

SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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

Sunday, September 29th: Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Monday, September 30th: 7:00 P.M.– Bazaar Meeting

Wednesday, October 2nd: 9:00 A.M.- Bazaar Cooking (kaik)

Saturday, October 5th: 9:00 A.M.- Bazaar Cooking (sfeeha)

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

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
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

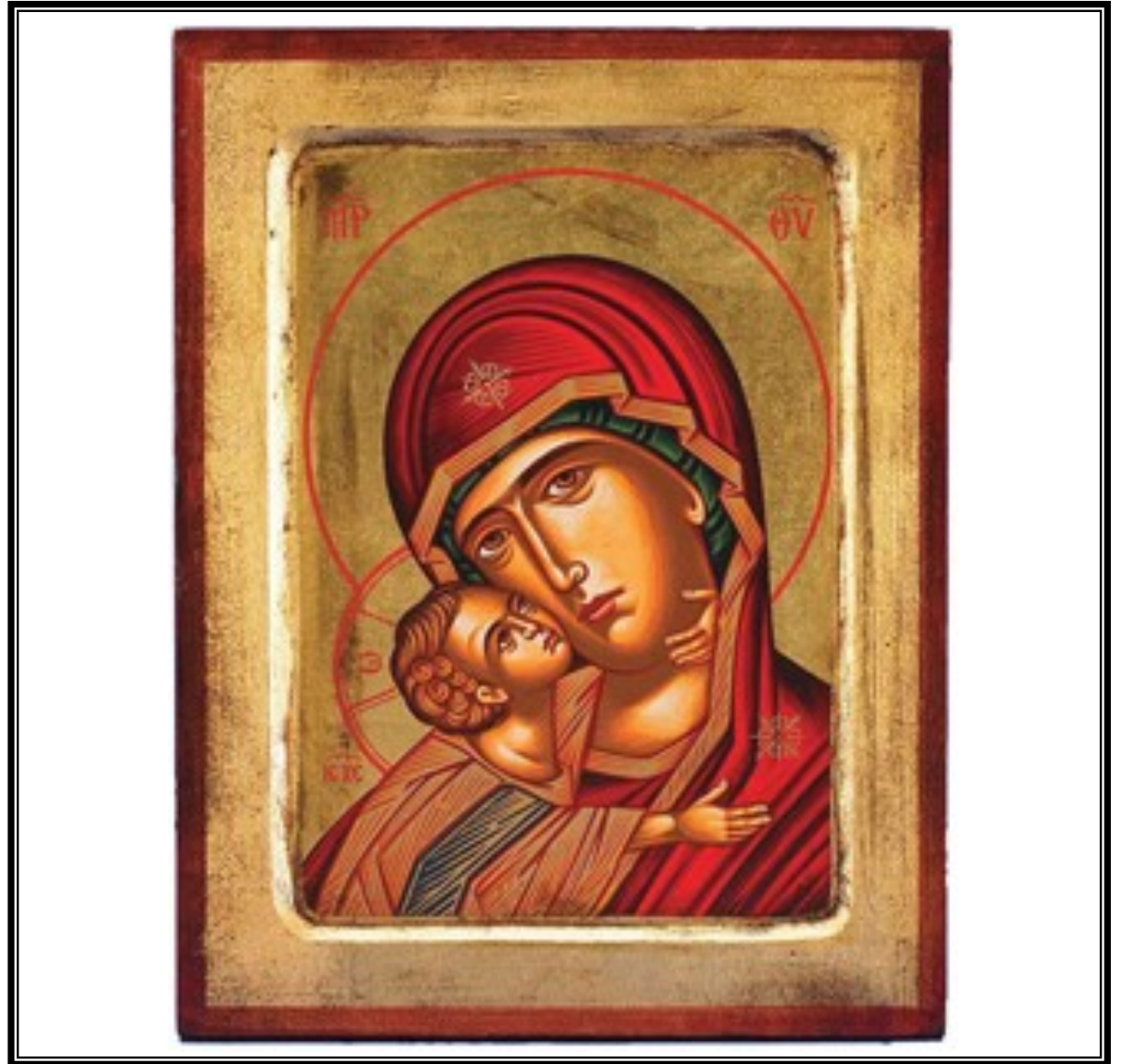
Sunday, December 1st: Twenty Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

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



Sunday, September 22, 2019
Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost &
First 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.

What is true for parents is also true for teachers. With prayer and sanctity you can also help children at school. The grace of God can overshadow them and make them good. Don't attempt with human methods to correct bad situations. No good will come of this. Only with prayer will you produce results. Invoke the grace of God on all the children - for divine grace to enter their souls and transform them. That is what it means to be a Christian.

~Elder Porphyrios the Kapsokalivite



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.



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.

**From the Synaxarion (The Lives of the Saints)
September 24th**

Holy Protomartyr Thekla-

The Apostles Paul and Barnabas taught in Iconium and worked miracles there. A betrothed eighteen-year-old Thekla went to hear them. For three days she listened, neither eating, drinking, nor sleeping, and there resolved to forsake her betrothed. Her mother angrily removed her from their presence and beat her. Her fiancé complained of his abandonment caused by Apostle Paul, and the prince had Paul imprisoned. Thekla followed him to prison, where the teachings continued. When Thekla's mother learned of this, she demanded that she be burned. The prince ordered that Paul be beaten and released, and then he arranged to burn Thekla. Rain and hail extinguished the fire, and Thekla fled with Paul to Antioch. There, a counselor quickly became enamored with her, and when she thwarted him, he had her taken to the prince of that city for punishment. She underwent many tortures, emerging unharmed. The prince gave up and released her. She went into the wilderness and there lived a life of prayer and fasting. When the sick came to her, she taught them about Christ and then healed them. Young men were sent to rape her. She fled, and when they almost caught her, she prayed and a large stone broke open to shelter her. Therein, she died at the age of nineteen.

Orthodox Vocabulary

Heaven

HEAVEN is the place of God's throne beyond time and space. It is the abode of God's angels, as well as of the saints who have passed from this life. We pray, "Our Father, who art in heaven. . . Though Christians live in this world, they belong to the Kingdom of heaven, and that Kingdom is their true home. But heaven is not only for the future. Neither is it some distant place billions of light years away in a nebulous "great beyond." For the Orthodox, heaven is part of Christian life and worship. The very architecture of an Orthodox church building is designed so that the building itself participates in the reality of heaven. Saint Paul teaches we are raised up with Christ in heavenly places (Ephesians 2:6), "fellow citizens with the saint and members of the household of God" (Ephesians 2:19). At the end of the age, a new heaven and a new earth will be revealed (Revelation 21:1).

THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On September 22 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the Holy Hieromartyr Phocas, bishop and wonderworker of Sinope, who was perfected in martyrdom by being terribly burned in a bath-house in the reign of Trajan.

Verses

*O Phocas, receive thou the all-cleansing laver, for it is laver of contest, not of washing.
On the twenty-second the bath received Phocas within.*

As bishop in his birthplace, the town of Sinope on the Black Sea, Phocas strengthened the faith of the true believers and converted many idol-worshipers to the true Faith. This enraged the hard-hearted pagans. In a vision from the Lord, Phocas saw a white dove fly down from heaven carrying a wreath of flowers in its beak, and lowered it onto his head. And Phocas heard a voice, saying: "Your cup is full and you should drink it!" With gratitude toward God he prepared himself for suffering. The torturers beat and wounded his whole body, and then threw Phocas into boiling water. Phocas entered into the joy of his Lord in the year 102. His companion, the Martyr Phocas the Gardener, suffered for Christ on this day in the year 120.

On this day, we also commemorate the Apostle Quadratos of Magnesia of the Seventy; and New-martyrs Isaac and Martin.

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

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Tone: 5 / Eothinon: 3

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 FOR ST. PHOCAS OF SINOPE: Tone 4

By choosing the Apostles' way of life, thou hast succeeded to their throne. Inspired by God, thou didst find the way to divine contemplation through the practice of virtue. After teaching the Word of Truth without error, thou didst defend the Faith to the very shedding of thy blood, O Holy Martyr among bishops Phocas. Entreat the Lord our God to save our souls.

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



THE EPISTLE

Thou, O Lord, wilt keep and preserve us. Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (1:21-2:4)

Brethren, it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; He has put his seal upon us and given us His Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. But I call God to witness against me—it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. For I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (5:1-11)

At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And He saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, Jesus asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when Jesus had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at Thy word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish, which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.

ONLINE BULLETIN

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

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

Mary Massiwer & Family
Ray & Leila Trabulsi
Phil & Bette Ayoub
Offered by: Ed & Sue Ayoub

John Massiwer
Offered by: Jim & Beth Schillawski

Al & Vicki Hallal
Jim & Beth Schillawski
Steve & Patti Kilsey
Elaine Wilbur
Fred Kilsey
Mary Lou Catelli
Offered by: Ron & Janice Hallal

John and Patricia Massiwer
Mary Massiwer and Family
Florence and Phil Spenard and Family
Glenn and Alicia Maurice
Steve and Patti Kilsey and Family
Fred and Adele Shwaery and Family
Al and Vikki Hallal
Sue and Ed Ayoub
Nabil and Salwa Khoury
Elaine Wilbur
Jim & Beth Schillawski
Offered by: Cindy Hayes & Family

Phil & Flo Spenard & Family
Offered by: Sandra Matook & Family



Fred Kilsey
Elaine Wilbur
Steve & Pat Kilsey
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

John and Patricia Massiwer
Florence and Phil Spenard and family
Alan Matook
Elaine Wilbur
Fred and Adele Shwaery and family
Albert and Vikki Hallal
Glenn and Alicia Maurice
Sue Ayoub
Jim & Beth Schillawski
Offered by: Mary Massiwer

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Scott Bleasdale (10 year anniversary)
Offered by: Phil & Flo Spenard & Family

Virginia Trahan
Offered by: Linda Dvelis

Virginia Trahan
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Scott Bleasdale
Offered by: Sandra Matook & Family

Don Hayes
John Massiwer
Tom Andrew
Donna Maurice
Scott Bleasdale
Virginia Trahan
Offered by: Cindy Hayes & Family

John Massiwer
Don Hayes
Tom Andrew
Scott Bleasdale
Virginia Trahan
Offered by: Mary Massiwer

Coffee Hour

Coffee hour today is sponsored by Fadi & Hadeel Samaan in Memory of Elias, Iyad, Zakhour, Sada, Meri, Munir & Firas. Coffee hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.

