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: Ninteenth 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

Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

Sunday, September 22, 2019

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost &  
First Sunday of Luke
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.

Enter in Quietness, Rest in Prayer, Worship in Reverence, Depart in Peace to Serve

Schedule of Services

Sunday: Orthros (Matins) 9:00 a.m.
Church School 11:15 a.m.
Sunday: Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

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.

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His Grace Bishop JOHN, Auxiliary and Bishop of the Diocese of Worcester and New England
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Sub-Deacon Elijah Vollendorf

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 Theklas 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.
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.
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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. 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.

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 Votuba
Offered by: Sandra Matook
Mary Massiwer & Family
Ray & Leila Trabuls
Phil & Bette Ayoub
Offered by: Ed & Sue Ayoub
John Massiwer
Offered by: Jim & Beth Schillawski
Al & Vicki Hallal
Jim & Beth Schillawski
Steve & Patti Kelsey
Elaine Wilbur
Fred Kelsey
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 Patt Kelsey 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

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.