

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

8pm-1am– New Year's Eve Pot Luck Gathering



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SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, December 2, 2018

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"A parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America"

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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 December 2 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate
the Holy Prophet Habakkuk.

Verses

*At thine end, O Habakkuk, and expiration, God strengthened thy feet,
even as thou saidest.*

On the second, Habakkuk went up to the city of God.

Habakkuk was the son of Asaphat from the tribe of Simeon. He prophesied the coming of Christ 600 years His Nativity, during the time of King Manasseh, and foretold the destruction of Jerusalem. When Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, attacked Jerusalem, Habakkuk sought refuge in the land of the Ishmaelites. From there he returned to Judea, where he lived as a farmer. One day he was carrying lunch to the workers in the fields, when suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared to him and said: Go carry the dinner that thou hast into Babylon unto Daniel, who is in the lion's den. But Habakkuk responded: Lord, I never saw Babylon; neither do I know where the den is. Then the angel took him by the hair and instantly brought him to Babylon, to the lion's den, where Daniel had been cast by King Cyrus as a punishment for not worshiping the idols. Daniel took and the dinner which God had sent him (Daniel 14:34-37). Then the angel of God again took Habakkuk back to his field in Judea. He died at an old age. His relics were discovered in Palestine during the reign of Theodosius the Great.



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)

Choir Concert

With the Blessing and presence of His Grace, our beloved Bishop John St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church invites you to a celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord chanted by the Choir of the Theotokos In English & Arabic On Saturday, December 8, 2018 at 6:00 pm. Join us for an uplifting night of praises to Our Lord Jesus Christ. 249 High St. Pawtucket, RI 02860 Refreshments will follow at our Parish Center.



Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 9th at 5:30pm

An Annual Advent Tradition of Scripture Readings & Music celebrating the Coming of Christ featuring St. Mary's Liturgy Choir and the Boston Civic Orchestra Brass Quintet.

Location:

St. Mary Orthodox Church 8 Inman Street, Cambridge, MA

Additional Info:

Admission is free with a reception to follow. A collection will be taken to support the Archdiocesan Food for Hungry People Program (Monetary Donations & Canned Goods)

Questions? Call the Church Office: (617)-547-1234

THE EPISTLE

*The Lord is my strength and my song.
With chastisement hath the Lord chastened me.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (6:10-17)

Brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand, therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:35-43)

At that time, when Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.



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Tone: 2 Eothinon: 5

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 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 PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY: Tone 3

*(**The original melody**)*

On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to * God the Word inefably, * Who was before all the ages. * Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing * the gladsome tidings; * with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him * Who is willing to be gazed on * as a young Child Who * before the ages is God.

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.

Christmas Liturgy

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



PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur



Sue Ayoub
Offered by: Ed Ayoub
Lisa Ayoub-Parent

Julia Vale
William Osborne & Family
Sue Ayoub
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

Mary Masry
Susanne Ayoub
Salwa Khoury
Yacoub Mitri
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

Sue Ayoub
Dr. Joe Samra
Salwa Khoury
Offered by: Linda Dvelis

Suzanne Ayoub
Salwa Khoury
Yacoub Mitri
Offered by: Philip & Bette Ayoub

Julia Vale
Salwa Khoury
Mary David
Sue Ayoub
Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi

Alexander Lazieh
Mary Massiwer & Family
Julia Vale
Offered by: Holly Lazieh and Sons & Bob Dessaint

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Louise Osborne
Nellie Hallal
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

Fred & Sophie Hallal
Moses Lazieh
George Hallal
Louise Osborne
Offered by: Holly Lazieh and Sons & Bob Dessaint



Coffee Hour

Today, Coffee Hour is being offered by Lisa Ayoub-Parent for the health of her parents Ed & Sue Ayoub. Coffee Hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.

