

SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, September 8th: Sunday Before Elevation of the Cross
Start of Church School & Welcome Back Luncheon
Bake Sale during Luncheon to benefit Sunday School & Teen SOYO

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

Thursday, September 12th: 7:00 P.M.– Bazaar Committee 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

Saturday, October 5th: 6:00pm– Arabic Liturgy

Sunday, October 6th: Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
October is Youth Month

Sunday, October 13th: Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council
Bazaar Kick-Off Luncheon

Saturday, October 19th: Harvest Hafleh– more info to follow

Sunday, October 20th: Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Outreach Committee 'Soup Kitchen' 11:30-12pm

Saturday, October 26th: Sunday School & Teens Halloween Party

Sunday, October 27th: Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Outreach Committee 'Food Bag Donations' 11:30-12pm

Friday, November 1st-Sunday, November 3rd: St. Mary Annual Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 2nd: 6:00pm Arabic Liturgy

Sunday, November 3rd: Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 10th: Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 17th: Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
Outreach Committee 'Soup Kitchen' 11:30-12pm

Wednesday, November 20th: 7pm Liturgy for the Entrance of The Theotokos

Sunday, November 24th: Twenty third Sunday After Pentecost
Outreach Committee 'Food Bag Donations' 11:30-12pm

Sunday, December 1st: Twenty Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Wednesday, December 4th: Ladies Christmas Dinner (more info to follow)

Saturday, December 7th: 6:00pm– Arabic Liturgy

Sunday, December 8th: Twenty Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
Choir Appreciation Sunday



Sunday, September 8, 2019

**Sunday Before the Elevation of the Cross
and Nativity of the Theotokos**

Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

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& Metropolitan of all North America**

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Diocese of Worcester and New England**

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Sub-Deacon Elijah Vollendorf

Schedule of Services

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| <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 September 8 in the Holy Orthodox Church we celebrate the Nativity of our Most-holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary.

Verses

*Truly, O Anna, thou surpassest all mothers,
Until that day thy daughter shall become a mother.
On the eighth Anna brought God's Mother into the light.*

The Holy Virgin Mary was born of aged parents, Joachim and Anna. Her father was of the lineage of David, and her mother of the lineage of Aaron. Thus, she was of royal birth by her father and of priestly birth by her mother. In this, she foreshadowed Him Who would be born of her as King and High Priest. Her parents were quite old and had no children. Because of this they were ashamed before men and humble before God. In their humility they prayed to God with tears, to bring them joy in their old age by giving them a child, as He had once given joy to the aged Abraham and his wife Sarah by giving them Isaac. The Almighty and All-seeing God rewarded them with a joy that surpassed all their expectations and all their most beautiful dreams; for He gave them not just a daughter, but the Mother of God. She was Mary, Full of grace, Blessed among women, the Temple of the Holy Spirit, the Altar of the Living God, the Table of the Heavenly Bread, the Ark of God's Holiness, the Tree of the Sweetest Fruit, the Glory of the race of man, the Praise of womanhood, and the Fount of virginity and purity.

Through the intercessions of Thy Mother, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

ONLINE BULLETIN

The Bulletin is available online on our website at:
<http://stmarypawtucket.org>

There are still many open dates to sponsor a coffee hour. See Jiana Diakh or Sousan Karwashan on Sunday after Liturgy. Please consider sponsoring a coffee hour.

We have the power of the Holy Cross, our holy symbol, the divine grace of Christ, only as long as we have the holy marking of the Holy Baptism, meaning we have denied the devil and sided with Christ, and received the Holy Marking, the seal of the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

~Elder Paisios of the Holy Mountain



Orthodox Vocabulary

Praise (Doxology- “Glory Giving”)

The act of glorifying, of celebrating. To sing the glory of God is to praise. It is the Holy Spirit who stirs us to this praise. The angels in heaven sing the glory of God and, at the liturgy; we join them.

Do you know who the Mother of God is and how much honor, how much power, how much mercy she has? She is our Mother because she has mercy for the poor, widows, and all Christians. She prays continually to the Savior Christ for us all. If you want to take her as your Protectress, in the morning read the Akathist with a burning lampada, and in the evening the Paraklesis. You will have help during your life, at the moment of death, and on the Day of Judgment. Do you know that the Mother of God can go before the throne of the Holy Trinity? if it wasn't for her, I believe this world would have been lost long ago.

~Elder Cleopa Ilie



The Feast of The Nativity of The Theotokos September 8th

“Thy Nativity O Theotokos, hath proclaimed joy to the whole world; for from thee hath dawned the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, annulling the curse and bestowing the blessing, abolishing death and granting us life everlasting.

Troparion of the Feast

Tone:4

The Theotokos was of the royal lineage of David through her father Joachim. Her mother Anna was of the priestly lineage of Aaron, brother of Moses. Her parents were childless into old age, as was also the case with other holy births, such as John the Baptist and Isaac, the son of Abraham and Sarah. The Orthodox Church does not accept the doctrine of Catholicism known as the Immaculate Conception, which teaches that the Mother of God was born without the stain of the original sin of Adam and Eve. This only occurred with the birth of Jesus Christ. However, Mary was made pure on the day of the Annunciation. She was given the name of Panagia, which means “Most Holy” in Greek, for she is the most sacred figure in Christianity other than Jesus, her Son.

Sunday Before the Elevation of the Cross and Nativity of the Theotokos

Tone: 3 / Eothinon: 1

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: Tone 3

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS: Tone 4

Thy nativity, O Theotokos, hath proclaimed joy to the whole universe; for from thee did shine forth the Sun of justice, Christ our God, annulling the curse, and bestowing the blessing, abolishing death and granting us life everlasting.

KONTAKION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS: Tone 4

By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life.



Receive everyone who comes to you, especially with a spiritual purpose, with a kind and cheerful aspect, although he or she may be a beggar, and humble yourself inwardly before everybody, counting yourself lower than he or she, for you are placed by Christ Himself to be the servant of all, and all are His members, although like you they bear wounds of sin.

~ St. John of Kronstadt



THE EPISTLE

*O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.
To Thee, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (6:11-18)

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the Law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For, neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all, who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (3:13-17)

The Lord said, “No one has ascended into heaven but He who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For, God sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.”



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.

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

John Massiwer
Offered by: Nora Matook & Family

Jim Schillawski
Offered by: his wife, Beth and children,
Michael & Tanya

Elizabeth Votruba
Offered by: Sandra Matook

John & Patricia Massiwer
Elaine Wilbur
Bob Laffey
Adele & Fred Shwaery
Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Mary Lou Catelli
Offered by: Albert & Victoria Hallal

Elaine Wilbur
John Massiwer
Mary Massiwer
Steve Kilsey
Dr. Nabil Khoury
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

Elaine Wilbur
Steve & Patricia Kilsey
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

Jim Schillawski
John Massiwer
Elaine Wilbur
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Robert Laffey
John Massiwer
Nabil Khoury
Jim Schillawski
Elaine Wilbur
Steve Kilsey
Doug Elkas
Offered by: Nora Abdelahad
Elaine Agaty
Sandra Matook

Dale, Mary, Charla, Cher, Richard, Georgia, Diane,
Hunter, Elei, Lynn, Gary, Costa, Mary, Chrsto
Offered by: Joy



Makram Megalli
Offered by: Louise Megalli

James & Beth Schillawski
Fr. Isaac & Dolly Crow
All Children going back to school
Our Grandchildren
Our Great-Grandchildren
Offered by: Makram & Louise Megalli

Beth & Jim Schillawski
Bill & Mary Lou Catelli
Steve & Patty Kilsey
Elaine Wilbur
Offered by: Ron & Janice Hallal

Jim & Beth Schillawski
John & Patricia Massiwer
Fr. Isaac and Kh. Dolly Crow
Sue & Ed Ayoub
Offered by: Michael & Nancy Muller & Family

Elaine Wilbur
Leah Macaruso
Jim Schillawski
Lisa Ayoub Parent
Isabel Lopes
Dennis OBrien
Justine Jackson
Offered by: Ed & Sue Ayoub

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Julia Vale
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

Julia Vale
Offered by: Albert & Victoria Hallal

Kenneth, Edith, Rita, Dudley, John, Ruth, Milfred,
Charles, Louise, Evelyn, Ernest, Faith, Edna, David,
Ethel, Dean, Bill, Pauline, Wesley, Ellora, Bill, Barbara
Offered by: Joy

Richard Mc Neil
Leon Matook
Offered by: Sandra Matook & Family