Sunday, January 13th: Sunday after Theophany
   Outreach Meeting during Coffee Hour at the Parish Center

Sunday, January 20th: Sunday of Euthymios the Great; 12th Sunday of Luke
   Stewardship Sunday
   Outreach Committee ‘Soup Kitchen’ 12:00-12:30pm

Monday, January 21st: 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting **note date change**

Sunday, January 27th: Sunday of John Chrysostom; 14th Sunday of Luke
   Annual Parish Meeting at the Parish Center

Sunday, February 3rd: Thirty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, February 10th: 17th Sunday of Matthew
   “Souper Bowl” Luncheon hosted by the Outreach Committee

Tuesday, February 12th: 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

February 16th: Valentine Haflı 8pm-1am

Sunday, February 17th: Sunday of the Pharisee & Publican
   Outreach Committee ‘Soup Kitchen’ 12:00-12:30pm

Sunday, February 24th: John the Baptist; Prodigal Son

Sunday, March 3rd: Last Judgment (Meat Fare)

Friday, March 8th-Sunday, March 10th: Teen SOYO- YES weekend

Sunday, March 10th: Forgiveness Sunday (Cheese Fare)
   Daylight Savings Time Begins

Tuesday, March 12th: 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, March 17th: Sunday of Orthodoxy
   Outreach Committee ‘Soup Kitchen’ 12:00-12:30pm

Sunday, March 24th: Second Sunday of Lent (Gregory Palamas)
   Annunciation Day with Bishop JOHN presiding
   Antiochian Women Fish Dinner at the Parish Center following Liturgy

Sunday, March 31st: Third Sunday of Lent (Holy Cross)

Sunday, April 7th: Fourth Sunday of Lent (John Climacus)

Tuesday, April 9th: 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, April 14th: Fifth Sunday of Lent (Mary of Egypt)

Sunday, April 21st: Palm Sunday
   Outreach Committee ‘Soup Kitchen’ 12:00-12:30pm

Sunday, April 28th: Great & Holy PASCHA
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.

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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

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 January 13 in the Holy Orthodox Church we continue to celebrate the Theophany of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we commemorate the holy Martyrs Hermyllos and Stratonikos of Belgrade.

Verses

Hermyllos and Stratonikos’ ship was a basket, wherein they sailed a joint voyage to the bottom. On the thirteenth the Danube drowned Hermyllos and companion.

The Emperor Licinius started a persecution against Christians, and so Hermyllos was captured and led to court. When Hermyllos was informed that he was being led away to be tortured, he greatly rejoiced. The emperor threatened him in vain. Hermyllos responded, “The Lord is with me; I fear not. What can man do against me?” (Psalm 118:6). Following excruciating tortures, Hermyllos was thrown into the dungeon. The guard Stratonikos, secretly a Christian, sympathized with the suffering of Hermyllos. When it was reported to the emperor that Stratonikos was also a Christian, the emperor ordered that both of them be drowned in the Danube River. Three days later, their bodies washed ashore. Christians discovered their bodies and buried them about eighteen miles from Belgrade. These martyrs suffered for Christ and were glorified in 315.

On this day we also commemorate the Martyrs Pachomios and Papyrinos of Greece; Venerable Maximos Kafokevitis of Athos; Venerable Eleazar of Anzersk Island; and Hilarion, Bishop of Poitiers.

By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Epiphany 2019 - Blessing of Homes

With the celebration of The Feast of Epiphany and the Great Sanctification of the Water, house blessings are starting for the new year. If you would like to have your house blessed, please contact Fr. Elie and schedule an appropriate time. While it is traditional to begin house blessings following Epiphany, homes may be blessed throughout the year. May the Blessing of the Jordan River sanctify and protect each and every home and family in our community.

ONLINE BULLETIN
The Bulletin is available online on our website at:
http://stmarypawtucket.org
**Coffee Hour**

Today, Coffee Hour is being offered by Fred Kilsey in memory of his wife Michelle Kilsey (8 years). Coffee Hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.

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**Dear Brethren in Christ,**

On Sunday, January 27, 2019 our Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Parish Center immediately following Divine Liturgy.

All parishioners in good standing who “accept, profess and practice the faith and discipline of the Holy Orthodox Faith” are welcome to participate and to vote at the meeting. Practicing the discipline of the faith involves regular and consistent attendance at Divine Liturgy and participation in the Sacraments of the Church, as well as completing a stewardship pledge for the year 2018 and making a pledge commitment for the year 2019.

If you are interested in running for a seat on the Parish Council, please speak to either Fr. Elie or Ed Ayoub about this as soon as possible as we have several members that have terms expiring this year.

Please make every effort to attend the meeting as we will be discussing and voting on a Capital Campaign for 2019.

A copy of the budget will be sent in a separate mailing in January 2019, prior to the Annual Meeting, for your review.

Praying for your good health and participation in the life of the Church and all blessings for the New Year, we remain,

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Elie Estephan
Edward Ayoub

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**THE EPISTLE**

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

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (4:7-13)**

Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift. Therefore, it is said, “When He ascended on high He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men.” (In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is He who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

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**THE GOSPEL**

**The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (4:12-17)**

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulon and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “The land of Zebulon and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand.”
APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRECTION: Tone 8
From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST: Tone 1
When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity wast made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the likeness of a dove confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, Who hast appeared and enlightened the world, 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 THE THEOPHANY: Tone 4
(**The original melody**) On this day Thou hast appeared * unto the whole world, * and Thy light, O Sovereign Lord, * is signed on us who sing Thy praise * and chant with knowledge: Thou hast now come, * Thou hast appeared, O Thou Light unapproachable.