

SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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
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

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!



Sunday, January 12, 2020

Sunday after the Theophany of Christ

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Diocese of Worcester and New England**

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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 January 12, we continue to celebrate the Theophany (Epiphany) of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we commemorate the holy Martyr Tatiana of Rome, the Deaconess, and those with her.

Verses

*For Tatiana, who was in all things resplendent,
The bright sword gave her head a resplendent laurel.
On the twelfth, they trimmed Tatiana's neck.*

Tatiana lived during the reign of Emperor Alexander Severus, whose chief assistants persecuted Christians without the emperor's orders. When they brought out the virgin Tatiana for torture, she prayed to God for her torturers. And behold, their eyes were opened and they saw four angels around the martyr. Seeing this, eight of them believed in Christ for which they also were tortured and slain. The tormentors continued to disfigure Tatiana, but God sent His angels to the dungeon to encourage her and to heal her wounds. Each morning, Tatiana appeared before the torturers completely healed. Finally, Tatiana and her father were both beheaded in about the year 225. Thus, this heroic woman and those with her were crowned with immortal wreaths of glory.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Peter Absalom of Palestine;
Virgin-martyr Euthasia; and Martyr Mertios of Mauretania.

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

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.

ONLINE BULLETIN

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

Orthodox Vocabulary

Paraskeve

Paraskeve: the eve of the sabbath, or Friday. The day of the sabbath, according to the Mosaic Law, is a day of rest consecrated to God. The eve, or *paraskeve*, is a time of preparation for this holy day. This name is particularly used to designate Holy Friday (Jn 19:14). The week always has a strong significance in the customs and practices of humanity; as well as in both the Old and New Testaments. Its prototype is the creative activity of God, who created the world in six days and rested on the seventh (Gen 1:1-31; 2:3). A woman martyr, who is venerated particularly in Russia and in Greece, is called Paraskeve (or Praskovia), in other words, "preparation." The troparion sung on her feast day (July 26) indicates that she well deserved her name, as she was always "ready" to fight for the faith.

A possession ought to belong to the possessor, not the possessor to the possession. Whosoever, therefore, does not use his patrimony as a possession, who does not know how to give and distribute to the poor, he is the servant of his wealth, not its master; because like a servant he watches over the wealth of another and not like a master does he use it of his own. Hence, in a disposition of this kind, we say that the man belongs to his riches, not the riches to the man.



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.

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Sunday after Theophany (Epiphany)

Tone: 5 / Eothinon: 8

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: Tone

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 OF THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST: Tone 1

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity wast made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the likeness of a dove confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, Who hast appeared and enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

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 THEOPHANY OF CHRIST: Tone 4

*(**The original melody**)*

On this day Thou hast appeared * unto the whole world, * and Thy light, O Sovereign Lord, * is signed on us who sing Thy praise * and chant with knowledge: Thou hast now come, * Thou hast appeared, O Thou Light unapproachable.



THE EPISTLE

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (4:7-13)

Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift. Therefore, it is said, “When He ascended on high He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men.” (In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is He who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

THE GOSPEL

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (4:12-17)

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulon and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “The land of Zebulon and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand.”



One Year Memorial Service



A One Year Memorial Service is being offered by Edward Bakleh & Family in memory of the servant of God *Mona Bakleh*.

May God grant her peace and may her memory be eternal.

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

Ed Bakleh & Family
Al & Vicki Hallal
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Elie, Julia & Naji Karam
Edward Bakleh & Family
Offered by: Elaine Swistak



IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

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

Mona Bakleh
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Mona Bakleh
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Frederick L Kilsey
Offered by: Audrey & Wayne Kilsey

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Offered by: George, Lois, Mary & Christopher Kilsey

Frederick L Kilsey
Offered by: Deborah Kilsey & Victoria Azar

Special Prayers of Good Health and Blessing are being held for Naji Karam on the occasion of his 18th Birthday.

Offered by: Elie & Julia Karam



Coffee Hour

Today, Coffee Hour is being offered by Elie & Julia Karam for Naji Karam on the occasion of his 18th Birthday. Coffee Hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.

