

SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, November 29, 2020

*Twenty Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
& Thirteenth Sunday of Luke*

THE EPISTLE

*Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.
God is known in Judah; His Name is great in Israel.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (4:1-7)

Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, Who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:18-27)

At that time, a man came testing Jesus and asking, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery. Do not kill. Do not steal. Do not bear false witness. Honor your father and mother.'" And the man said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when the man heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus, seeing him sad, said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For 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." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."



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Tone: 8 Eothinon: 3

RESURRECTION APOLYTIKION: Tone 8

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, 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.

KONTAKION OF PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY : Tone 3

*(**The original melody**)*

On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to * God the Word inefably, * Who was before all the ages. * Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing * the gladsome tidings; * with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him * Who is willing to be gazed on * as a young Child Who * before the ages is God.



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.

THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On November 29 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the contest of the holy Martyr Paramonos of Bithynia and his 370 fellow Martyrs.

Verses

*For Thee, Paramonos is pierced with spears, O Christ Jesus;
Knowing Thee alone as God, for Thee alone he dieth.
Seven decades of men gave their heads to cutting,
together with another six ranks of fifty.
On the twenty-ninth they slew Paramonos with a long spear.*

Paramonos contested for piety's sake during the reign of Decius, in the year 250. A ruler named Aquilinus, seeking relief from a bodily malady, visited a certain therapeutic hot spring. He brought with him captive 370 Christians from Nicomedia, and commanded them to offer sacrifice in the temple of Isis. When they refused, he had them all slaughtered. Paramonos, beholding their murder, boldly cried out against such an act of ungodliness. When Aquilinus heard this, he sent men to kill the Saint. Thus they all entered into the Eternal Kingdom.

On this day, we also commemorate Martyr Philoumenos of Ancyra; Venerable Akakios of Sinai; Hieromartyr Dionysios, bishop of Corinth; Urban, bishop of Macedonia; and Nicholas, archbishop of Thessalonica.

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



ONLINE BULLETIN

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

Orthodox Vocabulary

Redemption

Redemption: from a Latin word meaning “ransom.” Through the fall, humanity became enslaved to sin and death. In order to restore human liberty, God himself became incarnate and saved all men by his passion and resurrection. St Paul expresses this: “*You were bought with a price [the blood of Christ]*” (1 Cor 6:20).

When you hear the songs of birds in the trees in springtime, or other sweet singing, raise your mind to the sweetest songs of paradise and think how the heavens echo forever with Alleluia and other angelic praises, and pray God to let you sing His praises forever, in company with those heavenly spirits, of whom Revelation says: “And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God” .

~St. Theophan the Recluse



CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, November 29th: Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, December 6th: Nicholas of Myra; 10th Sunday of Luke

Tuesday, December 8th: 7pm– Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, December 13th: Forefathers (Ancestors) of Christ

Sunday, December 20th: Sunday before the Nativity (Genealogy)

Sunday, December 25th: Christmas Day

Sunday, December 27th: Sunday after the Nativity



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

Kh. Rouba & Fr. Elie
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

Fr. Elie, Kh. Rouba, Tala, Bassam & Chadi
All St. Mary Parishioners
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Kh. Rouba & Fr. Elie & Family
Bette & Philip Ayoub
Sue & Ed Ayoub
Elaine Swistak
Offered by: Leila & Ray Trabulsi

Sue Ayoub
Offered by: The Vollendorf's



Fr. Elie & Kh. Rouba Estephan & Family
Elaine Swistak
St. Mary Parishioners
Offered by: Nora Abdelahad
Elaine Agaty
Sandra Matook

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Janice Hallal
Offered by: Her Loving Husband Ron

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Anthony Agaty
Offered by: Elaine Agaty



Annual Sunday School Toy Drive



Hello St. Mary Parishioners!

Sunday School is holding its annual toy drive for the holidays. Children's Wishes grants wishes to children with life-threatening illnesses in Rhode Island. In years past, our parish has purchased toys for these children, but this year Amazon gift cards are desired. Please read the attached letter from their director.

If you are able, please send an Amazon gift card or monetary donation by December 12 to Rebecca Samra at 2 Armas Court, Cumberland, RI 02864. She has graciously offered to collect the cards and money and get it to Children's Wishes for their Holiday Drive-Thru.

We appreciate all you can do to make the holidays special for these children!

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Parish Christmas Poinsettia Fund

*In anticipation of Christmas, we present our very important
"Poinsettia Fund" Project*

Please accept my donation of \$ _____
to be used in decorating the Church for Christmas.
This donation is made with the following intentions.



For the Good Health and Blessing of:

In Loving Memory of:

From: _____

Please remember to return the form to the Parish Office by Thursday, December 10th.

Christmas Greetings *Christ is Born, Glorify Him!*

Once again the holiday season is upon us, and, once again, it is time to start thinking about sending Christmas cards to those with whom we worship and love. Every year the choir sponsors a card which is sent to every family in our parish- sending **your** best wishes for a happy and blessed Christmas and New Year.

This letter is to ensure that **all** parish members are approached and have an opportunity to participate in the Christmas card being prepared- we do not wish to overlook anyone!

Below is a form, which you may complete and submit- either in person or by mail- containing your family name and your holiday greetings. Your holiday wishes will be sent to all parishioners. This is a wonderful way to be remembered by our community during this busy season- it is also an inexpensive and easy way to have your card sent to all your friends and relatives. All proceeds go into the choir fund, which is our only source of revenue to continue to upgrade our supplies and continue to provide you with meaningful liturgical music.

In order to be listed in this year's card, your response must be received no later than Thursday, December 10th. If there are any questions, or if you wish to give your response and donation in person, please contact the church office.

Thank you for helping us in this endeavor. All of us in the choir sincerely appreciate your continued support and look forward to serving you in the coming year.



Family Name _____

Amount of Donation: _____

Please remember

~LAST DATE TO SUBMIT INFORMATION AND DONATION IS DECEMBER 10th

By mail, send to St. Mary Orthodox Church, Choir Christmas Card
249 High Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860