

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 10th: Seventeenth Sunday of Matthew
“Souper Bowl” Special Collection
“Souper Bowl” Luncheon hosted by the Outreach Committee
40 Day Memorial Service for Mona Bakleh

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

February 16th: Valentine Hafli 8pm-1am

Sunday, February 17th: Sunday of the Pharisee & Publican
Outreach Committee ‘Soup Kitchen’ 11:30am-noon
Memorial Service for Sadiq Bader

Sunday, February 24th: John the Baptist; Prodigal Son
Outreach Committee ‘Food Pantry’ 11:30am-noon

Saturday, March 2nd: 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy

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’ 11:30am-noon

Sunday, March 24th: Second Sunday of Lent (Gregory Palamas)
Annunciation Day with Bishop JOHN presiding
Antiochian Women Fish at the Parish Center following Liturgy
Outreach Committee ‘Food Pantry’ 11:30am-noon

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

Saturday, April 6th: 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy

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)

Saturday, April 20th: Lazarus Saturday
10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy
Church School sponsoring breakfast following Liturgy– Everyone is invited!



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, February 10, 2019
Seventeenth Sunday of Matthew



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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 February 10 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy Hieromartyr Charalampos, bishop of Magnesia.

Verses

*Through the sword, O Charalampos, wast thou deemed worthy
Of the brightness and exceeding joy of the Martyrs.
On the tenth, O Charalampos, thou wast cut from thine own neck.*

He suffered for Christ at the age of 113. When a terrible persecution began during the reign of Emperor Septimius Severus, the Elder Charalampos did not hide from the persecutors but freely and openly preached the Faith of Christ. When they skinned him alive, the forgiving elder said to the emperor's soldiers: "Thank you, my brethren, for in scraping my old body you renew my spirit for a new eternal life." He worked many miracles and converted many to the Faith. Even the emperor's daughter, Galina, abandoned the idolatry of her father and become a Christian. Condemned to death and brought to the place of execution, Charalampos raised his hands to heaven and prayed to God for all people that God grant them bodily health and spiritual salvation and that He multiply their fruits of the earth. He was beheaded in 202. Galina took his body and honorably buried it.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyrs Baptus and Porphyrius, the former torturers of Charalampos and the Three Holy Women Martyrs who believed through him; and Venerable Zenon the courtier from Caesarea in Cappadocia.

By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.



Bulletin Submissions

Please help us provide a quality weekly bulletin by submitting all prayer requests and announcements to the church office by Noon on Wednesdays. Any requests received after this time will be in the following week's bulletin. Thank you for your cooperation.

ONLINE BULLETIN

The Bulletin is available online on our website at:
<http://stmarypawtucket.org>

Orthodox Vocabulary

Covenant

Covenant: since the creation of the world, there have been a series of covenants between God and humanity. Why was it necessary to establish new covenants? Because humanity is “a stubborn people” (Deut 9:6) and has often shown itself to be rebellious and unfaithful. God, who loves humanity and seeks its salvation, punishes it, but then he invariably forgives humanity in order to bring it into a life of communion with him. The first great covenant mentioned in Genesis is the alliance between God and *Noah*, “the righteous man” among those whose sins had multiplied on the earth (Gen 6:5-8; 9:8-17). The salvation of Noah and his family from the Flood already prefigures salvation through Christ. God renews his covenant with *Abraham* and promises him the possession of a *land* and innumerable *descendants* as an inheritance (Gen 17:1-14), through which all the nations on earth will be blessed (Gen 18:18). God chose a specific people to be his elect. The covenant of God with *Moses* (Ex 24:12) gives this people a *law* to help them follow the way of God. The promise of a *new covenant* appears in numerous Old Testament passages (Jer 31:31-35; Hos 2:20-24; Ezek 36:26; 34:23; etc.). Christ is the fulfillment of the promise. This New Covenant is the one Christ concludes with all men, and it fulfills the old. God has sent his only-begotten Son among us in order to save us and to renew the covenant. At the Last Supper, Christ took bread, distributed it, and said: “*Take, eat, this is my body.*” Then he took a cup of wine, blessed it and passed it around, saying: “*This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many*” (Mt 26:28).

“The Christian needs two wings in order to soar upward and attain Paradise: humility and love”

~St. Cosmos Aitolos



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.

THE EPISTLE

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord. O God, hear my prayer.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (2:1-10)

Timothy, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

THE GOSPEL

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (15:21-28)

At that time, Jesus went to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon.” But He did not answer her one word. And His disciples came and begged Him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before Him, saying, “Lord, help me.” And He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.” Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.



Seventeenth Sunday of Matthew

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APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRECTION: Tone 4

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. CHARALAMPOS: Tone 4

*(**be quick to anticipate**)*

An unshaken pillar of the Church of Christ God art thou, * an ever-resplendent lamp, O Charalampos most wise, which shineth throughout the earth; * in martyrlic contest thou hast shined on the whole world, * and thou hast dispelled the moonless night of the idols. * Now boldly intercede thou with Christ that we may all be saved.

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.

ORDINARY KONTAKION: 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.



Forty-Day Memorial Service



A Forty-Day Memorial Service is being offered for the servant of God *Mona Bakleh* and is being offered by her husband Edward Bakleh.

May God grant her peace and may her memory be eternal.

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Elizabeth Votruba
Offered by: Sandra Matook

Elaine Wilbur
Joe & Marlene Samra
Al Hallal
Mary Lou Catelli
Ed Bakleh
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

Edward Bakleh & Family
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Mary Lou Catelli
John, Anita, Reyna & Anthony Chamoun

Elaine Wilbur
Offered by: Radwan Al-Amir & Family

Mary Lou Catelli
Elaine Wilbur
Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi

Edward Bakleh
Ed & Julie Bosse Mailloux & Family
Joseph & Nicole Bakleh & Family
Offered by: Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki

Edward Bakleh
Ed & Julie Bosse Mailloux & Family
Joseph & Nicole Bakleh & Family
Offered by: George & Kristen Baalbaki & Family



Edward Bakleh
Ed & Julie Bosse Mailloux & Family
Joseph & Nicole Bakleh & Family
Offered by: Elias & Michael Baalbaki

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Mona Bakleh
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

Mona Bakleh
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Mary, Fouad, Subdeacon Nicholas, Madeleine,
grand-mother Warde, Nancy, and all deceased
ElKhaouli Family
Mona Bakleh
Offered by: Yasmine ElKhaouli

Mona Bakleh
Offered by: Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki

Mona Bakleh
Offered by: George & Kristen Baalbaki & Family

Mona Bakleh
Offered by: Offered by: Elias & Michael Baalbaki

