

THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On August 2 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the recovery of the sacred relics of the holy Proto-martyr and Archdeacon Stephen.

Verses

*A great many strange and divine things hast thou, O Zion:
So give Constantine's city the dead body of Stephen.
On the second Stephen's corpse was removed.*

When the wicked Jews stoned Stephen to death, they left his body for the dogs to eat. After two nights Gamaliel, Paul's teacher and a secret follower of Christ, came and took his body to Caphargamala, and buried it in a cave. Eventually, Gamaliel's friend Nicodemus, his nephew Abibos and he were laid to rest in the same cave. The graves were forgotten, but in 415, in the time of Patriarch John of Jerusalem, Gamaliel appeared three times in a dream to the Priest Lucian, in Caphargamala, and told him the exact location of the burial place. With the Patriarch's blessing, Lucian and others dug up the graves. A strong and fragrant odor from the relics of these saints filled the cave. Stephen's relics were solemnly translated to Zion and there buried with ceremony, and the relics of the others were taken to a hill above the cave and laid to rest in a church there. Later, Stephen's healing relics were translated to Constantinople.

On this day, we also commemorate the Venerable Photeini the wonderworker of Carpasia in Cyprus; and Blessed Basil the fool-for-Christ, wonderworker of Moscow.

By their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy on us. Amen.



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.



Sunday, August 2, 2020

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

THE EPISTLE

*The Lord will give strength to His people.
Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.*

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (1:10-17)

Brethren, I appeal to you, by the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissension among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispos and Gaius; lest anyone should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the Gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (14:14-22)

At that time, when Jesus went ashore he saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, “This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They said to Him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” And He said, “Bring them here to Me.” Then He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish He looked up to Heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds.



**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

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



Visitations

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



Happy Birthday to everyone who has a birthday during the month of August.

**Nancy Muller
Alexis Najjar
Bria Bleasdale
Dimitrios Sterpis
Madelyn Marshall
Sam Matook
Paul Graham**

**Bette Ayoub
Alexander Lazieh
Keith Hallal
Salwa Khoury
Mary Mechrefe
Lillia Mechrefe
Elaine Swistak**

**Samuel Whatley
George Arees
Jonathan Gaudio
George Kilsey
Chadi Estephan
Peter Graham
Nicolas Elias Saed**

*****if you have an August 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.*****



ST MARY
ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Multi-week Raffle

- As most of you are aware, due to COVID-19 crisis, St. Mary will be unable to have the fundraising activities that we would have during a normal year (haflas, the bazaar, etc.)
- This has had a detrimental effect on church finances
- To help make up the shortfall, we would like to offer a multi-week raffle
- Tickets will cost \$5 per week, and the raffle will run for 25 weeks (15 Aug-15 Jan 2021)
- Tickets must be purchased for the full period of the raffle (25 weeks=\$125 per ticket)
- Multiple tickets may be purchased per family
- There will be a weekly prize of \$125 (one ticket will be drawn, winner will be notified by phone or email) and a final grand prizes at year end of 2 X \$250, \$500 and \$1,000.
- In order for this to work, a minimum of 50 tickets must be sold. If 50 tickets are not sold by 15 August 2020, all payments will be refunded and the raffle will not be held.
- Depending on the total number of tickets sold and the COVID-19 situation at the end of December, we may have a celebratory dinner where we award the grand prizes.
- Tickets will be sent via email (or if you do not have an email account, snail (postal) mail after receipt of payment (via check or Tithely-“2020 Raffle”)
- Please contact Ed Ayoub (edthedriver@gmail.com/401-263-3666) or Matt Kelley (mdk653@yahoo.com/401-935-8411) if you are interested.

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Tone: 7 Eothinon: 8

RESURRECTION APOLYTIKION: Tone 7

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. STEPHEN THE ARCHDEACON: Tone 4

*(**Be quick to anticipate**)*

The crown of the Kingdom hath adorned the brow of thy head * because of the contests that thou hast endured for Christ God, thou first of the martyred Saints; * for when thou hadst censured the Jews' madness, thou sawest * Christ thy Savior standing at the right hand of the Father. * O Stephen, ever pray Him for us, that He would save our souls.

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 TRANSFIGURATION: Tone 7

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.





Memorial Services



A 40 Day Memorial Service is being offered for the servant of God *Khalil Nassif* and a Two-Year Memorial Service for *Amine Nassif*. The Memorial Services are being offered by the Nassif Family.

May God grant them peace and may their memories 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
Offered by: Elie, Julia & Naji Karam

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

Jake, Maria, Sofia & Emelia Khoury
William Small
Charlie Abosamra
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Bette Ayoub
Offered by: Nancy, Lisa, Jim & Judy

Philip & Bette Ayoub
Offered by: Susan Warzycha & Family

Charlie & Angela Abosamra
George Tager
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Bette Ayoub
Offered by: Barbara Samra

Bette Ayoub
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

Mother Xenia
Julian Kenneth
Elijah & Andrea Vollendorf
Offered by: Michael, Nancy, Jacob & Victoria Muller

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

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

Khalil Nassif
Amine Nassif
Offered by: The Nassif Family

Bernadette Small
Offered by: William Small

Fred Hallal
Edward Hallal Sr.
Mary Samra
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

Saleem, Rajaa, Hanneh, Dakhil
Offered by: Walid & Mirna Nakhoul

George & Alma Matook
George T. Matook
Thomas C. Matook
Scott Bleasdale
Christopher Spenard
Offered by: Philip & Florence Spenard & Family
Bria Bleasdale
Alan Matook

Mary & Raif Saati
George & Nora David
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

Bernadette Small
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Mary Samra
Offered by: Her loving daughter Barbara

Sarah Massiwer
Sophie Hallal
Fred Hallal
Paula Hallal
Offered by: Holly Lazieh & Sons & Bob Dessaint



IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Janice Hallal
Offered by: Her Loving Husband Ron

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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*

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.