

THE EPISTLE

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

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, dissension, 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. Luke. (8:5-15)

The Lord spoke this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when His Disciples asked Him what this parable meant, Jesus said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As Jesus said this, He called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Sunday, October 11, 2020

Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council



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Tone: 1 Eothinon: 7

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.

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.

Bazaar/Food Fair 2020

Bulk Order

Order #

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Item	Price	Quantity	Subtotal
Kibbee – 24 ct.	\$50.00		
Sfeeha – dozen	\$36.00		
Grape Leaves – 100 ct.	\$50.00		
Grape Leaves - 25 ct.	\$12.50		
5 Kabobs @ 3oz each	\$15.00		
Homemade Cheese	\$6.00 / ball		

Order Total: _____

St. Mary Bazaar/Food Fair

November 7th & 8th, 2020

Middle Eastern Pastry

Order #

Item #	Item	Price	Quantity	Subtotal
1	Namoura	6 for \$12.00 12 for \$24.00		
2	Mamool Date	6 for \$12.00 12 for \$24.00		
3	Graybee	6 for \$12.00		
4	Baklawa – Rolled (Walnuts)	4 for \$10.00		
5	Baklawa – Rolled (Pistachio)	4 for \$15.00		
6	Kaak- Braids	\$12.00 dozen		

Order Total: _____

**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
Ed Betor
Offered by: Elie, Julia & Naji Karam

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

Sandra Matook
Offered by: Nora Abdelahad
Elaine Agaty

Dr. Nabil & Salwa Khoury & Family
Al & Vicki Hallal
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

Margaret Fores
Offered by: Hadeel & Fadi Samaan

Khalil Estephan
Fr. Elie, Ruba, Tala, Chadi & Bassam Estephan
Mirna Nakhoul
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury



IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Janice Hallal
Offered by: Her Loving Husband Ron

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

George T. Matook
Offered by: His loving wife, children & grandchildren

George T. Matook
Offered by: Elaine Agaty

Nawal Habib
Offered by: Audrey & Wayne Kilsey

Jacqueline Gorab
Alice Kilsey
Albert Alba
Offered by: Patricia & Melissa Kilsey

Georgette Saggal
Jacqueline Gorab
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

Joseph Deeb
Offered by: Hadeel & Fadi Samaan

Paula Hallal
Joseph Samra
Moses Lazieh
Nawal Habib
Jacqueline Gorab
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

Visitations

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

ONLINE BULLETIN

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

HOLY APOSTLE THOMAS

Thomas was one of the Twelve Apostles. By not believing that Jesus had risen from the dead, he showed the Church that Jesus was not a ghost but that His earthly body actually appeared to them. After Pentecost, Thomas' lot fell to go to India. King Gudafor of India sent his merchant to find an architect to build him a palace. Jesus appeared to the merchant and sold him His slave Thomas for three pounds of silver. The king marveled at Thomas' drawings and gave him much gold, promising to return in three years to live in the palace. Instead, Thomas gave the gold to the poor and spent two years teaching, converting, and working miracles. The king imprisoned Thomas when he learned of the deception, but Thomas told him that he had built him a mansion in heaven. 'When Gudafor's brother died a few days later, he saw Gudafor's mansion and was permitted to come back to life to purchase his brother's mansion in heaven with his own wealth. Soon, Thomas baptized the two brothers. When the Theotokos was about to die, all the Apostles were caught up in the clouds and taken to her. Thomas saw her in the clouds and she gave him her belt and said, "Receive this my friend." When 'Thomas arrived at her tomb, he asked to see her body. When it was found missing, Thomas taught the Church that she had ascended into heaven bodily. He was pierced by five spears and he gave up his spirit. Later, when one of the king's sons became possessed, the king sought to dig up Thomas for a healing relic. Instead, Thomas appeared to the king and forgave him, and said to touch only a little soil from his grave and his son would be healed, and it happened in this way.

SAVE THE DATE!!

In the past 40 years St. Mary Church has held its Annual Christmas Bazaar on the first weekend of November which is always our biggest fundraiser of the year. This year because of the Pandemic we are forced to do something completely different. So please save the date for a 2 day Food Fair on Saturday November 7th and Sunday November 8th where we will have our wonderful Arabic foods available for sale with no in hall seating but for Takeout and Bulk Sales.

Because of the restrictions we will be following the guidelines set by the Governor's office of Masks, Gloves and Social Distancing. We will be sanitizing the tables and all hard surfaces of the parish center before and after all cooking sessions.

More cooking dates will be advertised shortly.

The next Bazaar/Food Fair Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 28th at 7pm.

Food Fair



Greetings!

Fall 2020

I hope this letter finds you and your love ones well. The women of St. Mary Antiochian Church are baking up a storm for our 40th Annual Bazaar/Food Fair, which will include our delicious Middle Eastern food and pastries for all to enjoy. **St. Mary Holiday Bazaar/Food Fair will be held on Saturday, November 7th and Sunday, November 8th, 2020.**

Due to COVID-19, we will not be having our traditional Annual Bazaar at our Parish Center. However, we offer you our Bazaar Menu to go! Also, we will have online orders.

Last year our Sponsorship donations were the most successful one yet! We have always appreciated your generosity in the past as we strive to make this year's event even more successful. We are reaching out to you for your continued support. **It is a wonderful and rewarding way to show your support for St. Mary's. For businesses it is a great opportunity to display your support of a local event and receive excellent recognition.**

The tax-deductible sponsorships are divided into four tiers; Platinum, Gold, Silver & Bronze sponsors. This year we will be printing our Sponsors names in a flyer that will be included with each order sold.

Please complete your sponsorship as soon as possible using the form below. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call. Thank you!

Fr. Elie Estephan, Pastor
240-205-9079

Salwa Khoury
401-434-8877

Walid Nakhoul
401-692-1250

St. Mary Holiday Bazaar/Food Fair- 2020 Sponsorship Form

Yes! I/We wish to sponsor the November 7th & 8th, St. Mary Holiday Bazaar/Food Fair as follows:

- ☐ \$500 Platinum Sponsor
- ☐ \$300 Gold Sponsor
- ☐ \$200 Silver Sponsor
- ☐ \$150 Bronze Sponsor

Listing for sponsorship recognition:

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please make your tax-deductible donation to: St. Mary Bazaar/Food Fair, earmarked "Bazaar/Food Fair sponsorship" and send it with this form to:

St. Mary Church
249 High Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860

Thank you!

"Let us not, O Lord, be strangers outside your house" (Early Syrian Liturgy)

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Orthodox Vocabulary

Forerunner

Forerunner: the one who “precedes,” who “announces.” John the Baptist is called the Forerunner of Our Lord, because he was the prophet who announced to humanity the appearance of the Messiah, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

When a good thought comes to your mind, turn to God and, realizing that it was sent by Him, give thanks.

~ St. Theophan the Recluse



From The Synaxarion (The Lives of the Saints) October 15th

LOUKIANOS OF ANTIOCH. Loukianos was from Syria in the second century and was orphaned at the age of twelve. He was a bright student and studied the secular and the spiritual, mastering several languages by the time he was eighteen. He supported himself through his writings and undertook the translation of the Scriptures into Syrian. After being ordained a priest, he trained himself in strict fasting, eating only small amounts of bread and water. When Maximian began persecuting Christians, Loukianos fled, but a heretical priest reported him. He was taken to the emperor by a group of soldiers, whom he converted along the way. They were martyred upon their arrival. Loukianos was tortured by flogging and left in prison to starve. Instead, he survived there, as he had already prepared for that hour of battle. On Theophany, the night before he died, the prisoners celebrated a liturgy. Since there was no altar, Loukianos lay in their midst as the altar and they encircled him to represent the Church. Loukianos said that he would be the living throne for the living God. The next day when the soldiers came for him, he shouted three times, “I am a Christian,” and he gave up his soul before they could remove him from his cell.

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& Metropolitan of all North America**

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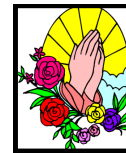
Schedule of Services

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.

THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On October 11 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Apostle Philip one of the Seven Deacons; Venerable Theophanes the branded; Nektarios, Arsakios, Sisinius and Philotheos Kokkinos, patriarchs of Constantinople; and Venerable Jonah of Cyprus.

On this day we commemorate the holy and blessed 367 Fathers who came together for the second time in Nicaea, during the reign of the pious and Christ-loving Sovereigns Constantine and Irene, against those who impiously, ignorantly and foolishly asserted that the Church of God worshippeth idols, and rejected the august and holy icons.

Verses

*Thy champions, O Word, with words as their weapons,
Turn to flight the foes of the venerable icons.*

The Council met in 787 to refute the Iconoclast heresy, whose camp believed that all depictions of Christ, His Mother and the saints should be destroyed. The iconophiles believed that icons served to preserve the doctrinal teachings of the Church; and they considered icons to be man's dynamic way of expressing the divine through art and beauty. The council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype, or the person depicted. It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because "no man has seen God at any time" (John 1:18).

*By the intercessions of the Holy Fathers, O Christ God,
have mercy upon us. Amen.*



CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, October 11th: Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

Tuesday, October 13th: 7:00 P.M.— Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, October 18th: Sunday of the Apostle & Evangelist Luke

Saturday, October 24th: 4-5:30pm- St. Mary Trunk or Treat Harvest Party

Sunday, October 25th: Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

One Year Memorial Service for Hilaneh Al Khaouli

Sunday, October 28th: 7:00pm— Bazaar/Food Fair meeting at the Parish Center

Sunday, November 1st: Sunday of Comas & Damian of Asia

One Year Memorial for Steve W. Kilsey

Saturday, November 7th: 6:00 P.M.-Arabic Liturgy

Bazaar/Food Fair: November 7th & 8th

Sunday, November 8th: Sunday of Archangels Michael & Gabriel

Sunday, November 10th: 7:00 P.M.— Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, November 15th: Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost



St. Mary Trunk or Treat!!



Hello Sunday School families!

We hope you are enjoying the fall season so far. We won't be able to have our Harvest Party as usual this year, but are excited to host a Trunk or Treat event!

What: St. Mary Trunk or Treat Harvest Party
When: Saturday, October 24 from 4-5:30pm
Place: St. Mary Parish Center parking lot

If you haven't done a Trunk or Treat before, each family would decorate their car and provide some candy or small favor to hand out. Kids can trick or treat from car to car and spend some fun time together. Costumes are encouraged!

Masks will be MANDATORY for everyone over the age of two, and cars should be parked a space apart. The parish center will be open for restroom use, but we won't be having any food or indoor activities. We will also have hand sanitizer as well.

We hope you'll be able to join us for this fun socially distanced event!