

SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, February 16th: The Prodigal Son

Teen SOYO Bake Sale during Coffee Hour

Outreach Committee 'Soup Kitchen' 11:30-12pm

Monday, February 17th: 11:30-4:30pm- Day Camp (one day)- at the Parish Center

Saturday, February 22nd: 8pm-1am Valentine Hafli

Sunday, February 23rd: Teen SOYO hosting Luncheon

Saturday, February 29th: 4pm-6pm- Church School Bowling Event (Town Hall Lanes)

Sunday, March 1st: Sunday of Forgiveness (Cheesefare)

Monday, March 2nd: Great Lent Begins

Sunday, March 8th: Orthodoxy Sunday

Daylight Savings Time

Tuesday, March 10th: 7:00 P.M.- Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, March 15th: Second Sunday of Lent (Gregory Palamas)

Outreach Committee 'Soup Kitchen' 11:30-12pm

Sunday, March 22nd: Sunday of the Holy Cross

Tuesday, March 24th: 7:00 P.M.-Liturgy for the Annunciation

Sunday, March 29th: Fourth Sunday of Lent (John Climacus)

Sunday, April 5th: 5th Sunday of Lent (Mary of Egypt)

Sunday, April 12th: Palm Sunday

Tuesday, April 14th: 7:00 P.M.- Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, April 19th: Great & Holy PASCHA

Outreach Committee 'Soup Kitchen' 11:30-12pm

Sunday, April 26th: Sunday of St. Thomas



ONLINE BULLETIN

The Bulletin is available online on our website at:

<http://stmarypawtucket.org>

Visitations

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

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**His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH, Archbishop of New York
& Metropolitan of all North America**

**His Grace Bishop JOHN, Auxiliary and Bishop of the
Diocese of Worcester and New England**

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Sub-Deacon Emad Amirhom
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.
Any requests received after that time will be included in the following week's bulletin.

THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On February 16 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Martyr Pamphilos, priest of Caesarea in Palestine and his companions; Venerable Flavian the hermit; and Venerable-martyr Romanos from Solovak of Carpenision.

On this day, we make remembrance of the Parable of the Prodigal Son, which occurs in the noble Gospel and which our deified Fathers reinstituted in the Triodion.

Verses

*O thou who art like me, a prodigal, come forward with confidence and tranquility;
For unto all has been opened the door of Divine Mercy.*

In the parable our Savior tells, Jesus illustrates three things: the condition of the sinner, the canon of repentance and the knowledge of God's compassion. For in the person of the prodigal son, we view the wretched condition that sin creates for us, distant from God and His Sacraments. However, we become aware of ourselves and awaken, hastening with hope to return to Him through repentance. Our Savior wants to call back to His mansions all those who have been overtaken by despair, lacking hope of forgiveness for their grave sins. The Father encourages all of his lost children to remove the desperation from their hearts, and revive their energies for virtuous deeds.

***Through Thine ineffable love for mankind,
O Christ our God, have mercy upon us. Amen.***

From The Calendar of The Lives of The Saints -February 10th

HIEROMARTYR HARALAMBOS OF MAGNESIA. He was a priest during the second century in his hometown of Magnesia in Asia Minor. He preached openly and into old age during the persecutions of Emperor Servios. At the age of one hundred thirteen, Governor Lukianos who attempted to force Haralambos to renounce Christ arrested him. They tied him to a post in the town square for ridicule. They cut him with knives. He thanked the soldiers for scraping off his old body, his flesh, and renewing his soul. He healed the afflicted that were brought to him and won converts. He drove a demon out of a mad man who had been possessed for thirty-five years. The people protested his proposed death, so the governor sent him to the emperor. He was led through the streets with a horse's bit and crucified, but first he converted the emperor's daughter Gallina. When they ordered him executed, he prayed for the sins of all men and the abundance of the fruits of the earth, and gave up his soul before he could be beheaded. The executioners were converted and Gallina buried his body.

St Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church
P r e s e n t s



Substantial: Mazza

Tickets

Regular \$60

VIP \$80

For Reservations

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Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Tone: 2 / Eothinon: 2

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: Tone 2

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

TROPARION OF THE DORMITION: Tone 1

In giving birth, Thou didst keep Thy virginity and in thy repose, Thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos, for Thou art the mother of life, and Thou didst pass over into life; and through thy intercession from death Thou dost redeem our souls.

KONTAKION OF FOR THE PRODIGAL SON: Tone 3

*(**Special Melody: Today the Virgin**)*

Foolishly I sprang away * from Thy great fatherly glory, * and dispersed in wicked deeds * the riches that Thou didst give me. * With the Prodigal I therefore * cry unto Thee now: * I have sinned against Thee, O compassionate Father. * But receive me in repentance; * make me as one of * Thy hired servants, O Lord.



The great work of God, the creation of man, and then after his fall, his restoration by redemption, ought to be well known to every Christian. Without this knowledge one cannot know and fulfill the obligations of a Christian; but the knowledge of this great work of God cannot be acquired with distraction.

~St. Ignatious Brianchaninov



THE EPISTLE

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

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:12-20)

Brethren, all things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be enslaved by anything. Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food; but God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two shall become one flesh.” But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (15:11-32)

The Lord spoke this parable: “There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.’ And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.’” And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.’ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, ‘Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!’ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”



1Year Memorial Service



A One Year Memorial Service is being offered for the servant of God *Adnan Karkour* and is being offered by Najat Houranieh.

May God grant him peace and may his 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

Paula Hallal
Offered by: Holly Lazieh & Sons & Bob Dessaint

Sue Ayoub
Elaine Wilbur
Fred & Adele Shwaery
Offered by: Linda Dvelis

Sue Ayoub
Offered by: Ed & Lisa

Sue Ayoub
Paula Hallal
Tony Kabak
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Leah, Bianca & Johnna Macaruso
Michael, Maria, Mark & Meika Matook
Offered by: Tete

Paula Hallal
Offered by: Nora Abdelahad
Elaine Agaty
Sandra Matook

All Parishioners
Offered by: Outreach Committee

Ed & Sue Ayoub
Offered by: Philip & Bette Ayoub
Philip G. Ayoub

Ed & Suzanne Ayoub
Fr. Isaac & Kh. Dolly Crow
Elaine Wilbur
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

Adnan Karkour
Offered by: Najat Houranieh

Leon T. Matook
Offered by: Nora Matook

Mary Andrews
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra



Coffee Hour

Today, Coffee Hour is being offered by Ricky & Roula Greige for the Health of their Family. Coffee Hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.

