On May 24 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Venerable Stylites Simeon the Younger of the Mountain of Wonders and Nikitas of Pereyaslavl-Zalesski; Martyr Meletios the General of Galatia; and Venerable Vincent of Lerins.

On this day, the sixth Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the miracle wrought by our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ upon the man who was blind from his birth.

**Verses**

*O Light of Light most perfect, and Light-provider,*  
*On the blind from birth, O Word, eyes Thou bestowest.*

The Savior met this man, born blind and incurable after every human effort, while leaving the Temple on the Sabbath. Saints John Chrysostom, Basil the Great and Irenaeus teach that the man was born without eyes. Jesus spat into the dirt, made clay, rubbed it in his eye sockets and told him to wash in the pool of Siloam, a famous water spring in Jerusalem. The Savior did not send him there because his eye sockets were covered in clay, nor did the pool have healing power, but instead to test his faith and obedience. The blind man proclaimed that Jesus healed him, but this confession caused him to be cast out by the enemies of the truth. Even his own parents would not defend him. However, the blind man followed Jesus from that moment forward.

*By Thine infinite mercy, O Christ our God, Giver of light,*  
*have mercy on us. Amen.*

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**Congratulations**

St. Mary Church offers its congratulations to all of our young men and women who are or will be graduating from both High School and College in the next few weeks. May God bless them as they continue their education and pursue new work and careers. And may God bless their parents and families for nurturing and supporting them.

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**Sunday, May 24, 2020**

**Sunday of the Blindman**

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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

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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.

We would also like to offer prayers for the health and safety of the following individuals who have committed to the Charitable Gift Program.

Rt. Rev. Archmandrite
Leonard Faris
Rt. Rev. Fr. Timothy Ferguson
Anonymous - Two
Angela Abosamra
Charles Abosamra
Lisa Andrews
Cindy Antypas
Bette Ayoub
Edward Ayoub
Geoffrey Ayoub
Philip Ayoub
Philip G. Ayoub
Suzanne Ayoub
Janet Bowab
Christine Briggs
Liam Burke
Mary Lou Catelli
William Catelli
Bryan Chowning
Stephanie Chowning
Linda Dvelis
Fred Elliott
Renda Ferrari
Elaine Gauthier
Maureen Gurghigian
Paul Gurghigian
Jim Hallal
Keith Hallal
Lorice Hallal
Maria Hallal
Paula Hallal
Ronald Hallal
Dianna Hashway
Fareed Hawwa
Olga Hawwa
Tawfik Hawwa
Cindy Hayes
Daniel Hayes
Donald Hayes, Jr.
Sarah Hayes
Hilda Jarjoura Juczyk
Fadia Kabak
Eli Karam
Julia Karam
Naji Karam
Nabil Khoury
Salwa Khoury
Audrey Kilsey
Fred Kilsey
George Kilsey
Lois Kilsey
Melissa Ann Kilsey

Patricia A. Kilsey
Steven G. Kilsey
Robert Laffey
Holly Lazich
Lily Massiwer
Mary Massiwer
Keith Marshall
Marlene Marshall
Mary Mechrefe
Louise Megalli
Melanie Ann Merner
Barbara A. Moussalli
Mina Nakhoul
Walid Nakhoul
William Salhany
Barbara M. Samra
Joseph J. Samra
Joseph J. Samra III
Marlene Samra
Rebecca Samra
Florence Spenard
Phil Spenard
Carol Wartenburg
Susan Warzycha
MaryJane Webhe
Elaine Wilbur
Our Teens

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This is the twentieth-sixth year that Memorial Trisagion services are offered for those deceased parishioners in our Charitable Gift Program who have made their contribution to the fund.

The Trisagion service will be offered this year in memory of:


May their Memory Be Eternal!

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:
Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur
Andrea & Elijah Vollendorf
on the expected arrival of their new Baby to be
Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi
Victoria & Albert Hallal
Offered by: Ron Hallal
Paula Hallal
Offered by: Holly Lazieh & Sons & Bob Dessaint
Fr. Elie & Family
All Parishioners of St. Mary Church
Kh. Dolly Crow
Edward Betor
Josephine Karam
Offered by: Elie, Julia & Naji Karam
Laila Sayegh and Family
George & Kim Matook
Ron Hallal
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur
V. Rev. Fr. Isaac Crow
Lillian Betor
Georges Karam
Offered by: Elie, Julia & Naji Karam
Elizabeth Votruba
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

May God grant the Departed, rest and peace and may their memories be eternal.

Sunday of the Blindman
Tone 5 / Eothinon 8

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: Tone 5
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.

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 PASCHA: Tone 8
Though Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet didst Thou destroy the power of Hades, and didst arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Thine Apostles, O Thou Who dost grant resurrection to the fallen.

Prayers for the Departed
Remember, O Lord, all who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection and of eternal life, our fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters. Orthodox Christians who rest both here and in all other parts of the earth. Place them with Your saints, where the light of Your countenance shines, and have mercy upon us, for You are gracious and love all mankind. Grant, O Lord, to all that have gone before us in faith and hope of the resurrection, remission of sins and keep them in everlasting memory. Amen.

In the place of Your rest, O Lord, where all Your saints repose, give rest to the souls of Your servants, for You alone are immortal. O virgin, alone pure and immaculate that in maiden-motherhood brought forth God, intercede for the salvation of the souls of your servants. With the saints give rest, O Christ, to the souls of Your servants (names), where there is not pain, sorrow or sighing, but Life everlasting. Amen and repose to the beloved deceased and may their memories be eternal!
**THE EPISODE**

Thou, O Lord, shalt keep us and preserve us. Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared.


In those days, as we Apostles were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, crying, “These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation.” And this she did for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, “I charge you in the Name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them to the market place before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates they said, “These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs which it is not lawful for us Romans to accept or practice.” The crowd joined in attacking them; and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened and every one’s fetters were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas and asked, “What shall I do to be saved?” Paul and Silas said to him, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” And they believed on the Lord with all their house, and when they were baptized, they continued in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and prayer. And the Lord added to the church daily such as were saved. But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prison doors were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened and every one’s fetters were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas and asked, “What shall I do to be saved?” Paul and Silas said to him, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” And they believed on the Lord with all their house, and when they were baptized, they continued in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and prayer. And the Lord added to the church daily such as were saved.

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**THE GOSPEL**

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (9:1-38)

At that time, when Jesus was passing, He saw a man blind from his birth. And His Disciples asked Him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. I must work the works of Him Who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” As He said this, He spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man’s eyes with the clay, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” [which means Sent]. So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, “Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is he”; others said, “No, but he is like him.” He said, “I am the man.” They said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash’; so I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is He?” He said, “I do not know.” They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for He does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, “What do you say about Him, since He has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.” The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age, ask him.” So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, “Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “Whether He is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become His disciples?” And they reviled him, saying, “You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where He comes from.” They said to him, “Whether He is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become His disciples?” And they reviled him, saying, “You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where He comes from.” The man answered, “Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where He comes from, and yet He opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, He could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him He said, “Do you believe in the Son of God?” He answered, “And Who is He, Sir, that I may believe in Him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen Him, and it is He who speaks to you.” He said, “Lord, I believe”; and he worshiped Him.