

SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, October 6th: Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
October is Youth Month
Second collection for YES Awareness Weekend

Saturday, October 12th: 9:00 A.M.- Bazaar Cooking (string cheese)
6:00pm– Arabic Liturgy ***please note date change***

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

Wednesday, October 16th: 9:00 A.M.- Bazaar Cooking (graybee)

Saturday, October 19th: Harvest Hafleh– (singer Chadi Naddaf)

Sunday, October 20th: Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Second collection for Special Olympics
Outreach Committee 'Soup Kitchen' 11:30-12pm

Saturday, October 26th: 9:00 A.M.- Bazaar Cooking (mamoul)
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, December 15th: Sunday of the Forefathers (Ancestors) of Christ
Church School Pageant & Luncheon
Outreach Committee 'Soup Kitchen' 11:30-12pm

Sunday, December 22nd: Sunday before the Nativity (Genealogy)
Outreach Committee 'Food Bag Donations' 11:30-12pm



Sunday, October 6, 2019
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost &
Third Sunday of Luke

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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.

Orthodox Vocabulary

Tabernacle

Tabernacle: Tabernacle: from the Latin *tabernaculum*, "tent." In Exodus 25, we read the detailed instructions God gave to Moses about the building of the tabernacle, and in particular about the making of tapestries to serve as a tent to cover the tabernacle. This is the Tent of Meeting, a mobile sanctuary (Ex 40) containing the Ark of Witness, a model of the future Temple, which accompanied the Jews during their long exodus from Egypt to the Promised Land as a sign of God's presence among men. The Christian Church is the temple of God, whose head is Christ, and in each church we also find a tabernacle. In Orthodox churches, the tabernacle is a small chest placed on the altar table in the sanctuary in which are kept parcels of bread consecrated at the eucharistic liturgy—thus the body of Christ. This "holy reserve" of consecrated gifts is intended for the communion of the sick who are not able to come to church and receive communion with the other faithful. Father Alexander Schmemmann writes the following (*Great Lent*): The Church firmly believes that, just as the Kingdom which is yet to come is "already among us," just as Christ, who has ascended to heaven and is sitting at the right hand of the Father, is yet still with us until the end of the world, so the food of immortality, a means of communication with Christ and his Kingdom, is always present in the Church.

Let us bear all things thankfully, be it poverty, be it disease, be it anything else whatever; for He alone knows the things expedient for us. "For we know not what we should pray for as we ought" (Rom. 8:26). We then who do not know even how to ask for what is fitting, unless we have received of the Spirit, let us take care to offer up thanksgiving for all things, and let us bear all things nobly. Are we in poverty? Let us give thanks. Are we in sickness? Let us give thanks. Are we falsely accused? Let us give thanks; when we suffer affliction, let us give thanks, for this then brings us nearer to God!

~St. John Chrysostom



THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On October 6 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy Apostle Thomas.

Verses

*Thomas, who sought to thrust his hand in Thy side,
Is now pierced in his side for Thy sake, O Word.
On the sixth with long spears they undid Didymus.*

Thomas was also called “The Twin”, one of the original Twelve Apostles. Through his doubt in the Resurrection of Christ the Lord, a new proof was given of that wonderful and saving event. The Lord said to Thomas: Reach hither thy finger, and behold My hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into My side: and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas replied: My Lord and my God (John 20:27-28). After the descent of the Holy Spirit, when the apostles cast lots to see where they would each go to preach, the lot fell to Thomas to go to India. Thomas converted many to the Christian Faith, and established the Church there, appointing priests and bishops. Before his martyr death, he and the other apostles were miraculously brought to Jerusalem for the burial of the Most-holy Theotokos. Arriving too late, he wept bitterly, and the tomb of the Holy Most-pure One was opened at his request. The Theotokos’ body was not found in the tomb: the Lord had taken His Mother to His heavenly habitation. Thus, in his tardiness Thomas revealed to us the wondrous glorification of the Mother of God, just as he had once confirmed faith in the Resurrection of the Lord by his unbelief.

On this day, we also commemorate our father among the saints Innocent, Apostle to the Americas; Venerable Kendeas of Cyprus; and Venerable-martyr Makarios of St. Anne Skete on Athos.

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



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. ****please note date change for October****

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Tone: 7 / Eothinon: 5

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: Tone 7

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. THOMAS: Tone 3

O holy Apostle Thomas, 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.



Bulletin Submissions

Please help us provide a quality weekly bulletin by submitting all prayer requests and announcements to the church office by Noon on Wednesdays. Any requests received after this time will be in the following week's bulletin. Thank you for your cooperation.

THE EPISTLE

*The Lord will give strength to His people.
Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.*

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:1-10)

Brethren, working together with Him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For He says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (7:11-16)

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and many of His disciples and a great crowd went with Him. As He drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And He came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you: arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited His people!"



40 Day Memorial Service



A Forty-Day Memorial Service is being offered for the servant of God *Antonios Bittar* and is being offered by his son, Azaam Bittar. Coffee Hour will be held at the Parish Center in his memory following Liturgy.

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

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

Elaine Wilbur
Steve & Patti Kilsey
Fred Kilsey
Al Hallal
John Massiwer
Mary Massiwer
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Steve & Pat Kilsey
Ray & Leila Trabulsi
Offered by: Walid & Mirna Nakhoul



IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Jacqueline Gorab
John & Esma Gorab
Joseph & Mary Samra
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

Virginia Trahan
Offered by: Nora Abdelahad
Elaine Agaty
Sandra Matook

Thomas Matook
Offered by: Sandra Matook & Family



St. Mary Church wishes to welcome and thank Fr. Corey Zelinski for celebrating Liturgy with us today.



Coffee Hour

Coffee hour today is sponsored by Azaam Bittar in memory of Antonios Bittar (40 day Memorial). Coffee hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.

