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

Sunday, December 1st: Twenty Fourth Sunday After Pentecost  
Wednesday, December 4th: Ladies Christmas Dinner at Andrew’s Bistro  
Saturday, December 7th: 6:00pm– Arabic Liturgy  
Sunday, December 8th: Twenty Fifth Sunday After Pentecost  
   Choir Appreciation Sunday  
   40 Day Memorial Service for Steve Kilsey  

Tuesday, December 10th: 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting  
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  

Tuesday, December 24th: 5:00 P.M.– Christmas Liturgy  

Sunday, December 29th: Sunday after the Nativity  

Upcoming events:  
January 26th: Annual Meeting  
February 15th: Valentine Hafli  

Christmas Liturgy  
Christmas Liturgy this year will be on December 24th at 5:00 P.M.  

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

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.  
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THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On November 24 in the Holy Orthodox Church we continue to celebrate the Entrance  
of the Theotokos into the Holy of Holies, and we commemorate our father among the  
saints Clement, bishop of Rome.

Verses
Cast into the depth of the sea with an anchor,  
Clement cometh to Christ, the uttermost Anchor.
On the twenty-fourth Clement drowned in the depths of Christ.

Clement was born in Rome of royal lineage. His family had become lost at sea, so  
Clement, at age 24, went east to find them. In Alexandria, he met the Apostle Barnabas  
and, afterward, joined the Apostle Peter whom Clement’s two brothers, Faustinus and  
Faustinian, were already following. By God’s providence, the Apostle Peter came upon  
Clement’s mother as an aged beggar woman, and then found his father as well. Thus,  
the whole family was reunited, and all returned to Rome as Christians. Clement served  
as third bishop of Rome, bringing a great number of unbelievers to Christ. He ordered  
seven scribes to write the lives of the Christian martyrs who were suffering at that time  
for their Lord. The Emperor Trajan banished him to Cherson, where Clement found  
about 2,000 exiled Christians who received him with great joy. In one year, 75 churches  
were built there. The authorities drowned Clement in the sea in the year 101. His mira-  
acle-working relics emerged from the sea in the ninth century.

On this day, we also commemorate the Hieromartyr Peter, bishop of Alexandria;  
Hermogenes, bishop of Agrigentum; Martyrs Philoumenos and Christopher; and Martyr  
Alexander of Corinth.

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

Coffee hour today is sponsored by the Stewardship Committee. Coffee hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.

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:

- Advent Fast: November 15th-December 24th – Please abstain from meat & dairy.

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

Tone: 6 / Eothinon: 1

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 ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS: Tone 4

Today the Virgin is the foreshadowing of the pleasure of God, and the beginning of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. Thou hast appeared in the Temple of God openly and hast gone before, preaching Christ to all. Let us shout with one thrilling voice, saying, Rejoice, O thou who art the fulfillment of the Creator’s dispensation.

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 ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS: Tone 4

(**Thou Who wast raised up**) The sacred treasury of God’s holy glory, * the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, * the Savior’s most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, * into the House of the Lord * on this day is brought forward * and bringeth with herself the grace * of the Most Divine Spirit; * her do God’s Angels hymn with songs of praise, * for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

Visitations

Please contact Fr. Elie with any names of parishioners that are in need of visitation either at home, in hospital or nursing homes.
THE EPISTLE

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

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (2:4-10)

Brethren, God, Who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and made us sit with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God—not because of works, lest any man should boast. For, we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:18-27) At that time, a man came testing Jesus and asking, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery. Do not kill. Do not steal. Do not bear false witness. Honor your father and mother.’” And the man said, “All these I have observed from my youth.” And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” But when the man heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus, seeing him sad, said, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” Those who heard it said, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus said, “What is impossible with men is possible with God.”

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR
GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur
Elizabeth Votruba
Offered by: Sandra Matook
Fr. Isaac & Kh. Dolly Crow
Simon Karam
Edward Betor
Offered by: Elie, Julia & Naji Karam
Lily Massiwer
Fred Shwaery
Offered by: Linda Dvelis
Anthony Chamoun (20th Birthday)
Fred Shwaery
Lily Massiwer
John Massiwer
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Anthony Chamoun (20th Birthday)
Offered by: John, Anita & Reyna Chamoun
Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
John & Patricia Massiwer
Jim & Beth Schillawski
Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Cindy Hayes & Family
Offered by: John & Anita Chamoun & Family
Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
John & Patricia Massiwer
Lily Massiwer
Fr. Isaac & Khouria Dolly Crow
Offered by: Elaine Gauthier
Lily Massiwer
Offered by: Holly Lazieh and Sons & Bob Dessaint

Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Lily Massier
Sam Matook
Fred & Adele Shwaery
Offered by: Elaine Swistak
Fred & Adele Shwaery
Offered by: Philip & Bette Ayoub
Fred & Adele Shwaery
Offered by: Susan Warzycha
Maureen & Paul Gurghigian & Family
Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi
Paul & Maureen Gurghigian
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos
Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Offered by: Lorice Hallal
Patty Kilsey & Family
Al & Vicki Hallal
Sam Matook
Lily Massiwer
Offered by: Ron & Janice Hallal

Health of my Family
Hallal, Sackall, Mouro & Kandalaft Families
Offered by: Georgette Hallal
Patricia Kilsey
Melissa Kilsey
Melanie, Patrick & Esma Mercer
Steve, Missy & Benjamin Kilsey
The Kilsey Family
Our Families & Friends
Offered by: Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki