

SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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

Tuesday, September 10th: 7:00 Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, September 15th: Sunday After Elevation of the Cross



Sunday, June 30, 2019

Synaxis ("Gathering") of the Twelve Apostles

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& Metropolitan of all North America**

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

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Sub-Deacon Elijah Vollendorf

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 30 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we celebrate the Synaxis of the holy, glorious, and all-lauded Twelve Apostles.

Verses

*The friends of Christ and twelve God-seers do I honor,
Whom I dare call heroes and gods, and do rightly.
The thirtieth gathereth the Twelve glorious Initiates.*

Even though each one of the Twelve has his own special day of celebration throughout the year, the Church has set aside this day as a festal assembly of all the apostles together and with them, Paul. These are the names and the separate celebration days of the Holy Apostles; and how each one of these most holy and beneficial men in world history ended their earthly life: Peter (June 29, January 16) was crucified upside down. Andrew (November 30) was crucified. James, the son of Zebedee (April 30) was beheaded. John the Theologian (September 26) died in a miraculous, peaceful manner, the only one of “The Twelve” to do so. Philip (November 14) was crucified. Bartholomew (June 11, August 25) was crucified, scraped and beheaded. Thomas (October 6) was pierced with five spears. Matthew the Evangelist (November 16) was burned alive. James, the son of Alphaeus (October 9) was crucified. Thaddeus [Jude] (June 19), the Brother of James was crucified. Simon the Zealot (May 10) was crucified. Matthias (August 9) was stoned and then was beheaded after death. Paul (June 29) was beheaded.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Peter of Sinope;
and New-martyr Michael the Gardener of Athens.

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



Visitations

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

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Fred & Sophie Hallal
Offered by: Their Loving Family

John Swistak
Offered by: Elaine Swistak & Family

Fred & Sophie Hallal
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Fred & Sophie Hallal
Offered by: Ron & Janice Hallal

Murad Laffey
Offered by: Elaine Gauthier

Sophie & Fred Hallal
John Massiwer
Sarah & George Massiwer
Deceased Relatives & Friends
Offered by: Lily Massiwer



Don Hayes
John Massiwer
Tom Andrew
Sophie & Fred Hallal
Moses Lazieh
Sarah & George Massiwer
Louis Hashway
David Massiwer
Louis Simon
Donald Lutz
Offered by: Cindy Hayes & Family

John Massiwer
Don Hayes
Tom Andrew
Sophie & Fred Hallal
Moses Lazieh
Sarah & George Massiwer
Louis Hashway
David Massiwer
Louis Simon
Offered by: Mary Massiwer & Family

Orthodox Vocabulary

Godparent

The godparent is the person who receives in his/her arms the newly baptized infant. But before that, he/she has stood as the sponsor of the infant by giving the prescribed denunciations of Satan and affirmations of accepting Christ and it is he/she who finally recites the Creed signifying the personal belief of the candidate to Baptism. However, since the introduction of infant Baptism, the godparent has assumed the important obligation of seeing together with the parents that the infant is brought up within the Church and in the life of Christ. It is on account of this obligation that the baptismal sponsor is called ‘parent-in-God’. Since baptizing a child creates for the godparent a spiritual relationship not only between him and his godchild but also with the child’s family, the Orthodox Church places great significance on the responsibility of the godparents to help nurture and educate the child in the Holy Orthodox Faith. This special responsibility is a life-long one. There is a dogmatically and canonically entered spiritual relationship between godparent and godchild and, as a result, the Church has by Synodical decision prohibited marriage between the godparent and his/her godchild; also, marriage between the godparent and the biological parent (father or mother) of the godchild is prohibited (Justinian Novella 530 and Canon 53 of the Trullan Synod). The godparent must have been baptized in the Orthodox Church, be in full sacramental communion, and a member in good standing of a local Greek Orthodox parish.

Synaxis (“Gathering”) of the Twelve Apostles

Tone: 1 / Eothinon: 2

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: Tone 1

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

APOLYTIKION OF THE SYNAXIS: Tone 3

O Holy Apostles, intercede with our merciful God, to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

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.



THE EPISTLE (For the Synaxis)

*Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth.
The heavens show forth the glory of God.*

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (4:9-16)

Brethren, I think that God has exhibited us Apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the scourge of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. Though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

THE GOSPEL (For the Synaxis)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (9:36-10:8)

At that time, when Jesus saw the crowds, He had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His Disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." And He called to Him His twelve Disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every infirmity. The names of the twelve Apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Him. These twelve Jesus sent out, charging them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And preach as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying, give without pay."

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Elizabeth Votruba
Offered by: Sandra Matook

Robert & Janet Laffey & Family
Bill & Mary Lou Catelli
Jim & Beth Schillawski
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Stephanie Jacobsen & Family
Holly Lazieh & Family
Cheryl Nassaney & Family
Nancy Sterpis & Family
Paula Hallal
Bob Laffey
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Bobby Laffey
Mary Lou Catelli
Al & Vicki Hallal
Fr. Isaac & Kh. Dolly Crow
Offered by: Ron & Janice Hallal

Robert Laffey
Mary Lou Catelli
Offered by: Elaine Gauthier

The Family of Sophie & Fred Hallal
Mary Massiwer & Family
Mitchell Massiwer & Family
Diana Hashway
Offered by: Lily Massiwer



Bob Laffey
Offered by: Nora Abdelahad
Elaine Agaty
Sandra Matook

John & Patricia Massiwer
Holly, Jordan & Alexander Lazieh and Bob Dessaint
Cheryl, Anthony, Emma & Evan Nassaney
Nancy, Dimetrious, Steven & Nicholas Sterpis
Paula Hallal
Lil Massiwer
Diana Hashway
Mitchell Massiwer & Family
Alan Matook
Mary David
Offered by: Mary Massiwer & Family

Donnie, Lauren, Dan & Sarah Hayes
Offered by: Cindy Hayes

Mary Massiwer & Family
John & Patricia Massiwer
Holly, Jordan & Alexander Lazieh and Bob Dessaint
Cheryl, Anthony, Emma & Evan Nassaney
Nancy, Dimetrious, Steven & Nicholas Sterpis
Paula Hallal
Lil Massiwer
Diana Hashway
Mitchell Massiwer & Family
Alan Matook
Sandra Lutz & Family
Offered by: Cindy Hayes & Family

Coffee Hour

Today, Coffee Hour is being offered in memory of Fred & Sophie Hallal and is being offered by Their Loving Family. Coffee Hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.

