

Sunday, December 29th: Sunday after the Nativity
Tuesday, December 31st: 5:00 P.M.– Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
 New Year's Eve
Sunday, January 5, 2020: Sunday before Theophany (Epiphany)
Sunday, January 12th: Sunday after Theophany (Epiphany)
Tuesday, January 14th: 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting
Saturday, January 18th: Teens/Church School Movie night at the Parish Center
Sunday, January 19th: 29th Sunday after Pentecost
 Outreach Committee 'Soup Kitchen' 11:30-12pm
Sunday, January 26th: 32nd Sunday after Pentecost
 Annual Meeting
 Outreach Committee 'Food Bag Donations' 11:30-12pm
Sunday, February 2nd: Presentation (Meeting) of Christ
Sunday, February 9th: Pharisee & Publican
 "Souper Bowl" Luncheon
Tuesday, February 11th: 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting
Sunday, February 16th: The Prodigal Son
 Outreach Committee 'Soup Kitchen' 11:30-12pm
Saturday, February 22nd: Hafli
Sunday, February 23rd: Teen SOYO hosting Luncheon & Bake Sale
 Outreach Committee 'Food Bag Donations' 11:30-12pm
Sunday, March 1st: Sunday of Forgiveness (Cheesefare)
Monday, March 2nd: Great Lent Begins
Sunday, March 8th: Orthodoxy Sunday
 Daylight Savings Time



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SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



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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.

THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On December 29 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the fourteen thousand infants slain by Herod in Bethlehem; George, bishop of Nicomedia; Venerable Abbot Markellos of the “Unsleeping Ones” Monastery; and all Orthodox Christians who have died from hunger, thirst, the sword and freezing.

On the Sunday after the Nativity of Christ, we commemorate the holy and just Ancestors of God: Joseph the Betrothed of the Holy Virgin, our Lady the Theotokos; James the Brother of God and the first bishop of Jerusalem; and David the Prophet and King.

Verses

*I honor Joseph, the Betrothed of the Virgin, who to be her protector was alone chosen.
Thou art a carpenter's son, but also the brother of the Lord that built all with a word,
O blest James.*

*What shall I say, seeing that the Lord testifieth, as a man after Mine own heart,
I have found David.*

David committed adultery and murder, yet God forgave him and glorified him above all the kings of Israel. He gave him the great grace to compose the most beautiful penitential prayers (the Psalms) and to prophesy the coming of Christ. Thus, God was not ashamed to take upon Himself flesh from David's seed. God designated Joseph to protect the Most-holy Virgin, and imparted to him great honor in the plan of the salvation of mankind. Although Joseph was of the royal lineage of David, he was a humble carpenter in Nazareth. At the age of 80, Joseph took the Most-holy Virgin from the Temple in Jerusalem and into his home. He entered into rest at the age of 110. The Apostle James is called the “Brother of the Lord” because he was the son of the righteous Joseph the Betrothed. James greatly loved Jesus and, according to tradition, he traveled to Egypt with the Most-holy Virgin and Joseph, when Herod sought to slay the newborn King.

***By their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy upon us and save us.
Amen.***

Charitable Gift Program

It is with appreciation and gratitude that we announce the reception of a gift to the Charitable Gift Program from:

Barbara M. Samra

Barbara, a lifelong parishioner, demonstrates with this gift her love of our church, as the body of Christ.

May God Grant Her Many Years!

Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Liturgical Schedule 2019

Tuesday, December 31st: 5:00P.M.– Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

****Note: From Christmas Day until January 6th inclusive, there is a general dispensation from all fasting****



Visitations

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

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 after the Nativity of Christ

Tone: 3 / Eothinon: 6

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: Tone 3

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST: Tone 4

Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, hath given rise to the light of knowledge in the world; for they that worshipped the stars did learn there from to worship Thee, O Sun of justice, and to know that from the east of the Highest Thou didst come. O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY: Tone 2

Proclaim, O Joseph, to David, the grandparent of God, the amazing wonders; for thou hast seen a Virgin great with child; for with the shepherds thou didst give glory, with the Magi thou didst worship, and by the angel it was revealed to thee. Wherefore, plead thou with Christ 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.

KONTAKION OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST: Tone 3

*(**The original melody**)*

On this day the Virgin beareth the Transcendent in Essence; * to the Unapproachable, * the earth doth offer a small cave; * Angels join in choir with shepherds * in giving glory; * with a star the Magi travel upon their journey; * for our sakes is born a young Child, * He Who existed * before the ages as God.



THE EPISTLE

God is wondrous in His saints. Bless God in the congregations.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (1:11-19)

Brethren, I would have you know that the Gospel, which was preached by me, is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the Church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people; so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when He who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son to me, in order that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (2:13-23)

When the wise men had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the Child and His mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the Child, to destroy Him." And he rose and took the Child and His mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I called My Son." Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region, who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they were no more." But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the Child's life are dead." And he rose and took the Child and His mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

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
Josephine Karam
Offered by: Elie, Julia & Naji Karam

Walid & Mirna Nakhoul
George & Carol Diakh
Jiana Diakh
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

Walid & Mirna Nakhoul
Elaine Wilbur
Gloria Baalbaki
Fr. Elie & Rouba Estephan
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Vera Josephs
Offered by: George & Lois Kilsey & Children
Leon & Judy Josephs & Family



IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

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

Ronald Maurice Sr.
Alice K. Maurice
Nancy Maurice
Donna Maurice
Offered by: David & Suzanne Maurice

Hannah Nakhoul
Salim & Victoria Cowlie
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

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Louis Josephs
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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.

Coffee Hour

Today, Coffee Hour is being offered by Walid & Mirna Nakhoul in memory of Hannah Nakhoul. Coffee Hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.

