



Sunday, August 23, 2020

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

THE EPISTLE

The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me severely.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (9:2-12)

Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the Law of Moses, “You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain.” Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this right-ful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the Gospel of Christ.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (18:23-35)

The Lord spoke this parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also My heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On August 23 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we take leave of the celebration of the Dormition of the Theotokos, and we commemorate the holy Martyr Lupus.

Verses

*Lupus was a servant, but the sword’s manumission
Sent him unto Christ as a friend and a freeman.
On the twenty-third the sword’s edge Lupus slew.*

He was the servant of the Great-Martyr Demetrios. When Demetrios was beheaded by the Emperor Maximian, Lupus dipped the hem of his garment and his ring in the martyr’s blood. Lupus worked many miracles and healings in Thessalonica with this garment and ring. The Emperor Maximian discovered this, and commanded that Lupus be tortured and killed. But the soldiers who drew their weapons on Lupus turned one on the other and wounded one another. Lupus prayed to God that He would somehow bring about his baptism before his death. On this, water suddenly poured down on the holy martyr from a cloud, and he thus received baptism. After harsh torture, Lupus was beheaded and entered into the heavenly Kingdom.

On this day, we also commemorate the Hieromartyr Irenaios, bishop of Lyons; and Venerable Nicholas and Dionysios of Olympus.

By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O God, have mercy on us. Amen.

Orthodox Vocabulary

Charismata

Charismata signify a Christian's blessings from above, spiritual and temporal, enabling him to fulfill his vocation in life. In a more Biblical sense, the term is used specifically for the supernatural gifts Christians need to carry out the specific tasks expected of them in promoting the spiritual welfare and advancement of their fellow-Christians. In his I Epistle to the Corinthians (12:8-11), St. Paul gives a list of these charismata that include wisdom, knowledge, prophesy, discerning of spirits, tongues, and the interpretation of tongues, as also the charismata given to Apostles, prophets, teachers, and those to whom the government of the Church is entrusted.

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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.

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RESURRECTION 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.

APOLYTIKION OF THE DORMITION: Tone 1

In thy birth-giving, O Theotokos, thou didst keep and preserve virginity; and in thy falling-asleep thou hast not forsaken the world; for thou wast translated into life, being the Mother of Life. Wherefore, by thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

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 THE DORMITION: Tone 2

Verily, the Theotokos, who is ever watchful in intercessions, and whose prayers are never rejected, neither tomb nor death could control. But since she is the Mother of Life, He Who dwelt in her ever-virgin womb did translate her to life.





Memorial Services



A 14 Year Memorial Service is being offered for the servant of God *Caristos Theodoridis*. This Memorial Service is being offered by his daughter Evanthia Theodoridis.

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



Victoria & Albert Hallal
Offered by: Ron Hallal

Josephine Karam
Mother Xenia Minihan
Elaine Swistak
Offered by: Elie, Julia & Naji Karam

Ron Hallal
Offered by: Rhonda Hallal, Bob Lienert, Hanna & Emma, Sharyn Hallal, Keith & Maria Hallal, Isabel & Matthew

Charlie Abosamra
Dimitri & Susan Ganim & Family
Nora & Scott Barnes & Family
Marie & Richard Kinslow & Family
Peggy Ganim
Offered by: Bill & Mary Lou Catelli

Dimitri Ganim & Family
Nora Ganim Barnes & Family
Marie Ganim & Family
Offered by: George & Barbara Moussalli & Family

Robert, Mary, William & Eloise Khoury
Elaine Swistak
Dimitri & Susan Ganim & Family
Nora & Scott Barnes & Family
Marie & Richard Kinslow & Family
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Pat Ballon
Leila & Ray Trabulsi
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

Mary Gurghigian
Offered by: Paul & Maureen Gurghigian

Ganim, Barnes & Kinslow Families
Mary Massiwer & Family
John & Patricia Massiwer
Andrea & Elijah Vollendorf & baby Julian
Diana & Gregory Abdalah and baby Eleanor Joanne
Margaret & Kevin DiPrete
Offered by: Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian

Dimitri & Susan Ganim & Family
Nora & Scott Barnes & Family
Marie & Richard Kinslow & Family
Peg Ganim & Family
Offered by: Elaine Gauthier

The Families of George & Rose Ganim
Offered by: Father Michael & Selma Abdelahad
Nora Abdelahad
Elaine Agaty
Sandra Matook & Family

Dr. & Mrs. Dimitri Ganim & Family
Nora & Scott Barnes & Family
Marie & Richard Kinslow & Family
Peggy Ganim & Family
Offered by: Elaine Swistak



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.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Janice Hallal
Offered by: Her Loving Husband Ron

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur



Ioannis
Maria
Nicholas
Kyriakos
Offered by: Evanthia Theodoridis

Rose Ganim
Offered by: Bill & Mary Lou Catelli

Rose Ganim
Offered by: Ed & Sue Ayoub

Rose Ganim
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Rose Ganim
Offered by: Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian

Rose Ganim
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

Elise Masry & Youssef Morcos
Don Ballon
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

Charlie Agaty
Offered by: Elaine Agaty

Rose Ganim
Offered by: Elaine Gauthier

Rose Ganim
Offered by: William Salhany

Rose Ganim
Offered by: Father Michael & Selma Abdelahad
Nora Abdelahad
Elaine Agaty
Sandra Matook & Family

Rose Ganim
Offered by: Carolyn Ganim & Family

Rose Ganim
Offered by: George & Barbara Moussalli & Family

Rose Ganim (our dear sister)
Offered by: Albert & Victoria Hallal

Rose Ganim (our dear aunt)
Offered by: Karen, Linus, Katie & Lauren Vachon

Rose Ganim (our dear aunt)
Offered by: James, Paula & Joshua Hallal

Rose Ganim (our dear aunt)
Offered by: David, Terrie, Jonathan, Nicholas & Jack Hallal

Rose Ganim (our dear aunt)
Offered by: Bill, Susan, John & Michael Salhany

Rose Ganim
Charlie Agaty
Mary Agaty
John Swistak
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Thomas Matook
Charles Agaty
Christopher Spenard
Agnes Cooke
Offered by: Sandra Matook & Family

When the burden of the righteous is too heavy, their ship will sink, while if it is moderate, it floats and sails safely. Indeed, our life is similar to sailing, the world-to a sea, the body-to a ship; the soul within the body is like a man inside the ship, and a man's deeds are the freight. If the ship is empty, the wind will cause it to capsize. If it is overloaded, it can easily sink even if there are no waves and no wind-and if waves and wind arouse, it will soon sink. It is only by moderate loading it that you will be able to sail safely

