

THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On June 21 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy Martyr Julian of Tarsus.

Verses

Bearing Julian as goods worthy of Heaven,
The sack into the midst of the sea doth plummet.
On the twenty-first, Julian in a sack was sacrificed.

Of a noble senatorial family, Julian was only 18 years old when he was taken to trial for the Faith. But Julian was already educated and resolute in Christian faith and devotion. The imperial governor took him from city to city for a whole year, torturing him all the while and attempting to persuade him to renounce Christ. The governor seized Julian's mother and sent her to urge her son to renounce Christ. She spent three days in prison with him, giving him precisely the opposite advice, teaching him to go to his death with courage and gratitude to God. His torturers then sewed Julian into a sack of sand with scorpions and snakes and threw him into the sea, and his mother also died under torture. The waves carried Julian's body onto the shore, and the faithful took it to Alexandria, where they buried it in 290. His relics were later taken to Antioch.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Aphrodisius of Cilicia; and New-martyr Nikita of Nisyros near Rhodes.

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



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



Sunday, June 21, 2020

Second Sunday After Pentecost

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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.

What Makes A Dad

***God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it ... Dad***

Author Unknown

Returning the World to God

Contrary to our secular experience of time, the liturgical day begins in the evening, with Vespers. This is, of course, the reminiscence of the biblical '*And the evening and the morning were the first day*' (Genesis 1:5). The vespereal service in the Orthodox Church does not begin as a religious epilogue of the day. It begins as the beginning, and this means as the rediscovery, in the adoration and thanksgiving, of the world as God's creation. The Church takes us to that very first evening on which man, called by God to life, opened his eyes and saw what God in His love was giving to him, saw all the beauty, all the glory of the temple in which he was standing, and rendered thanks to God. And in this thanksgiving, he became himself. Praise the Lord, O my soul. Blessed art Thou, O Lord. O Lord, how marvelous are Thy works, in wisdom hast Thou made them all. The earth is full of Thy riches. I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live. I will praise my God, while I have my being (Psalm 104). And it must be so. There must be someone in this world - which rejected God and in this rejection, in this blasphemy, became a chaos of darkness - there must be someone to stand at its center, and to discern, to see it again as full of divine riches, as the cup full of life and joy, as beauty and wisdom, and to thank God for it. This someone is Christ, the new Adam who restores that 'eucharistic life' which I, the old Adam, have rejected and lost; who makes me again what I am, and restores the world to me. And if the Church is in Christ, its initial act is always the act of thanksgiving, of returning the world to God.

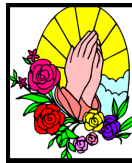
~Father Alexander Schmemmann



Orthodox Vocabulary

Heart

HEART (*kardia*): not simply-the physical organ but the spiritual centre of man's being, man as made in the image of God, his deepest and truest self, or the inner shrine, to be entered only through sacrifice and death, in which the mystery of the union between the divine and the human is consummated. ' "I called with my whole heart", says the psalmist - that is, with body, soul and spirit' (John Klimakos, *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*). 'Heart' has thus an all embracing significance 'prayer of the heart' means prayer not just of the emotions and affections, but of the whole person, including the body.



Forgiveness

Judgment would hold nothing but terror for us if we had no sure hope of forgiveness.. And the gift of forgiveness itself is implicit in God's and people's love. Yet it is not enough to be granted forgiveness, we must be prepared to receive it, to accept it. We must Consent to be forgiven by an act of daring faith and generous hope, welcome the gift humbly, as a miracle which love alone, love human and divine, can work, and forever be grateful for its gratuity, its restoring, healing, reintegrating power. We must never confuse forgiving with forgetting, or imagine that these two things go together. Not only do they not belong together, but they are mutually exclusive. To wipe out the past has little to do with constructive, imaginative, fruitful, forgiveness; the only thing that must go, be erased from the past, is its venom; the bitterness, the resentment, the estrangement; but not the memory.

~Metropolitan Anthony of Sovrozh



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Tone: 1 Eothinon: 2

RESURRECTION APOLYTIKION: Tone 1

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

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.

ORDINARY KONTAKION: Tone 2

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.



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

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 Romans. (2:10-16)

Brethren, glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law, and all who have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law. For it is not the hearers of the Law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the Law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the Law do by nature what the Law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the Law. They show that what the Law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (4:18-23)

At that time, as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and He called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. And He went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.



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 Lazieh & Sons & Bob Dessaint

Fred & Adele Shwaery
Elie Kandalaft
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

Fred & Adele Shwaery
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Fred & Adele Shwaery
Offered by: Barbara Samra

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

Elaine Swistak & Family
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

George Kilsey (for his retirement)
Offered by: Lois, Mary & Christopher

Fred & Adele Shwaery
Paula Hallal
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

Tom Trabulsi
Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi

Elaine Swistak & Family
Offered by: Elaine Agaty

Fred & Adele Shwaery
Offered by: Elaine Swistak & Family

Bryan, Bob, Edward, Derek, Jim, Leon, George, Bill, Judy &
Kevin Kiernan
Paula Hallal
Elaine Swistak & Family
Offered by: Elaine Gauthier



Thank you for the many prayers, cards, calls, &
drive-by procession in honor of our 70th Wedding
Anniversary. We are grateful to call you all family
& friends.

Offered by: Fred & Adele Shwaery



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

Fred Hallal
Mitchell Hallal
George Massiwer
Edward Hallal Sr.
Offered by: Holly Lazieh & Sons & Bob Dessaint

John Swistak
Offered by: Elaine Swistak & Family

John & Esma Gorab
Joseph & Mary Samra
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

John Swistak
Offered by: Elaine Agaty

Joseph Samra
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

Joseph Samra
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Joseph Samra
Offered by: Barbara Samra

John Swistak
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

John Swistak
Ronald Gauthier
Offered by: Elaine Gauthier



Special Prayers of Good Health and Blessing are
being offered for Nicole Baalbaki on the occasion
of her graduation and the honor of being Valedictorian
of her High School, and also to being accepted
at the University of Michigan.

Offered by: Elias & Samar Baalbaki

