Sunday, June 9th: Holy Fathers of the First Council of Nicea
Church School Graduation & Luncheon

Tuesday, June 11th: 7:00 Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 12th: 6:00 P.M. - Ladies Society Dinner *Please note date change*

Sunday, June 16th: Sunday of Holy PENTECOST
   Father’s Day
   Outreach Committee ‘Soup Kitchen’ 11:30-12pm

Saturday, June 22nd: Parish Life Conference

Sunday, June 23rd: First Sunday after Pentecost
   **please note that St. Mary Church will be open**
   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


Sunday, August 4th: Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
   Outreach Committee ‘Food Bag Donations’ 11:30-12pm

Sunday, August 11th: Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, August 18th: Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
   Feast Day
   Outreach Committee ‘Soup Kitchen’ 11:30-12pm

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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

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 9 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our father among the saints Cyril, archbishop of Alexandria; Pelagia and the three Virgin-martyrs of Chios; Venerable Cyril of Belozersk; and Venerable Columba, enlightener of Scotland.

On this day, the seventh Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the first Ecumenical Council of the 318 God-bearing Fathers, which took place in Nicaea in Bithynia.

Verses
O ye light-bearing stars of the spiritual firmament, enlighten my mind with your rays.

Verses Against Arius
Calling the Son a stranger to the Father’s essence,
Arius proved to be a stranger to God’s glory.

Arius, the notorious heretic, began to blaspheme against God and His Son the Word, saying that the latter was not God consubstantial with the Father, but that He was created as a stranger to the Substance of the Father and His glory. Alexander, the Archbishop of Alexandria, tried to constrain Arius from disturbing the faithful with this teaching; even though Alexander excommunicated him, Arius did not cease his blasphemy, which spread throughout the Church in all nations. Thus, Emperor Constantine the Great called the First Ecumenical Council, which gathered bishops and teachers in the Church from all lands. They all proclaimed, as by one mouth, the equality of the Son of God with the Father in Substance, thus laying down the noble Confession of Faith, The Creed, which we Orthodox Christians recite to this day. The Church regards these divine Fathers as preachers of the Faith next to the holy Apostles.

By the intercessions of the 318 God-bearing Fathers,
O Christ God, have mercy on us. Amen.

Congratulations

St. Mary Church offers its congratulations to all of our young men and women who are or will be graduating from both High School and College
in the next few weeks. May God bless them as they continue their education and pursue new work and careers. And may God bless
their parents and families for nurturing and supporting them.
PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:
Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur
Elizabeth Votruba
Offered by: Sandra Matook
Azmy & Soheir Morcos
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra
Charles Abosamra
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Gabriel & Adele Ash
Offered by: Jim & Beth Schillawski

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur
Joseph & Mary Samra
Mike & Mary Samra
Tony & Mable Samra
Nora Samra
Offered by: Lorice Hallal
Esma Gorab
Jacqueline Gorab
Joseph & Mary Samra
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

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http://stmarypawtucket.org

Visitations
Please contact Fr. Elie with any names of parishioners that are in need of visitation either at home, in hospital or nursing homes.

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.

Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

Tone: 6 Eothinon: 10

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: Tone 6
When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb. And the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE ASCENSION: Tone 4
Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Thy Disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit, making them confident through the blessing that Thou art the Son of God, and Deliverer of the world.

APOLYTIKION OF THE HOLY FATHERS: Tone 8
Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, 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.

THE KONTAKION OF THE ASCENSION: Tone 6
When Thou didst fulfill Thy dispensation for our sakes, uniting the terrestrials with the celestials, Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, inseparable in space, but constant without separation, and crying unto Thy beloved: I am with you, and no one shall be against you.
THE EPISTLE

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers. For Thou art just in all Thou hast done.

The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (20:16-18, 28-36)

In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: “Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (17:1-13)

At that time, Jesus lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son that the Son may glorify Thee, since Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom Thou hast given Him. And this is eternal life, that they know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ Whom Thou hast sent. I glorified Thee on earth, having accomplished the work which Thou gavest Me to do; and now, Father, glorify Thou Me in Thy own presence with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was made. I have manifested Thy Name to the men whom Thou gavest Me out of the world; Thine they were, and Thou gavest them to Me, and they have kept Thy word. Now they know that everything that Thou hast given Me is from Thee; for I have given them the words which Thou gavest Me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from Thee; and they have believed that Thou didst send Me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom Thou hast given Me, for they are Thine; all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to Thee. Holy Father, keep them in Thy Name, which Thou hast given Me, I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to Thee;