



Sunday, August 30, 2020

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

THE EPISTLE

Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Clap your hands, all ye nations.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (15:1-11)

Brethren, I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the Gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He rose on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. Then He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then He appeared to James, then to all the Apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. For I am the least of the Apostles, unfit to be called an Apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God, which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (19:16-26)

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, “Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?” And He said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.” He said to Him, “Which?” And Jesus said, “You shall not kill, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness, honor your father and mother, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” The young man said to Him, “All these I have observed; what do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” When the young man heard this, he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”



THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On August 30 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we take leave of the commemoration of the honorable, glorious prophet, forerunner and Baptist John. We also commemorate our fathers among the saints Alexander, Paul the New, and John, Patriarchs of Constantinople.

Verses

*Having escaped the flesh's bonds, O Alexander,
Thou hast found the Lord's inheritance as thy portion.
The faces of the Church are gloomy with sorrow,
For they cannot bear blessed John's deprivation.
Paul, leaving behind him life's pathways and its courses,
Found a pall for his casket and rest from his labors.
On the thirtieth, three before the Trinity now stand.*

Alexander took part in the First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea in 325, in place of the aged Patriarch Metrophanes, whom he then succeeded. When certain philosophers tried to dispute with him about faith, he said to one of them: “In the name of my Lord Jesus Christ, I command you to remain silent!” The philosophers became dumb from that moment. Alexander died at the age of 98 in the year 340. Paul the New governed the Church for almost six years and renounced the throne to receive the Great Habit secretly, to repent of his sins when he first supported the iconoclasts. He was the predecessor of the great Tarasius, and entered into rest in 784. John was nicknamed “Scholasticus” because he was originally a lawyer. He became Patriarch in 565. He wrote Canons which have been included in the Nomocanon. In his day, the Cherubic Hymn and the prayer “At Thy mystical supper” were introduced into the Liturgy. He departed this life peacefully and gave his soul to God in 577.

On this day, we also commemorate the Venerable Phantinos of Calabria; the repose of Venerable Alexander of Svir; translation of the relics of Alexander Nevsky, prince of Novgorod; and Cyril and Makarios, patriarchs of Serbia.

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

Visitations

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

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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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Tone: 3 Eothinon: 1

RESURRECTION APOLYTIKION: Tone 3

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF THE BAPTIST'S BEHEADING: Tone 2

The memory of the righteous is celebrated with songs of praise, but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner. Thou wast shown indeed to be the most honorable of the prophets, for in the waters thou didst baptize Him Who had been proclaimed. After suffering with joy in behalf of the truth, thou didst proclaim even to those in Hades the God Who appeared in the flesh, Who takest away the sin of the world, and granteth us 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 THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS: Tone 4

By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life.



**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

Elaine Swistak
Offered by: Walid & Mirna Nakhoul

Donnie, Lauren, Dan, Liz and Sarah
Offered by: Cindy Hayes

Mary Massiwer
Maureen, Paul & Mary Gurghigian
Mary, Bill, Bill Jr & Jon Franklin
Diane Andrew & Paul Burnier
Laura, Jim & Noelle Arrighi
John & Patricia Massiwer
Lil Massiwer
Diana Hashway
Dimitri & Susan Ganim & Family
Nora & Scott Barnes & Family
Marie Ganm & Rich Kinslow & Family
Offered by: Cindy Hayes & Family

Mary Massiwer
Maureen, Paul & Mary Gurghigian
Cindy, Donnie, Lauren, Dan & Sarah Hayes
Mary, Bill, Bill Jr & Jon Franklin
Diane Andrew & Paul Burnier
Laura, Jim & Noelle Arrighi
John & Patricia Massiwer
Lil Massiwer
Diana Hashway
Dimitri & Susan Ganim & Family
Nora & Scott Barnes & Family
Marie Ganm & Rich Kinslow & Family
Offered by: Mary Massiwer & Family

George & Linda Tager
Offered by: Elaine Agaty



Al & Vicki Hallal
Ron Hallal
Nora Barnes, Dimitri, & Marie Ganim & Families
Offered by: Charles & Angela Abosamra

Marie & Richard Kinslow
Nora & Scott Barnes
Dimitri & Susan Ganim & Family
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

Dimitri & Susan Ganim & Family
Marie & Richard Kinslow & Family
Nora & Scott Barnes & Family
Peg Ganim & Family
Tom Trabulsi
David, Roxana & Children
Pat Ballon
Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Janice Hallal
Offered by: Her Loving Husband Ron

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Rose Ganim
Offered by: Walid & Mirna Nakhoul

Don Hayes
John Massiwer
Tom Andrew
Rose & George Ganim
Offered by: Cindy Hayes & Family

Rose Gamin
Offered by: Charles & Angela Abosamra

Rose Ganim
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

Rose Ganim
Janice Hallal
Don Ballan
Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi

Rose Ganim
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

John Massiwer
Don Hayes
Tom Andrew
Rose & George Ganim
Offered by: Mary Massiwer & Family

LIVESTREAMING

As you noticed, last Sunday we did not have our liturgy life
streamed, because we did not have anyone to do it.

Keith Marshall has been doing it for over six months now (God
bless him), and it is not fair to leave him alone in this. It is good to
have between 3 - 5 volunteers who come to Liturgy on a regular
basis that can broadcast the liturgy online using the church equip-
ment (Camera and microphone). You need to have a laptop or tab-
let. The church has an iPad that can be used if needed.

Please, let Fr. Elie know if you would like to step in and help.



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

**Susan Moussalli
Victoria Hallal
Angela Abosamra
Mary Lou Catelli
Edward Betor
Philip G. Ayoub
Matthew Hallal**

**Gary Dahrooge
Bob Silva
Linda Dvelis
Bianca Saliba
Ado Saad
Denise Saliba
Doris Diogo**

**Wadih Karam
Maria Daikh
Tawfik Hawwa
Robert Shammo
Hadeel Samaan
Lorraine Doura**

*****if you have a September 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.*****