

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 3rd: Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, February 10th: Seventeenth Sunday of Matthew
 “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 Dinner 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)
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



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, February 3, 2019
Sixteenth Sunday of Matthew

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& Metropolitan of all North America**

**His Grace Bishop JOHN, Auxiliary and Bishop of the
Diocese of Worcester and New England**

V. Rev. Father Elie Estephan
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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 3 in the Holy Orthodox Church we continue to celebrate the Presentation (Meeting) of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple. On this day, we celebrate the Synaxis (gathering) for the Holy and Righteous Simeon the God-receiver and Anna the Prophetess.

Verses

The Elder proclaimed to the dead that God the Word
Would reach even them, since He appeared as man.
No departure from earth for Phanuel's daughter, until she beheld on the earth God as an infant.
On the third, Simeon was loosed from the bond of life.

Simeon had the task of translating the Bible from the Hebrew language into the Greek language (The Septuagint). As he conscientiously translated the book of the Prophet Isaiah, he came upon the prophecy: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and will give birth to a son" (Isaiah 7:14). Simeon became confused and took a knife to remove the word "virgin" and to replace it with the words, "young woman." At that moment, an angel of God appeared to Simeon and restrained him, explaining that the prophecy is correct. The messenger of God also said that Simeon would be convinced of it personally for, according to the Will of God, he will not die until he sees the Messiah born of the Virgin. At the Presentation (Meeting) of the Lord in the temple, the grateful Simeon quickly recognized both the Virgin and the Child Jesus. The joyful Simeon took Christ into his hands and prayed to God his famous words: "Lord, now lettest thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word; for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation." Simeon died shortly thereafter, and is considered the Protector of young children. Anna the Prophetess, the educated and pious daughter of Phanuel, lived in the temple as a widow. At age 84, she also recognized the Messiah and proclaimed Him to the people (Luke 2).

On this day, we also commemorate the New-martyrs Nicholas, Stamatios and John of Spetson; Anschar, enlightener of Denmark and Sweden; Nicholas, equal-to-the-Apostles, bishop and evangelizer of Japan; and James, archbishop of Serbia.

On the Sunday which falls during the After-feast of the Presentation (Meeting) of our Lord, we commemorate the Holy and Righteous Mothers of the Three Hierarchs: Emmelia (Basil the Great), Nona (Gregory the Theologian) and Anthousa (John Chrysostom).

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

ONLINE BULLETIN

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

Congratulations & Blessings

St. Mary Church offers congratulations and prayers for the blessing of the newly elected and appointed members of the Parish Council, and their officers:

President: Salwa Khoury
Vice-President: George Kilsey
Treasurer: Walid Nakhoul
Secretary: Cindy Hayes



Elected members: Geoff Ayoub, Scott Barnes, Matthew Duncan, Jiana Diakh, Fadia Kabak, Matt Kelley, Robert Laffey, Yacoub (Jacob) Mitri

Appointed members: Edward Ayoub, Sousan Karwashan, Nancy Muller

May God bless them, strengthen and guide them, that together with their Pastor, Fr. Elie, and with the Arch-Pastoral guidance of Bishop JOHN, they may in unity and concord under take their Ministry to the Glory of God.

St. Mary Church would also like to thank the outgoing members of the Parish Council, Linda Dvelis, Fred Kilsey & Joseph Samra III, for their hard work and dedication throughout their terms.



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

*The Lord will give strength to His people.
Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.*

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:1-10)

Brethren, working together with Him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For He says, “At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation.” Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

THE GOSPEL

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (25:14-30)

The Lord spoke this parable: A man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying: “Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.” And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying: “Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.” He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying: “Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” But his master answered him, “You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.” As Jesus said these things He cried out: “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

Sixteenth Sunday of Matthew

Tone: 3 Eothinon: 3

APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRECTION: Tone 3

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST: Tone 1

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace, for from thee arose the Sun of justice, Christ our God, lighting those who are in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous elder, carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, Who granteth us 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 OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST: Tone 1

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.



PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur



Elizabeth Votruba
Offered by: Sandra Matook

Mary Lou Catelli
Elaine Wilbur
Geoffrey Ayoub
Philip G. Ayoub
Offered by: Philip & Bette Ayoub

Geoffrey Ayoub
Offered by: Ed & Sue Ayoub

Geoff Ayoub
Philip, Bette & Phil Ayoub
Ed & Sue Ayoub
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

Geoffrey Ayoub
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Elaine Wilbur
Bill & Mary Lou Catelli
Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Philip & Bette Ayoub
Albert Hallal
Offered by: Al & Vicki Hallal

Mary Lou Catelli
Offered by: Linda Dvelis

Ayoub Family
Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi

Philip Ayoub
Mary Lou Catelli
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

Geoff Ayoub
Philip, Bette & Phil Ayoub
Edward, Suzanne & Lisa Ayoub
Al & Vicki Hallal
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Ed Bakleh
Julie Bosse Mailloux & Family
Joseph & Nicole Bakleh & Family
Offered by: Tony & Fadia Kabak

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Naseem Ayoub
Offered by: Geoffrey Ayoub

Naseem & Ann Ayoub
Donald Aubin
Vincent Penta
Offered by: Philip & Bette Ayoub
Philip G. Ayoub

Naseem & Ann Ayoub
Offered by: Ed & Sue Ayoub

Naseem & Ann Ayoub
Offered by: Susan Warzycha & Family

Naseem & Ann Ayoub
Offered by: Nancy Penta & Family

Naseem Ayoub
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

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Mona Bakleh
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Gabriel Oussi
Mona Bakleh
Offered by: Tony & Fadia Kabak