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: 9:00am– Roll Grape Leaves at the Parish Center
   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
   Outreach Committee ‘Soup Kitchen’ 11:30-12pm

Sunday, September 22nd: Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
   Outreach Committee ‘Food Bag Donations’ 11:30-12pm

Sunday, September 29th: Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, October 6th: Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
   October is Youth Month
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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 July 28 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy, glorious and all-laudable Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon and Parmenas, Deacons and Apostles of the Seventy.

Verses
Four men, the disciples of the Word Who is God-man,
With a word preach the August Trinity to all men.
On the twenty-eighth the four initiates went away together.

These first-century deacons are named in the Acts of the Apostles (6:1-6). The Apostle Peter ordained Prochorus as bishop of Nicomedia. For a time Prochorus was in the service of John the Evangelist and, on the Island of Patmos, copied the Book of Revelation which he heard from the mouth of St. John. After that he returned to Nicomedia where he exerted much effort and labor to convert the people to the Faith. He died a martyr’s death in Antioch at the hands of unbelievers. Nicanor was stoned to death in Jerusalem on the same day as the Proto-martyr Stephen the Archdeacon (Acts 7:58-60). Soon after them, two thousand other Christians were slain by the wicked Jews. Saint Timon was a bishop in Bostra in Arabia and suffered on the cross for Christ. Saint Parmenas zealously preached Christ in Macedonia. He died in peace in Jerusalem before the eyes of the apostles and was mourned and buried by them.

On this day, we also commemorate Venerable Paul, founder of Xeropotamou and Saint Paul monasteries on Athos; Venerable Irene Chrysovalantou; and Pitirim, bishop of Tambov.

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

ONLINE BULLETIN
The Bulletin is available online on our website at: http://stmarypawtucket.org
Stewardship: “Living a Life of Love for God”

The Stewardship Committee during Liturgy six 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.

Orthodox Vocabulary

Essence

Essence: the Orthodox Church distinguishes between the essence of God and his energies. In speaking of his essence, we affirm that God is absolutely transcendent, beyond all creatures, unknowable and ineffable. But we also affirm that God is “everywhere present and filling all things,” and that we can participate in him through grace. Indeed, God remains “totally other,” while revealing himself to us through his energies, through his deifying grace and divine light.

Let mercy outweigh all else in you. Let our compassion be a mirror where we may see in ourselves that likeness and that true image, which belong to the Divine nature and Divine essence. A hard and unmerciful heart will never be pure.

—St. Isaac the Syrian

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Tone: 5 / Eothinon: 6

Resurrectional Apolytikion: Tone 5

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious 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 Transfiguration: Tone 7

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

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

Thou, O Lord, wilt preserve us and keep us from this generation.
Save me, O Lord, for the Godly man hath disappeared.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (12:6-14)

Brethren, having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, and serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

THE GOSPEL

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

At that time, Jesus got into a boat, crossed over and came to His own city. And behold, they brought to Him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith He said to the paralytic, “Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.” And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.” But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’?” But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—He then said to the paralytic—“Rise, take up your bed and go home.” And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they marveled, and they glorified God, Who had given such authority to men.

40 Day Memorial Service

A Forty-Day Memorial Service is being offered for the servant of God John J. Sarkis and is being offered by Emile Sarkis & Family.

May God grant him peace and may his memory be eternal.

WELCOME

Today, we welcome Fr. Kevin Devoy to celebrate Liturgy with us at St. Mary Church, as Fr. Elie is away at the Archdiocese Convention.

Coffee Hour

Today, Coffee Hour is being offered by Emile Sarkis & Family in memory of John J. Sarkis (40 Day Memorial). Coffee Hour will be held at the Parish Center following