

THE EPISTLE

*Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.  
What shall I render to the Lord for all that He has given me?*

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (13:17-21)**

Brethren, obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls, as men who will have to give account. Let them do this joyfully, and not sadly, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to Whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (13:10-17)**

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrite! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" As Jesus said this, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by Him.



*Sunday, December 6, 2020*

*Nicholas Myra  
& Tenth Sunday of Luke*



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**Tone: 1 Eothinon: 4**

## **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 ST. NICHOLAS: Tone 4**

Thy works of justice did reveal thee to thy community as a canon of faith, the likeness of humility and the teacher of abstinence, O thou Father and great Bishop Nicholas. Wherefore, by humility thou didst achieve exaltation, and by thy meekness wealth. Intercede, therefore, intercede with Christ that He will save our souls.

## **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 ineffably, \* 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.

## **THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)**

On December 6 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate our Father among the Saints Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia.

### *Verses*

*Nicholas, who while on earth, was a great intercessor,  
Though he hath left the earth, still fervently intercedeth.  
On the sixth his life's end appeared to Nicholas.*

His eminent and wealthy parents, Theophanes and Nona, returned their gift of an only child to God by dedicating Nicholas to Him. Following the death of his parents, Nicholas distributed all his inherited goods to the poor, not keeping anything for himself. As a priest in Patara, he was known for his charity, even though he carefully concealed his charitable works, fulfilling the words of the Lord: Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth (Matthew 6:3). When he gave himself over to solitude and silence, a voice from on high came to him: "Nicholas, for your ascetic labor, work among the people, if thou desirest to be crowned by Me." By God's wondrous providence, he was chosen archbishop of the city of Myra in Lycia. Merciful, wise and fearless, Nicholas was a true shepherd to his flock. He was cast in and out of prison, he defended the true nature of Christ in the First Ecumenical Council, and he even saved men from unjust death sentences. Nicholas entered into eternal rest on December 6, 343.

On this day, we also commemorate our father among the saints Nicholas, bishop of Patara, the uncle of the Wonderworker; and New-martyr Nicholas of Karamania in Asia Minor.

*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>



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

**Elias Alarmani  
Maria Amirhom  
Haylie Andrews  
Noelle Arrighi  
Leia Decristoforo  
Michael Decristoforo  
Claudine Wehbe**

**Mila Freij  
Alexandra Ganim  
Mike Jeha  
Naji Karam  
Nabil Houry  
Barbara Moussalli  
Mary Jane Wehbe**

**Nila Freij  
Joanne Jeha  
Elie Karam  
Eloise Khoury  
Patricia Kilsey  
George Salibi  
Christopher Ziud**

***\*\*if you have a December 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.\*\****

**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.



**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**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  
Elaine Swistak  
Bette & Philip Ayoub  
Sue Ayoub  
Offered by: Elie, Julia & Naji Karam

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

Sue Ayoub  
All Parishioners– stay safe  
Offered by: Linda Dvelis

Elaine Swistak  
Offered by: Anita, John, Reyna & Anthony Chamoun

All Parishioners  
Elaine Swistak  
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury



Fr. Elie & Family  
Bette & Philip Ayoub  
Sue & Ed Ayoub  
Elaine Swistak  
All Parishioners  
Our Family  
Offered by: Leila & Ray Trabulsi

Raymond & Leila Trabulsi  
Fr. Elie, Kh. Rouba & Family  
Philip & Bette Ayoub  
Ed & Sue Ayoub  
Elaine Swistak  
All St. Mary Parishioners  
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

Elaine Swistak  
Ed & Sue Ayoub  
Philip & Bette Ayoub  
Victoria & Al Hallal  
All our parishioners suffering from the Corona Virus  
Offered by: Charles & Angela Abosamra

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

Janice Hallal  
Offered by: Her Loving Husband Ron

Fred Hashway Jr.  
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Raif & Mary Saati  
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

**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!***

