

Louise Osborne
Offered by: Dianna Hashway

Louise Osborne
Offered by: Mary Lou & Bill Catelli

Louise Osborne
Offered by: Lily Massiwer

John Trabulsi
Offered by: The Trabulsi Family

Louise Osborne
William Osborne, Jr.
Anthony Agaty
Offered by: Elaine Swistak