

****August 1st- August 13th (weeknights only)****

7:00pm Parakalesis Services

Monday, August 5th: 7:30 P.M.-Transfiguration Liturgy

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

Sunday, August 11th: Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Tuesday, August 13th: 7:00 P.M.- Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 14th: 7:00 P.M.- Great Vespers of the Dormition (bilingual), served by our Arabic Choir

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

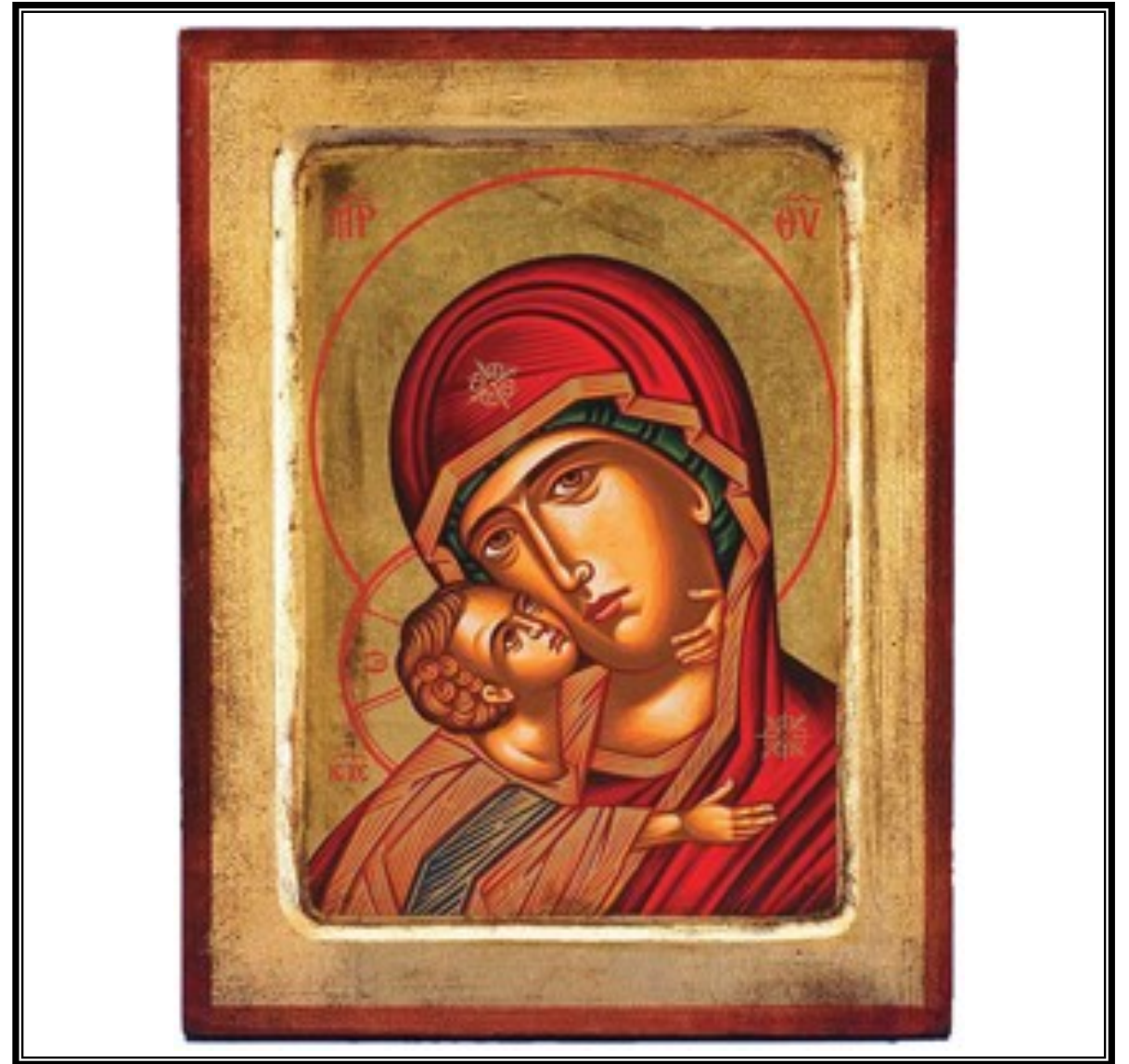
Sunday, October 6th: Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

October is Youth Month

Sunday, October 13th: Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

Bazaar Kick-Off Luncheon

SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, August 4, 2019

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

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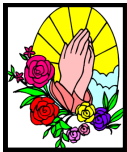
Schedule of Services

<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 August 4 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the Holy Seven Sleeping Youths of Ephesus: Maximilian, Exacustodian, Jamblichus, Martinian, Dionysius, John and Constantine, who rose from the sleep of death.

Verses

*I honor the seven-numbered choir of Martyrs,
Which showed the world that the dead are resurrected.
On the fourth the seven dead risers died together.*

The Roman Emperor Decius came to Ephesus in 250 and arranged a boisterous celebration in honor of the lifeless idols, as well as a terrible slaughter of Christians. Seven young men, soldiers and sons of influential elders, refrained from the impure offering of sacrifices and they earnestly prayed to the one true God to save the Christian people. When they were accused before the emperor, they retreated to a hill outside Ephesus called Celion and hid in a cave, which Decius commanded to be sealed. However, God, according to His far-reaching Providence, caused a miraculous and long-lasting sleep to fall upon the young men. The imperial courtiers, Theodore and Rufinus, secret Christians, built in that wall a copper sarcophagus with lead plaques on which were written the names of these young men and their martyric deaths. After 184 years, during the reign of Emperor Theodosius the Younger, there was a great dispute about the resurrection. Emperor Theodosius prayed to God that He, in some way, would reveal the truth to mankind. At that time of turmoil some shepherders of Adolius, who owned the hill Celion, removed stone after stone from that cave. The youths then awakened from their sleep young and healthy. The news of this miracle was spread abroad on all sides so that even Theodosius himself came with a great entourage and with delight conversed with the youths. After a week, they again fell into the sleep of death to await the universal resurrection.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Eudokia of Persia. 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>

Dormition of the Theotokos

In preparation for the Great Feast of the Dormition of our Lady Theotokos, we have started the fast for the feast and it goes until August 14th after Vespers. It is similar to the fast before Christmas, in that we abstain from meat and dairy products, we can have breakfast. Since Fast and Prayer go always together, we will have the following schedule:

starting August 1st until August 13th (except August 5th– Liturgy will be at 7:30) we have Paraklesis Service every night of weekdays at 7:00 pm.

August 14th, we will have the Great Vespers of the Dormition, bilingual, served by our Arabic Choir whose members have been rehearsing so well to perform it beautifully.

Glorifying God by fasting and praying will be culminated by our Mahrajan celebration on August 17, 18, when Sayedna John will be presiding our Liturgy.

This is the feast of our Patron Saint Mary, and we should all be actively participating in one way or another. We need all possible help and all are welcome to help. To join the team and/or to donate toward expenses or to sponsor a booth, please, contact Walid (401) 692 -1250).

The success of this Mahrajan depends on you. So, please spread the word as much as possible by all means of communication. You already have the flyer (it is on our website too), send it out to your email list, post it, share it, like it on your facebook, make some phone calls, so more people can know about it and come to celebrate with us.

May God bless you and your beloved ones always.
In Christ, Fr. Elie



Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Tone: 6/ Eothinon: 7

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 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

*O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance.
Until Thee will I cry, O Lord my God.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (15:1-7)

Brethren, we who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached thee fell on me.” For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures, we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (9:27-35)

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud: “Have mercy on us, Son of David.” When He entered the house, the blind men came to Him; and Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.” Then He touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith be it done to you.” And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, “See that no one knows it.” But they went away and spread His fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to Him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, “Never was anything like this seen in Israel.” But the Pharisees said, “He casts out demons by the prince of demons.” And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity.



PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Sue Ayoub
Robert Laffey
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur



Elizabeth Votruba
Offered by: Sandra Matook

Fred & Adele Shwaery
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

Steve & Pat Kilsey
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

John & Patricia Massiwer
Maureen, Paul and Mary Gurghigian
Cindy, Donnie, Lauren, Daniel, Liz & Sarah
Mary, Bill, Billy & Jon
Diane & Paul
Laura, Jim & Noelle
Fred & Adele Shwaery & Family
Sue & Ed Ayoub
Lily Massiwer
Diana Hashway
Glenn & Alicia Maurice
Offered by: Mary Massiwer

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

John & Patricia Massiwer
Fred & Adele Shwaery & Family
Ed & Suue Ayoub
Lily Massiwer
Diana Hashway
Glenn & Alicia Maurice
Bill & Deborah Smith & Family
Offered by: Cindy Hayes & Family

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr.
Joseph & Mary Samra
Nora Samra
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Joseph & Mary Samra
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

Mary Samra
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

Mary Samra
Offered by: Barbara Samra

Sarah Massiwer
Offered by: Holly Lazieh & Sons & Bob Dessaint

Mary Samra
Offered by: Nora Abdelahad
Elaine Agaty
Sandra Matook

John Massiwer
Don Hayes
Tom Andrew
Sarah Massiwer
Julia Vale
Louis Hashway
Offered by: Mary Massiwer

William Smith
Don Hayes
John Massiwer
Tom Andrew
Sarah Massiwer
Julia Vale
Offered by: Cindy Hayes & Family

Coffee Hour

Today, Coffee Hour is being offered by Eli & Samar Balbaaki for the Health of their Family. Coffee Hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.

