



Sunday, September 13, 2020

*Forefeast of and Sunday before Elevation of the Cross
Consecration of Resurrection Church in Jerusalem*

THE EPISTLE

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

To Thee, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (6:11-18)

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised and only in order September 13, 2020 Liturgy Variables 2 Sunday before Elevation that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the Law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all, who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (3:13-17)

The Lord said, “No one has ascended into heaven but He who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.”



THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On September 13 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we celebrate the Forefeast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, and commemorate the Consecration of the Church of the Holy Resurrection of Christ our God.

Verses

*New Israel, fulfilling a law that is ancient,
Doth honor thy tomb, O Word, with this consecration.
On the thirteenth befell the consecration of the Resurrection's fane.*

Holy Resurrection in Jerusalem is honored above all others. Constantine the Great constructed it at the place of Golgotha, where our Savior was crucified and buried, then arose. For a long time this place had been purposely buried beneath the earth by the Jews and heathen; furthermore, during the reign of Hadrian (117-138), a temple dedicated to Aphrodite was built over the site so that this sacred place might be even further desecrated and fall into utter oblivion. It was here that the Cross was hidden. However, at the command of the pious Emperor Constantine, excavations were made and the tokens of the saving Passion were found. It was here, then, that the very great and magnificent temple named in honor of Christ God's Resurrection was built under the supervision of the blessed Helen, while Macarius was Archbishop of Jerusalem. Macarius exalted the venerable Cross and consecrated this temple in the year 336.

On this day, we also commemorate the Hieromartyr Cornelius the centurion; Venerable Hierotheos the Younger of Iviron monastery on Athos; Great-martyr Ketevan, queen of Georgia; and the Six Martyrs at Tomi in Romania.

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

We have the power of the Holy Cross, our holy symbol, the divine grace of Christ, only as long as we have the holy marking of the Holy Baptism, meaning we have denied the devil and sided with Christ, and received the Holy Marking, the seal of the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

~Elder Paisios of the Holy Mountain



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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: 5 Eothinon: 3

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 FOREFEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS : Tone 2

We offer thee in mediation the life-giving Cross which, of Thy goodness, Thou hast given unto us, the unworthy, O Lord. Save Thy hierarchs and Thy flock, and grant Thou peace through the Theotokos, O only Lover of mankind.

APOLYTIKION OF HOLY RESURRECTION CHURCH Tone 4

Thou hast revealed the earthly majesty of the dwelling place of the holy glory, O Lord, as the brilliance of the firmament on high. Make firm its foundation unto ages of ages and receive our fervent supplications which are offered to thee therein; through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Life and Resurrection of all.

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 HOLY RESURRECTION CHURCH: Tone 4

(**On this day Thou hast appeared**) The Church is shown to be * a many-lighted heaven * that doth shine a guiding light * upon all them that do believe; * wherein while standing, we cry aloud: * Do Thou Thyself now establish this house, O Lord.

**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

Walid & Mirna Nakhoul
Fadia & Tony Kabak
Ed & Sue Ayoub
Jacob, Maria, Sofia & Emilia Khoury
Fr. Elie, Ruba, Tala, Chadi & Bassam Estephan
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

John & Patricia Massiwer
Mary Massiwer & Family
Offered by: Elaine Swistak



IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Janice Hallal
Offered by: Her Loving Husband Ron

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Jacqueline Gorab
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

Jacqueline Gorab (loving sister, aunt, & godmother)
Offered by: Patricia & Melissa Kilsey, Steven,
Missy, Benjamin & Theodore Kilsey and Melanie,
Patrick & Esma Merner

Rose Ganim
Offered by: John & Mary Cahaly
Ralph & Susan Cahaly
John & Eloise Cahaly
Laura & Jeffrey Ristaino
Sharon & Michael Burdulis



Orthodox Vocabulary

Praise (Doxology- “Glory Giving”)

The act of glorifying, of celebrating. To sing the glory of God is to praise. It is the Holy Spirit who stirs us to this praise. The angels in heaven sing the glory of God and, at the liturgy, we join them.

Receive everyone who comes to you, especially with a spiritual purpose, with a kind and cheerful aspect, although he or she may be a beggar, and humble yourself inwardly before everybody, counting yourself lower than he or she, for you are placed by Christ Himself to be the servant of all, and all are His members, although like you they bear wounds of sin.

~St. John of Kronstadt



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.

The Ladies will begin cooking for the Bazaar on Saturday September 19th at 9:30 AM and we will be rolling Grape leaves. We need all hands (everyone is invited!) for these sessions so bring a friend and help us to roll approximately 7000 grape leaves this day. We will also be making Sfeeha on Saturday September 26th at 9:30.

More cooking dates will be advertised shortly.

Your Sister in Christ,
Cindy Hayes
Ladies Society President

Food Fair

LIVESTREAMING

We are still seeking volunteers who come to Liturgy on a regular basis that can broadcast the liturgy online using the church equipment (Camera and microphone). You need to have a laptop or tablet. 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.