

SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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

Tuesday, December 31st: New Year's Eve

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.



Sunday, December 1, 2019

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Sub-Deacon Elijah Vollendorf

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.
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THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On December 1 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy and glorious Prophet Nahum.

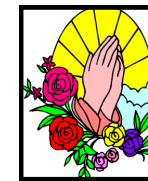
Verses

*Longing doth draw me to anoint with the myrrh of discourse
Nahum the Elkoshite, who hath yielded up his spirit.
On the first, Nahum was conveyed out of life.*

Nahum was born of the tribe of Simeon in a place called Elkosh on the far side of the Jordan. He lived about seven hundred years before Christ and prophesied the destruction of Nineveh about two hundred years after the Prophet Jonah had warned the Ninevites. Because of Jonah's preaching, the Ninevites had repented, and God had spared them and not destroyed them. In time, however, they forgot God's mercy and again became corrupt. The Prophet Nahum prophesied their destruction, and since there was no repentance, God did not spare them. The entire city was destroyed by earthquake, flood and fire, so that its location is no longer known. The Prophet Nahum lived for forty-five years and entered into rest in the Lord, leaving us a small book of his true prophecies.

On this day, we also commemorate the Venerable Philaret the Almsgiver of Amnia; Martyr Ananias the Persian; and Theoklitos, archbishop of Lakedaemonia.

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



Visitations

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

Orthodox Vocabulary

Iconostasis

Screen of ICONS separating the ALTAR from the NAOS in Byzantine rite churches. The haikal screen dividing the sanctuary or haikal from the nave of a Coptic church may be of carved wood or may take the form of an iconostasis. In Byzantine churches, larger screens usually have three doors: a northern leading to the PROTHESIS, a southern to the DIAKONIKON, and the central holy doors, the gates leading into the sanctuary. Small chapels, as in Athonite monasteries, often have only a central and a north door. Small, low screens may have just the central doors, or a hanging curtain. (ROYAL DOORS). Icons were being hung on the sanctuary barrier by the sixth century and on the VLADIMIR Dormition cathedral of 1408 Andrei RUBLEV and Daniil Cherny added a tier of prophets. In the seventeenth century another two rows were added. Only ordained clergy may use the holy doors. In the case of a Byzantine rite priest he must be wearing at least EPITRACHELION and PHELONION, a deacon the STICHARION and ORARION. Coptic Orthodox clergy entering the haikal remove their shoes before doing so. The word iconostasis has a second use to describe the domestic icon stand used in many private houses.

Those things we don't have the strength to perform on our own, we can accomplish easily through persevering prayer. For we have the duty to pray without ceasing. Those in pain and those spared from pain must pray. So must those in danger and those in prosperity. For those who have ease and wealth must pray that these things may never change. Those in pain and in danger must pray that some favorable change will come to them, so that they may move into a comfortable, calm state.

~ Saint John Chrysostom



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-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Tone: 7 / Eothinon: 2

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 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 PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY: Tone 3

*(**The original melody**)*

On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to * God the Word ineffably, * Who was before all the ages. * Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing * the gladsome tidings; * with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him * Who is willing to be gazed on * as a young Child Who * before the ages is God.



CHOIR APPRECIATION SUNDAY

On December 8th, the second Sunday of the month, our Antiochian Archdiocese is celebrating Choir/Chanter Appreciation Sunday. We appreciate our choir and chanters many other times throughout the year, for all the liturgical services they beautify and make possible with their singing and chanting. This Sunday we especially acknowledge them particularly throughout the Archdiocese, and thank them for their ministry in the parish.

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 Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (2:14-22)

Brethren, Christ is our peace, Who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in His flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the Cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And He came and preached peace to you, who were far off, and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in Whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in Whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:35-43)

At that time, when Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” And he cried, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me receive my sight.” And Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to 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

Sam Matook
Fred & Adele Shwaery
Lily Massiwer
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

Gurghigian Family
Offered by: Cindy, George & Michael Antypas

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Josephine Karam
Lillian Betor
Offered by: Elie, Julia & Naji Karam

Dawn Boukari
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

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Coffee Hour

Coffee hour today is sponsored by the John & Renda Ferrari for the Health of their Families & December Birthdays. Coffee hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.



Reminder– The Christmas Card & Poinsettia Fund forms are due next **Sunday, December 8th.** Please put in tray or leave in the mail slot in the front of the church.

(this date is firm as we need to get the card to the printers)

December is the month of The Order of St. Ignatius

During the month of December, in our Antiochian Archdiocese we commemorate the role of The Order of St. Ignatius in The Life of the Church and it's Ministry. Members of The Order will be reading the Epistle, taking the collection, and assisting in the Vestry. May God bless all the members of our parish chapter of The Order and guide them to fulfill their Ministry.