

**THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)**

On July 19 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Venerable Macrina, sister of Basil the Great; Venerable Dios of Antioch; Theodore, archbishop of Edessa; Venerable Seraphim of Sarov; Holy Stephen Lazarevic, Serbian Prince and Holy Militsa, his mother.

On this Sunday, we commemorate the 630 holy and God-bearing Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council, which convened in Chalcedon in 451 against the Monophysites.

***Verses***

*Shunning opposite errors like the sea monsters Scylla and Charybdis,  
The Fathers steer the Church on a straight course to safety.*

The Holy Fathers were, once again, concerned with the nature of Jesus Christ. The false teaching arose that Christ's human nature (considered by heretics as less perfect) dissolved itself in His divine nature (considered by heretics as more perfect): like a cube of sugar in a parcel of water. Thus, in that scenario, Christ had only one nature, the Divine. These false preachers were called Monophysites ("mono", meaning "one" and "physis", meaning "nature"), and they were led by Eutyches and Dioscorus. Monophysitism overemphasized the divine nature of Christ, at the expense of the human. The Fourth Ecumenical Council condemned Monophysitism and proclaimed that Christ has two complete natures: the divine and the human, as defined by previous Councils. These two natures function as equally perfect, without confusion, and are neither divided nor separate. The Fathers declared that at no time did they undergo any change.

*By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God,  
have mercy upon us. Amen.*



*Sunday, July 19, 2020*

*Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the  
Fourth Ecumenical Council*

## THE EPISTLE

*Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.  
For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us.*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to St. Titus. (3:8-15)**

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

## THE GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (5:14-19)**

The Lord said to His Disciples: “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father Who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them, but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”

## Orthodox Vocabulary

### **Gospel Book**

**Gospel Book:** this is the book containing the four gospels which is used at liturgical services. The gospels are arranged into a series of “periscopes”: (passages), each destined to be read on a certain day of the year, as regulated by the liturgical calendar. This makes it easier for the celebrant to find the appropriate reading. The gospel book is kept permanently on the altar. Father Schmemmann, in his *Eucharist: Sacrament of the Kingdom*, on p. 71, writes: “*The Gospel is a part of the liturgy not only as something which is read, but also as a book. It is venerated just like an icon or the altar, it is kissed, it is incensed, it is used to bless the people of God.*” As a book, the gospel is also used at the consecration of a bishop, in the sacraments of penance, at the anointing of the sick, and in processions. This is why, at Sunday matins, we kiss it as we sing: “Having beheld the resurrection of Christ...” The Word of God is the Person of the Son (Jn 1:1 and 14). The gospel book contains the Word. This is why it is the “verbal icon” of Christ.

Our Creator already rules, at the beginning and the end of our lives; why not allow Him to rule our entire lives from start to end? He is the Master of birth and death; may He rule over all the time between birth and death.

~St. Nikolai Velimorich



### **St Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church Falafel Sale Sunday, August 2nd after Liturgy**

Falafel Sandwich \$7.00 includes a Drink or  
A Dozen Falafel \$15.00 with Fixins on the side

Reservations are strongly recommended for Take Out/ Pick-up at Noon  
Please Leave a message with your order by Friday July 31st at the church  
401-726-1202 or with Cindy Hayes 401-480-4306

Please support this fundraiser for the Church as we begin the Dormition Fast

Brothers and Sisters in Christ-

Christ is in our midst! He is and ever shall be!

Greetings to you and your families we hope that you are enjoying Summer Days with your Loved ones.

On Behalf of Father Elie, The Council Members and myself I want to extend many thanks and appreciation to those who have given so far towards our Leadership Appeal. Your generosity has made a great difference in these unprecedented and complicated times by supporting Our church.

Under extraordinary circumstances, we held together and in many ways, we thrived despite the challenges unfolding around us. None of us could predict the future. Yet, we know that our parishioners, with faith, endurance and love supported our church. Please consider supporting our beloved church through the Leadership Appeal, at what ever level you can, with online, by mail, or Phone.

Thank you and may God bless you and your loved ones.

In Christ,  
Salwa Khoury, Parish Council Chairwoman



**CHARITABLE GIFT PROGRAM**

It is with appreciation and gratitude that we announce the reception of a gift from the family of Janice Hallal fulfilling her wishes to participate in our Charitable Gift Program. Janice was a lifelong member of our Church and worked tirelessly with joy and compassion for all in our Church.

May Her Memory Be Eternal!



*“With the spirits of the righteous made perfect, give rest to the soul of Thy servant Janice, O Savior; and preserve it in the life of blessedness which is with Thee, O thou who lovest mankind. “*

***Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the  
Fourth Ecumenical Council***

**Tone: 5 Eothinon: 6**

**RESURRECTION 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.

**APOLYTIKION OF THE HOLY FATHERS: Tone 8**

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, 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.

**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.

**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.

**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

Josephine Karam  
Offered by: Elie, Julia & Naji Karam

Walid Nakhoul  
Rima Eltom  
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Leila Chowning  
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Fred Hallal  
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

Helen & Bob Haddad  
Offered by: Leila & Ray Trabulsi

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

Janice Hallal  
Offered by: Her Loving Husband Ron

Fred Hashway Jr.  
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

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

Alma Matook  
Offered by: Sandra Matook & Family



**Visitations**

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

**ONLINE BULLETIN**

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

**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.*

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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](mailto: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.