

THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On June 14 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Holy Prophet Elisseus (Elisha); Methodius the Confessor, patriarch of Constantinople; Venerable Niphon of Athos; and Cyril, bishop of Crete.

On this day, the Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the feast of All Saints who shone forth throughout all the world, North and South, East and West.

Verses

*Of all my Lord's friends, I laud and sing the praises;
And let any to come, with them all be numbered.*

David the Prophet and king, who revered the beloved of God, and respected them because of his great piety, said in the Psalms, "How precious are Thy beloved unto me, O God" (138:17). And the Apostle Paul, in his Epistle to the Hebrews, recounted the lives of the saints, when he wrote, "Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin that so easily besets us; and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (12:1). Therefore, as Orthodox Christians, we honor the beloved saints of God, respecting them as keepers of God's commandments, shining examples of virtue and benefactors of humanity. We commemorate all of the holy ones every year on this day, as the list of saints ever increases, even though some of their names escape us. Nevertheless, we honor them for their piety and strive to imitate their good works.

By the intercessions of Thine immaculate Mother, O Christ God, and of all Thy Saints from the beginning of time, have mercy and save us, since Thou alone art good and the Lover of mankind. Amen.



The Cemetery Committee is pleased to announce that there is water available at Walnut Hill Cemetery.



Sunday, June 14, 2020

The Sunday of All Saints

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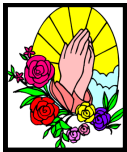
Schedule of Services

<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

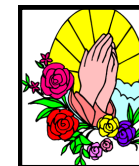
St. Mary ~ Internet Prayer Line
Prayer requests can be sent to us via the internet at
office@stmarypawtucket.org

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.

Orthodox Vocabulary

Godparent

The godparent is the person who receives in his/her arms the newly baptized infant. But before that, he/she has stood as the sponsor of the infant by giving the prescribed denunciations of Satan and affirmations of accepting Christ and it is he/she who finally recites the Creed signifying the personal belief of the candidate to Baptism. However, since the introduction of infant Baptism, the godparent has assumed the important obligation of seeing together with the parents that the infant is brought up within the Church and in the life of Christ. It is on account of this obligation that the baptismal sponsor is called 'parent-in-God'. Since baptizing a child creates for the godparent a spiritual relationship not only between him and his godchild but also with the child's family, the Orthodox Church places great significance on the responsibility of the godparents to help nurture and educate the child in the Holy Orthodox Faith. This special responsibility is a life-long one. There is a dogmatically and canonically entered spiritual relationship between godparent and godchild and, as a result, the Church has by Synodical decision prohibited marriage between the godparent and his/her godchild; also, marriage between the godparent and the biological parent (father or mother) of the godchild is prohibited (Justinian Novella 530 and Canon 53 of the Trullan Synod). The godparent must have been baptized in the Orthodox Church, be in full sacramental communion, and a member in good standing of a local Greek Orthodox parish.



The human family constitutes the primary and essential element of human society...peace in society will be a direct result of peace in the family; order and harmony in the secular, political realm will be the direct result of the order and harmony which arises out of creative guidance and the giving of real responsibility to children (by assigning specific tasks to the child).

~St. John Chrysostom





Happy Birthday to everyone who has a birthday during the months of May & June

Melissa Kilsey	Latifeh Alarmani	Julia Al-Amir
Mark Matook	Nicholas Chowning	Violette Amirhom
Kristen Silva	Elaine Gauthier	Jennifer Kilsey
Vanessa Wehbe	Julia Harvey	Reyna Chamoun
Stephanie Chowning	Kareem Karam	Aimee Decristoforo
Olga Hawwa	Mary Khoury	Jordan Lazieh
George Daikh	Emma Walas	Matthew Duncan
Etienne Mechrefe	Nicole Karwashan	Barbara Samra
Maria Matook	Alexander Khabbaz	Keith Marshall
Christine Ganim	William Khoury	Charlotte Kilsey
Susan Harvey	Holly Lazieh	Emad Amirhom
Julia Karam	Steven Sterpis	Joshua Hallal
William Salhany	Edward Ayoub	Cheryl Nassaney
Robert Shwaery	Chrisine Briggs	Leila Nadra
Megan Duncan	Stephanie Briggs	Carol Bazerji
Christine Whatley	Rania Salhany	Tara Cavanagh

*****if you have a May or June birthday and do not see your name– we do not have it in our database– please email or call the church office to have you and your family members added.*****



Young people must be made to distinguish between helpful and injurious knowledge, keeping clearly in mind the Christian's purpose in life. So, like the athlete or the musician, they must bend every energy to one task, the winning of the heavenly crown.

~St. Basil the Great



The Sunday of All Saints

Tone: 8 Eothinon: 1

RESURRECTION APOLYTIKION: Tone 8

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

KONTAKION OF ALL SAINTS: Tone 4

Thy Church, O Christ God, hath regaled herself in the blood of Thy Martyrs throughout the entire world, as in porphyry and purple. Through them she lifteth her voice crying: Turn with Thy compassion toward Thy people, and grant peace to Thy city, and to our souls the Great Mercy.

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 ALL SAINTS: Tone 8

*(**The original melody**)*

As first-fruits of our nature to the Planter of created things, * the world presenteth the Godbearing martyred Saints in off'ring unto Thee, O Lord. * Through their earnest entreaties, * keep Thy Church in deep peace and divine tranquility, * through the pure Theotokos, O Thou Who art greatly merciful.

Visitations

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

The Epistle
Hebrews 11:33-12:2

Prokeimenon: God is wonderful among his saints.

Verse: Bless God in the congregations.

The reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Hebrews.

Brethren all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world is not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfection of our faith.

The Gospel
Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30

The Lord said to his disciples, "Every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven. "He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. "Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on his twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands; for my name's sake, will receive manifold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first.

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR
GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur



Victoria & Albert Hallal
Offered by: Ron Hallal

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

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

Fred & Adele Shwaery (Happy Anniversary)
Offered by: Patricia & Melissa Kilsey

Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Fred & Adele Shwaery (70th Wedding Anniversary)
Robert Shwaery (65th Birthday)
Linda Dvelis & Family
Fred Shwaery & Family
Offered by: Elaine Gauthier

Fred & Adele Shwaery
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

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Robert Shwaery (Happy Birthday)
Offered by: Mary Lou & Bill Catelli

Fred & Adele Shwaery (70th Wedding Anniversary)
Offered by: Philip & Bette Ayoub

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Offered by: Susan Warzycha & Family

David Trabulsi & Family
Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi

Fred & Adele Shwaery (70th Wedding Anniversary)
Offered by: Nora Abdelahad
Elaine Agaty
Sandra Matook

All Church School Teachers & Students
Offered by: St. Mary Church

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Janice Hallal
Offered by: Her Loving Husband Ron

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Georges Karam
John Swistak
Dani Karam
Offered by: Elie, Julia & Naji Karam

Lucy Haddad
Mary Haddad
John Haddad
Antonio & Lillian Haddad
Offered by: George A. Arees

Mary & Ethel Kilsey
Offered by: Audrey & Wayne Kilsey

Mary & Ethel Kilsey
Offered by: George, Lois, Mary & Christopher Kilsey

Mary & Ethel Kilsey
Offered by: Deborah Kilsey & Victoria Azar

Evelyn McNeil
Offered by: Sandra Matook & Family



Special Prayers of Good Health and Blessing are being offered for Fred & Adele Shwaery on the occasion of their 70th Wedding Anniversary.

Offered by: Linda Dvelis & Family
Fred Shwaery & Family
Robert Shwaery

