

SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, June 23rd: First Sunday after Pentecost

Outreach Committee 'Food Bag Donations' 11:30-12pm

Sunday, June 30th: Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles

Thursday, July 4th: Independence Day (church office closed)

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

Sunday, July 7th: Third Sunday of Matthew

Family Day (rain date July 14th)

Tuesday, July 9th: 7:00 Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, July 14th: Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council

Sunday, July 21st: Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Outreach Committee 'Soup Kitchen' 11:30-12pm

July 21st-28th: Antiochian Archdiocese Convention– Grand Rapids, Michigan

Sunday, July 28th: Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Outreach Committee 'Food Bag Donations' 11:30-12pm

Thursday, August 1st-Wednesday, August 14th (weeknights only):

7:00pm Parakalesis Services

Saturday, August 3rd: 6:00pm– Arabic Liturgy

Sunday, August 4th: Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

August 5th-9th: Church School Summer Camp at the Parish Center

Sunday, August 4th: Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, August 11th: Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Tuesday, August 13th: 7:00 Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 14th: 7:00pm Liturgy

Sunday, August 18th: Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Feast Day: *(more information to follow)*

9:00am: Matins

10:00am" Hierarchal Divine Liturgy with His Grace Bishop JOHN

Outreach Committee 'Soup Kitchen' 11:30-12pm

Sunday, August 25th: Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Outreach Committee 'Food Bag Donations' 11:30-12pm

Sunday, September 1st: Indiction: Ecclesiastical New Year

Saturday, September 7th: 6:00pm– Arabic Liturgy

Sunday, September 8th: Sunday Before Elevation of the Cross

Start of Church School & Welcome Back Luncheon



Sunday, June 23, 2019

First Sunday After Pentecost:
All Saints Sunday

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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 June 23 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Martyr Agrippina of Rome; and Hieromartyrs Aristocles the Presbyter, Demetrios the Deacon, and Athanasius the Reader, of Cyprus.

On this day, the Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the feast of All Saints who shone forth throughout all the world, North and South, East and West.

Verses

*Of all my Lord's friends, I laud and sing the praises;
And let any to come, with them all be numbered.*

David the Prophet and king, who revered the beloved of God, and respected them because of his great piety, said in the Psalms, "How precious are Thy beloved unto me, O God" (138:17). And the Apostle Paul, in his Epistle to the Hebrews, recounted the lives of the saints, when he wrote, "Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin that so easily besets us; and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (12:1). Therefore, as Orthodox Christians, we honor the beloved saints of God, respecting them as keepers of God's commandments, shining examples of virtue and benefactors of humanity. We commemorate all of the holy ones every year on this day, as the list of saints ever increases, even though some of their names escape us. Nevertheless, we honor them for their piety and strive to imitate their good works.

*By the intercessions of Thine immaculate Mother, O Christ God,
and of all Thy Saints from the beginning of time, have mercy and save us, since
Thou alone art good and the Lover of mankind. Amen.*



The human family constitutes the primary and essential element of human society...peace in society will be a direct result of peace in the family; order and harmony in the secular, political realm will be the direct result of the order and harmony which arises out of creative guidance and the giving of real responsibility to children (by assigning specific tasks to the child).

~St. John Chrysostom



The Feast of all the Saints

The first Sunday after Pentecost is dedicated to the commemoration of all the saints. Sanctity is the work of the Holy Spirit; all Christian holiness is a fruit of Pentecost. There is therefore a logical link between today’s feast and that of last Sunday.

At the liturgy a portion of the epistle to the Hebrews (11:33-12:2) is read which evokes the sufferings of the cloud of witnesses’, that is to say the prophets, the martyrs, the righteous, those who were storied, put to the sword, or tortured, ‘of whom the world was not worthy’. We know this passage well, for the Church has already given it to us to hear twice during the liturgical year: first on the Sunday before Christmas, then on the first Sunday of Great Lent. It seems that the Church, in calling our attention to this text before the Nativity, before Easter, and immediately after Pentecost, wants to emphasize that we draw near to these great mysteries ‘catholicly’, surrounded by the saints and helped by their prayers; she wishes above all to tell us that saintliness is not an abnormal or exceptional state; that, on the contrary it is the normal flowering of every Christian life. The call to holiness is addressed to each one of us.

The gospel for the liturgy (Matt. 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30) is a selections of the sayings of Our Lord which relate to the actual conditions of holiness: ‘He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me...And he that taketh not his cross’ and followeth after me, is not worthy of me...Everyone that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or land, for my name’s sake, shall receive a hundredfold and shall inherit everlasting life’. Once again, our Lord brings us into the presence of his Cross and the personal renunciations that it involves. There is, however, a great difference between the way we read these words today and the way we read them (or similar texts) during the preceding months: read after Pentecost, this invitation to sacrifice is now clothed in fire, in the light and power of the Holy Spirit. The apostles did not really follow their master on his painful road until after the coming of the Paraclete, the saints, whose collective feast we celebrate today, only carried the cross when they were under the inspiration of the Spirit. The cross that Jesus set before our eyes, on this first Sunday after Pentecost, is a cross of fire—the fire of the Spirit descending on the disciples.



~The Year of Grace of the Lord.

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All Saints Sunday**

Tone 8 / Eothinon 1

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: 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 ALL SAINTS: Tone 4

Thy Church, O Christ God, hath regaled herself in the blood of Thy Martyrs throughout the entire world, as in porphyry and purple. Through them she lifteth her voice crying: Turn with Thy compassion toward Thy people, and grant peace to Thy city, and to our souls the Great Mercy.

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.

THE KONTAKION OF ALL SAINTS: Tone 8

*(**The original melody**)*

As first-fruits of our nature to the Planter of created things, * the world presenteth the God-bearing martyred Saints in off’ring unto Thee, O Lord. * Through their earnest entreaties, * keep Thy Church in deep peace and divine tranquility, * through the pure Theotokos, O Thou Who art greatly merciful.

THE EPISTLE

God is wonderful among His saints. Bless God in the congregations.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (11:33-12:2) Brethren, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfection of our faith.

THE GOSPEL

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.
(10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30)**

The Lord said to His disciples, “Everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father Who is in heaven; but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny before My Father Who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me.” Then Peter said in reply, “Lo, we have left everything and followed Thee. What then shall we have?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, in the New World, when the Son of Man shall sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My Name’s sake, will receive a hundred fold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first.”

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur



Elizabeth Votruba
Offered by: Sandra Matook

Jim Schillawski
Offered by: his children, Michael & Tanya

Charles K. Arbeely
Offered by: Jim & Beth Schillawski

Stephanie Jacobsen & Family
Offered by: Scott & Nora Barnes

John & Patricia Massiwer
Offered by: Nora Matook & Family

Kilsey Family
Offered by: Charles & Angela Abosamra

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Camelia Koury
Offered by: Charles & Angela Abosamra

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.

CHARITABLE GIFT PROGRAM

It is with appreciation and gratitude that we announce the participation of Charles and Angela Abosamra in our Charitable Gift Program.

It is worth noting that Charles and Angela were on the original committee that comprised the Charitable Gift Program.

May God Grant Them Many Years of Health and Happiness!

