

CHURCH CALENDAR



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

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

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

Tuesday, December 11th: 7:00P.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, December 30th: Sunday after the Nativity

Monday, December 31st: New Year's Eve

Tuesday, January 1st: New Year's Day (church office closed)

*Happy
Thanksgiving*

SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, November 4, 2018

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

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& Metropolitan of all North America**

**His Grace Bishop JOHN, Auxiliary and Bishop of the
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 4 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate our righteous father Ioanikios the Great of Mount Olympus.

Verses

*The Word, Who with a word fixed the earth's foundation,
Up from the earth Ioanikios now taketh.
On the fourth they dug thee a grave, O Ioanikios.*

The great spiritual light Ioanikios was born in the village of Marycata in the province of Bithynia. As a youth, he was a shepherd. While tending his sheep, he would often retreat into solitude and remain in prayer the whole day, encircling his flock with the sign of the Cross so that the flock would not stray and scatter. Later, he was taken into the army and displayed marvelous courage. Following his military service, Ioanikios withdrew to Mount Olympus in Asia Minor, where he was tonsured a monk and dedicated himself completely to asceticism until his repose at age 94 in the year 846. He lived in asceticism for over fifty years in various places, and received from God a truly abundant gift of wonderworking.

On this day, we also commemorate the Hieromartyrs Nicander the bishop of Myra and Hermias the priest; Martyr Porphyrios of Ephesus; and Emperor John the merciful. 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)

From the Synaxarion (The Lives of the Saints)

November 8th

*Synaxis of Archangels Michael and the other Bodiless Powers:
GABRIEL, RAPHAEL, URIEL, SELAPHIEL, JEGUDIEL, AND BARACHIEL.*

In the fourth century; Pope Sylvester and Patriarch Alexander established this day to celebrate the nine orders of the angels. These orders appeared nine months after the world was created. According to a canon of the fourth-century Council of Laodicea, angels, the first created beings, are not to be worshipped. The following is the hierarchy of the nine orders: (1) six-winged seraphim; (2) many-eyed cherubim; (3) godly thrones; (4) dominions; (5) virtues; (6) powers; (7) principalities; (8) archangels; (9) angels. Michael is the leader of the angelic army. His name means, "Who is like God." When Lucifer and his followers were cast out, Archangel Michael said to the remaining half of the angels in heaven, "Let us give heed! Let us stand aright! Let us stand with fear!" Michael defends the Garden of Eden. He told Abraham not to sacrifice Isaac, told Lot to flee Sodom, protected Jacob from Esau, took the soul of Moses from the devil, and changed the course of a river in Asia Minor to protect a holy spring in a church. Michael is seen on the left side of the icon screen. Gabriel, whose name means "the power of God," is seen on the right side of the icon screen. He announces the mysteries of God.

Orthodox Vocabulary

Kontakion

A hymn that relates historical or theological information about a feast or the life of a saint. What is now called the Kontakion was originally the major hymn in a longer series of hymns for the celebration of a feast day. St. Romanos the Melodist wrote most of the Kontakia used by the Orthodox Church. The Kontakion is found after the sixth ode of the **canon** of the feast or tone.

Love God in ABUNDANCE

and

In everything else practice moderation.



THE EPISTLE

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

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (2:4-10)

Brethren, God, Who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and made us sit with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God—not because of works, lest any man should boast. For, we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (16:19-31)

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover, the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

Tone: 6 Eothinon: 1

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 ST. IOANIKIOS THE GREAT: Tone 8

The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundred-fold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father Ioanikios, 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



St. Mary's Parishioners
Offered by: The Matook Family

Sandy Matook & Family
Badia Bitar & Family
Offered by: Bob & Christine Briggs & Family

Sandy Matook & Family
Badia Bitar & Family
Offered by: Mary Jane, Albert, Vanessa &
Claudine Wehbe

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

Fred Slemon Sr.
Offered by: Donna, Fred, Christina, & Ellen
Slemon & Families

Ronnie Gauthier
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

George T. Matook
Connie Matook
Milad Bitar
Offered by: Bob & Christine Briggs & Family

George T. Matook
Connie Matook
Milad Bitar
Offered by: Mary Jane, Albert, Vanessa &
Claudine Wehbe

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



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.