

SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, November 15, 2020

*Twenty Third Sunday After Pentecost
& Eighth Sunday of Luke*

THE EPISTLE

*O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.
To Thee, O Lord, have I cried, O my God.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (2:4-10)

Brethren, God, Who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and made us sit with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God—not because of works, lest any man should boast. For, we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (10:25-37)

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read?” And the lawyer answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” And Jesus said to him, “You have answered right; do this, and you will live.” But the lawyer, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” The lawyer said, “The one who showed mercy on him.” And Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

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Tone: 6 Eothinon: 1

RESURRECTION APOLYTIKION: Tone 6

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION FOR SS. GURIA, SHAMUNA AND HABIB: Tone 5

Since Thou hast given us the miracles of Thy holy Martyrs Guria, Shamuna and Habib as an invincible battlement, by their entreaties scatter the counsels of the heathen, O Christ our God, and strengthen the faith of Orthodox Christians, since Thou art good and the Lover of mankind.

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 ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS: Tone 4

*(**Thou Who wast raised up**)*

The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, * the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, * the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, * into the House of the Lord * on this day is brought forward * and bringeth with herself the grace * of the Most Divine Spirit; * her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, * for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.



THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On November 15 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy Martyrs and Confessors of Edessa in Syria: Guria, Shamuna and Habib the Deacon.

Verses

*Shamuna and Guria the sword perfecteth,
Habib, the flame; to them flame and sword were gladness.
Fire the fifteenth slew Habib, bronze the others.*

Guria and Shamuna contested during the reign of Diocletian, in 288; Habib contested in the days of Licinius, in 316; he was buried with Guria and Shamuna. The three have one common feast and they are always portrayed together in icons. They are invoked for help in marital difficulties. A certain Goth had come with the Roman army to Edessa and was quartered in the house of a pious widow named Sophia. The Goth asked Sophia for the hand of her daughter, Euphemia; reluctantly, Sophia at last agreed. She made the Goth vow by the power of the holy Martyrs Shamuna, Guria, and Habib to keep Euphemia as the apple of his eye. As he was nearing his home, however, the treacherous man revealed to Euphemia that he already had a wife. Euphemia became the Goth couple's slave which dealt with her mercilessly. After extreme sufferings, which included being sealed alive in a tomb and left there to die, Euphemia begged the Saints to save her, and they miraculously conveyed her to Edessa, to the very shrine of the holy Martyrs. Euphemia was reunited with her mother through their holy prayers.

On this day, we also commemorate Thomas the New, patriarch of Constantinople; and Venerable Paisios Velichkovsky.

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



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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.



One-Year Memorial Service



A One-Year Memorial Service is being offered for the servant of God, *Dawn Boukari* and is being offered by Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian.

May God grant her peace and may her 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
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

Divana Boukari
Gurghigian family
Ganim, Barnes and Kinslow families
Patricia Kilsey and family
Al and Vickie Hallal
Nabil and Salwa Khoury
Mary Massiwer and family
Lily Massiwer
Diana Hashway
Kevin and Margaret DiPrete
Offered by: Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian

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Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

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Offered by: Walid & Mirna Nakhoul

Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Offered by: Nora Abdelahad
Elaine Agaty
Sandra Matook



All affected by Covid, here locally, nationally and
worldwide., (patient & families)
Offered by: Zeyad Morcos

Bryan, Stephanie, Nicholas, Leila & Emily Chowning
Offered by: Elaine Gauthier

Divana Boukari
Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Al & Vicki Hallal & Family
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Renna, Kenny & Joe Salahany
Antwanet Kasatli
William Salhany
Family & Friends
Offered by: Ken & Rania Salhany

Raymonde Kazak
Antwanet Kasatli
Offered by: Elias & Samar Baalbaki

Antwanet Baalbaki
All our Family & Friends
Offered by: Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki & Family

**Special Prayers of Good Health
and Blessing are being offered for
Fr. Elie on the occasion of his
Birthday.**

Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury



IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Janice Hallal
Offered by: Her Loving Husband Ron

Fred Hashway Jr.
Steve Kilsey
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Dawn Boukari
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

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Offered by: Walid & Mirna Nakhoul

Dawn Boukari
Offered by: Nora Abdelahad
Elaine Agaty
Sandra Matook

Dawn Boukari
Christopher Gauthier
Offered by: Elaine Swistak



George H. Baalbaki
Ruth Salhany
Abdalaa & Mary Shaghouri
Fouad & Aboud Shoa
George & Nazira Kasatli
Samar Radwan
Offered by: Ken & Rania Salhany

Ronald Gauthier
Christopher Gauthier
Offered by: Your Family

George Baalbaki
Antoine Kozak
Abdallah Chaguri
Mary Chaguri
Offered by: Elias & Samar Baalbaki

George H. Baalbaki
George A & Georgette A. Saggal
Abdalah & Mary Shagoury
Aboud Shouaa
All our Deceased Friends & Families
Offered by: Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki & Family

The Outreach Committee, in conjunction with Teen SOYO are asking for your help with their food drive to pass out Thanksgiving baskets to families in need this holiday season, this is especially important this year. Please help our neighbors in need.

Canned foods/non-perishables can be left in the church hall, if you would like to send a check instead, please put ‘thanksgiving baskets’ on the memo line and either mail to church, put in tray or give to Elijah or Andrea Vollendorf. Thank you for all your support!!!

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.

ONLINE BULLETIN

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

JOY TO THE LORD!

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“Commit your work to the LORD and your plans will be established.”
Proverbs 16:3

Once again God blessed St. Mary. Our Faith in Him has produced great results and a successful “Bazaar/Food Fair”.

On Behalf of Abouna Elie, The Parish Council and myself, we would like to offer our heartfelt THANKS and GRATITUDE to you all for your hard work and dedication. that made everything possible.

THANKS to the faithful hardworking Parishioners of St. Mary Church.

THANKS to all those who supported St. Mary Church financially.

THANKS to all those who helped in preparing the delicious Middle Eastern food.

THANKS to all those who helped in organizing and receiving the orders and distributing them.

THANKS to you all for your love and dedication to your Beloved Church.

THANKS to all those who gave from their time to help in any way they could.

40th Annual Holiday “ Bazaar/Food Fair “

We all came together and we will continue to enjoy the fruits of our labor.

THANK YOU AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL
Congratulations on a job well done!

We are pleased to inform you of our accomplishments The net income from the weekend of the Bazaar/Food Fair is \$42,000

May the blessings of Thanksgiving and Christmas shine upon you and your family.

In Christ,
Salwa Khoury, Bazaar/Food Fair, Chairwoman

