THE EPISTLE

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (4:7-13)

Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift. Therefore, it is said, “When He ascended on high He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men.” (In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is He who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

THE GOSPEL

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (4:12-17)

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulon and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “The land of Zebulon and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand.”

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.
Dear Brethren In Christ,

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Fr. Elie Estephan
Pastor

Salwa Khoury,
Parish Council President

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Sunday after the Theophany of Christ
Tone: 6  Eothinon: 9

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 OF THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST: Tone 1
When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity wast made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the likeness of a dove confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, Who hast appeared and enlightened the world, 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 OF THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST: Tone 4
(***The original melody***)
On this day Thou hast appeared * unto the whole world, * and Thy light, O Sovereign Lord, * is signed on us who sing Thy praise * and chant with knowledge: Thou hast now come, * Thou hast appeared, O Thou Light unapproachable.

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Dear St. Mary Parishioners,

Thank you very much for the many prayers, calls, cards, flowers and well wishes for me and my family.

~Vicki Hallal

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Sunday, January 10, 2021
Sunday after the Theophany of Christ

Christ is Born, Glorify Him!

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Victoria Hallal
Offered by: Ron Hallal

Josephine Karam
Mother Xenia Minihan
Ed Betor
Offered by: Elie, Julia & Naji Karam

Andrea Swistak
Stephanie Swistak
Offered by: Elaine Agaty

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

Fr. Elie, Kh. Rouba, Tala, Chadi & Bassam
Philip & Bette Ayoub
Dr. Joe & Marlene Samra
Dr. Nabil & Salwa Khoury
All St. Mary Parishioners
Offered by: Tony & Fadia Kabak

Fr. Elie, Kh. Rouba, Tala, Bassam & Chadi Estephan
Offered by: Geoffrey Ayoub

Fr. Elie & Rouba Estephan
Walid & Mirna Nakhoul
Offered by: Philip & Bette Ayoub

Mirna & Walid Nakhoul & Family
Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi

FR. ELIE ESTEPHAN & FAMILY
Offered by: Geoffrey Ayoub

FR. ELIE ESTEPHAN & FAMILY
Offered by: Lily Massiwer

FR. ELIE ESTEPHAN & FAMILY
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

FR. ELIE & ROUBA ESTEPHAN & FAMILY
Offered by: Victoria Hallal

FR. ELIE & ROUBA ESTEPHAN & FAMILY
Offered by: Dianna Hashway

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Offered by: Ayoub Family

FR. ELIE & ROUBA ESTEPHAN & FAMILY
Offered by: Robert, Janet, & Cara Laffey

Edward & Marcelia Laffey & Family

Dr. Joe & Marlene Samra
Dr. Nabil & Salwa Khoury
All St. Mary’s Parishioners
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MEMORIAL SERVICE
A Twenty-One Year Memorial Service for the servant of God Nancy Maurice is being offered by her husband Ronald Jr., and her sons Ronald III and John Maurice.

May God grant her peace and may her memory be eternal
Cemetery Plots

If you wish to purchase a cemetery plot at Walnut Hill Cemetery, the cost is $1,000. Please contact Ed Ayoub for more information or to purchase a plot.

ONLINE BULLETIN

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

THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On January 10 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we continue to celebrate the Theophany of Christ, and we commemorate our Father among the Saints Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa.

Verses

Gregory, the muse who had his throne in Nyssa, dwellth not in Pieria, but in Eden.

On the tenth death’s gloaming shroud Gregory over.

The brother of St. Basil the Great, Gregory was at first a married priest; but when his wife, the blessed Theosevia, died, he was chosen and consecrated as Bishop of Nyssa. He was distinguished by great secular learning and spiritual experience, and was a great preacher, a translator of the Scriptures and a theologian. As a result of his opposition to the Arians, they did everything in their power to crush him, regarding him as their chief enemy. They were so successful in this that, in the reign of the Emperor Valens, their ally, they managed to depose Gregory from his episcopal throne and drive him into exile in 376. The holy Father spent several years in patient exile, enduring poverty and humiliation. In 381, Gregory took part in the Second Ecumenical Council, where he formulated the final part of the Creed concerning the Holy Spirit. Finally, finishing his life at a great age in about the year 395, Gregory entered into the Kingdom of God and has been commemorated through all succeeding ages as a great light in the Church.

On this day, we also commemorate Marcian the priest of Constantinople; Dometian, bishop of Melitene; Venerable Paul of Obnora and Makarios of Pisma; and Bishop Theophan the Recluse.

By their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy upon us and save us. Amen.
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His Grace Bishop JOHN, Auxiliary and Bishop of the
Diocese of Worcester and New England
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Sub-Deacon Elijah Vollendorf

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.

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.

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

Ghassan Alarmani Mary Kilsey Lily Massiwer
Philip Ayoub Mary Massiwer David Maurice
John Chamoun Anthony Mechrefe Jamie Mitri
Jiana Daikh Michael Muller Alexi Najjar
Maher Daoud Renna Salhany Madison Saliba
Therese Haddad Joseph Samra Joseph Samra II
Lorice Hallal Marlene Samra Fred Shwaery
Jim Harvey Philip Spenard Deb Whyte
Charlie Ziud

**if you have a January 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.**

Church Calendar

Sunday, January 10th: Sunday After Theophany
21 Year Memorial Service for Nancy Maurice

Sunday, January 17th: Anthony the Great; 12 Sunday of Luke
40 Day Memorial Service for Albert Hallal

Sunday, January 24th: Thirty First Sunday after Pentecost
40 Day Memorial Service for Elaine Swistak

Sunday, January 31st: Thirty Second Sunday after Pentecost
40 Day Memorial Service for Eli Kandalaft