

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Tuesday, February 19th: 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

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 Potluck Luncheon following Liturgy– Everyone is invited!

Sunday, April 21st: Palm Sunday
Outreach Committee 'Soup Kitchen' 11:30am-noon

Sunday, April 28th: Great & Holy PASCHA
Outreach Committee 'Food Pantry' 11:30am-noon

Saturday, May 4th: 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, February 17, 2019
Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican



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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 17 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy Great-Martyr Theodore the Soldier ('Tyro'); and Emperor Marcian and Empress Pulcheria of Constantinople.

On this day, we make remembrance of the Parable of the Pharisee and the Publican, which occurs in the Holy Gospel according to Luke the Evangelist.

Verses

*If you resemble the Pharisee, run far away from the Temple;
For inside is Christ before Whom only the humble are acceptable.*

Verses for the Triodion

*O Creator of everything heavenly and earthly, receive Thou from the Angels a Trinitarian song,
And from us men a noble and reverent Triodion.*

In our Savior's parable, Jesus uses a Pharisee, a leader of the synagogue, who was regarded in public opinion as virtuous; and a publican, a tax collector, who was regarded as oppressive, greedy and a sinner. In their prayers to God, we discover the real hearts of these two men. We thus learn of the harm that comes from pride and the good that comes from humility. The divine Church Fathers sought to alert and prepare the Christ-loving clergy and laity for the upcoming period of the Great Fast. Therefore, on this Sunday we are reminded that humility is the greatest weapon against pride, as we imitate the humility of the publican to ascend to the divine heights.

Through the intercessions of the wonderworking Saints,
O Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save 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

Triodion

Triodion: literally, this word means a "canon of three odes." Canons of this type are found in the liturgical books to which they gave their name:

1.) *Lenten Triodion:* this book contains all the texts for Great Lent and its preparatory period, as well as for Holy Week. The dominant trait of these texts is their penitential character, since Lent is offered to the faithful so that they can purify themselves and prepare for the solemnities of the passion and the resurrection of the Savior.

2.) *Bright Triodion* or *Pentecostarion:* this contains the texts used between Pascha and the Sunday following Pentecost (these two feasts included). These texts are characterized by the joy of the resurrection of the Savior, which makes possible the resurrection of all humanity. The various themes which surface during this period reveal, each in its own way, the mystery of redemption and salvation, which is fulfilled with Ascension and Pentecost.

On earth, everything is temporary- brief, transitory. Soon, everything will pass by– that which is pleasant and delightful, as well as what is lamentable and sorrowful. If we have chosen for ourselves the path of piety, then we must remember and not forget the words of the Apostle: ‘All that will live godly in Christ shall suffer persecution’ (2 Timothy 3:12).

~St. Ambrose of Optina



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

*Make vows to the Lord thy God, and perform them.
In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel.*

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (3:10-15)

Timothy my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, and my sufferings; and what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. What persecutions I endured; yet from them all, the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:10-14)

The Lord spoke this parable: “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank Thee that I am not like other men, extortionists, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to Heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”



Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican

Tone: 5 Eothinon: 5

APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRECTION: Tone 5

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

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 FOR THE PHARISEE AND PUBLICAN : Tone 4

*(**On this day Thou hast appeared**)*

Let us flee the Pharisee's * conceited vaunting; * let us learn the Publican's * humility, and cry with groans * unto the Savior: Thou Who alone * art swiftly reconciled, be gracious unto us.



Orthodox Vocabulary

Transcendence

Transcendence: From the Latin verb *transcendere*, meaning "to go beyond." God, who created all things out of nothing, is by nature totally beyond and different from his creatures, and he cannot be understood or described through human intelligence. He cannot be reduced to concepts, but he reveals himself to humanity through love.



Memorial Service



A Memorial Service is being offered for the servant of God *Sadiq Bader* and is being offered by Najwan & Ragheed Elias. Coffee hour is being offered in his memory following Liturgy at the Parish Center.

May God grant him peace and may his 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

Ed Bakleh & Family
Offered by: Nora Abdelahad
Elaine Agaty
Sandra Matook

Ray & Leila Trabulsi
Offered by: Philip & Bette Ayoub

George & Lois Kilsey
Rose Ganim
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki
Offered by: Michael Baalbaki

Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki
Offered by: Elias Baalbaki

Phil Ayoub
Elaine Wilbur
Offered by: Charlotte & Yacoub Mitri

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Mona Bakleh
Offered by: Nora Abdelahad
Elaine Agaty
Sandra Matook

Nicholas & Jamila Mitri
Offered by: Charlotte & Yacoub Mitri



The great work of God, the creation of man, and then after his fall, his restoration by redemption, ought to be well known to every Christian. Without this knowledge one cannot know and fulfill the obligations of a Christian; but the knowledge of this great work of God cannot be acquired with distraction.

~St. Ignatious Brianchaninov

