

SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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



Saturday, August 17th & Sunday, August 18th- Feast Day Celebration Weekend

*Saturday– 12 noon until 11pm **see inside bulletin for details***

Sunday– 12noon until 9pm

Sunday, August 18th: Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Feast Day:

9:00am: Matins

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

Tuesday, August 20th: 7:00 P.M.– Bazaar Meeting

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

Saturday, September 14th: 9:00am– Roll Grape Leaves at the Parish Center

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

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

Sunday, September 22nd: Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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



Sunday, July 21, 2019

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

"A parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America"

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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 Emad Amirhom
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 July 21 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate our Righteous Fathers John of Edessa in Mesopotamia; and Simeon of Homs (Emesa), the Fool-for-Christ.

Verses

A wise fool wast thou, mocking life, O Father Simeon, escaping even to the end the crafty serpent.

O John, thou chocest to dwell in barren regions, whereby thou didst render carnal passions barren.

On the twenty-first died Simeon the mock-fool and mocker.

Both men received the monastic tonsure at the hands of the Abbot Nikon in the Monastery of St. Gerasimos. They withdrew into the wilderness near the Dead Sea where they lived an austere life of asceticism for nearly thirty years. They mortified their bodies so much that they resembled two withered trees. One day Simeon told John that, according to God's command, he must depart from the wilderness, go among the people and serve God there. John said to Simeon, "Pray to God for me, that He does not separate us, one from the other, in the future life." Simeon went among the people of Homs, Syria as a "fool for Christ," to teach people and to convert them to the Faith of Christ. He pretended insanity before everyone but his heart was the temple of the Holy Spirit and, in that temple, was unceasing prayer. Simeon possessed abundant grace from God and was able to discern all the inner secrets of people, healing them from evil spirits and other ailments. Simeon came across a young fornicator who went out of his mind. Simeon struck him across the face with his hand and said: "Do not commit fornication." At that moment the unclean demon departed from the young man and he became well. Simeon reposed in 570; by the providence of God, John, who had remained in the wilderness, departed soon after.

On this day, we also commemorate Parthenios, bishop of Radovizlios;
and Martyr Victor of Marseilles.

By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

ONLINE BULLETIN

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Orthodox Vocabulary

Fanaticism (Fanatic)

Fanaticism (Fanatic): this term is generally defined as a passionate, blind, intractable zeal or admiration toward someone, a party; a religion, a doctrine, etc. This definition makes it clear that it is something extremely dangerous. In fact, faith in the revealed truth never requires a blind faith, excess, or violence. This is self-evident, and it suffices to condemn any fanaticism, wherever the fanaticism comes from. It is useless to say more about it. Nevertheless, we must be on guard against certain forms of fanaticism which are sometimes concealed under the guise of patriotism, morality, or religion. It then becomes a veritable caricature of these real values. People sometimes allow themselves to be led by persons dominated by pride, the hunger for power, a foolish narrowness of spirit, or by gain. This leads to intolerance, violence, racism, and their attendant suffering, as well as to terrorism. Only love and the personal freedom of a person responsible to a personal God can alter one's life, and not ideologies or totalitarianism, even if these hide behind words which fool the naive. Thus it is necessary to combat all fanaticism, whether it appears in the form of dubious sects, pseudo-gurus, dishonest politicians, or even sectarian believers, who may be sincere, but who, in their narrow and rigid views, forget about the dignity of the person standing free before God. The latter desire to impose by force what they consider to be the true faith. The pride that comes from having a clean conscience can even turn religion into a weapon with which to beat others. Fanaticism turns the object of faith into an idol.* It is idolatrous. It sets up evil as good. It leads to blasphemy against the Spirit.

STEWARDSHIP: "LIVING A LIFE OF LOVE FOR GOD"

The Stewardship Committee during Liturgy five weeks ago, made a request of our parishioners. We asked that... "you have a prayerful honest conversation with those in your life as to how you determine what you return to God and His Church and upon what do you make that decision. The question that needs to be answered is:

What Shall I Give The Lord For All His Bounty and Love He Has Given to Me!!!"

Please reflect upon this request and confer, if need be, with Fr. Elie, or any other member of the Stewardship Committee:

Joe Samra III, Chairman, Salwa Khoury, Walid Nakhoul, Fadia Kabak, Steven Kilsey, Geoff Ayoub, Elijah Vollendorf, Maureen Gurghigian, and Dr. Joseph Samra.

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Tone: 4 / Eothinon: 5

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: Tone 4

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world 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.

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.



A tree is known by its fruit, a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love.

St. Basil the Great



THE EPISTLE

*How great are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.*

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

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that it may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that everyone who has faith may be justified. Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says: Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into Heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (8:28-9:1)

At that time, when Jesus came to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met Him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have we to do to Thee, O Son of God? Art Thou come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged Him, "If Thou castest us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw Him, they begged Him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat He crossed over and came to His own city.

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Elizabeth Votrubá
Offered by: Sandra Matook

Mary Massiwer & Family
Nora Matook
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Fred & Adele Shwaery
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

John & Patricia Massiwer
Nora Matook & Family
Alan Matook
Florence & Phil Spenard & Family
Bill Osborn & Family
Darlene & Doug Elkas & Family
Judy & Russell Fortier
Nick & Elaine Matook & Family
Linda Matook & Family
Sandra Matook & Family
Janice Cuzzo & Family
Lil Massiwer
Diana Hashway
Joe & Marlene Samra & Family
Patti & Steve Kilsey & Family
Al & Vicki Hallal & Family
Nabil & Salwa Khoury & Family
Ed & Sue Ayoub & Family
Fred & Adele Shwaery & Family
Bob Laffey
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Al & Vicki Hallal & Family
Nabil & Salwa Khoury & Family
Ed & Sue Ayoub
Fred & Adele Shwaery & Family
Bob Laffey
Offered by: Cindy Hayes

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Julia Vale
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Rose Abbood
Offered by: Philip & Bette Ayoub

Rose Abbood
Offered by: Patricia Nazarian

Julia Vale
Mary David
Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi

John Massiwer
Don Hayes
Tom Andrew
Julia & Bob Vale
Rose Abbood
Mary David
Offered by: Mary Massiwer

Don Hayes
John Massiwer
Tom Andrew
Julia & Bob Vale
Rose Abbood
Mary David
Offered by: Cindy Hayes

Coffee Hour

Today, Coffee Hour is being offered by Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos for our Son, our Dad, and St. Elias. Coffee Hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.

