

## 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."

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### **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.

***Happy New Year  
2021***

## ANNUAL MEETING

### *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.

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

*~Thank you~*

Dear Brethren In Christ,

Christ is Born, Glorify Him

We ask our Savior, Who was born for our Salvation, to look fondly upon you and grant you His peace and love, and we hope that all of you and your loved ones despite the many challenges of this year have enjoyed a wonderful and blessed Christmas.

According to our Constitution and By Laws, we are supposed to hold a General Assembly Meeting on the last Sunday of January. *Due to the Governor's guidelines on gatherings we will hold our meeting on Zoom, January 31, 2021, at 4:00 pm.*

All parishioners in good standing who "accept, profess and practice the faith and discipline of the Holy Orthodox Faith" are welcome to vote at the meeting. Practicing the discipline of the faith involves regular and consistent attendance at Divine Liturgy and participation in the Sacrament of the Church, as well as completing a stewardship pledge for the year 2020 and making a pledge commitment for the year 2021.

This year four vacancies, three elected and one appointed on the Parish Council must be filled. If you are interested in running for a seat on the Parish Council, please speak to either Fr. Elie or Matt Kelly Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

A copy of our budget will be sent out, prior to our Annual Meeting for your review. Please submit any concern via email to the church office in advance so we can answer any of your concerns.

We have two items that require voting:

- ◆ Approval of the budget.
- ◆ Three vacancies on the council that need to be filled.

We lift up our prayers for your good health and participation in the life of the church and blessing for the New Year, we remain,

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Elie Estephan  
Pastor

Salwa Khoury,  
Parish Council President

# SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



*Sunday, January 10, 2021*

*Sunday after the Theophany of Christ*

**Christ is Born, Glorify Him !**



## 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*

### **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

Ayoub Family  
Fr. Elie Estephan & Family  
Offered by: Dianna Hashway

Ayoub Family  
Fr. Elie Estephan & Family  
Offered by: Lily Massiwer

Elaine Wilbur  
Fr. Elie & Rouba Estephan & Family  
Offered by: Victoria Hallal

Fr. Elie & Rouba Estephan & Family  
Maureen, Paul & Mary Gurghigian  
Walid & Mirna Nakhoul  
Sheryl Kogut & Family  
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Bryan, Stephanie, Nick, Leila & Emily Chowning  
Edward & Marcella Laffey & Family  
Robert, Janet, & Cara Laffey  
Fr. Elie & Kh. Rouba & Family  
Offered by: Elaine Gauthier

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



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

Janice Hallal  
Offered by: Her Loving Husband Ron

Al Hallal  
Offered by: Ron Hallal

Georges Karam  
Elaine Swistak  
Julia Enright  
Offered by: Elie, Julia & Naji Karam

Elaine Swistak  
Offered by: Elaine Agaty

Fred Hashway Jr.  
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Khalil Estephan  
Sue Ayoub  
Albert Hallal  
Elaine Swistak  
Yolla Aatik  
Janice Hallal  
Offered by: Tony & Fadia Kabak

Khalil Estephan  
Milade Nakhoul  
Yolla Aatik  
Offered by: Philip & Bette Ayoub

Rose M. Ganim  
Mary B. Mabardi  
Offered by: Jim & Beth Schillawski

Miladie Nakhoul  
Sue Ayoub  
Elaine Swistak  
Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi

Suzanne Ayoub  
Khalil Estephan  
Offered by: Dianna Hashway

Suzanne Ayoub  
Khalil Estephan  
Offered by: Lily Massiwer



Al Hallal  
Suzanne Ayoub  
Matilda Josephs  
Offered by: George Kilsey

Khalil Estephan  
Offered by: Walid & Mirna Nakhoul

Khalil Estephan  
Offered by: Victoria Hallal

Christopher Gauthier  
Matilda Josephs  
Yolla Aatik  
Khalil Estephan  
John & Elaine Swistak  
Offered by: Elaine Gauthier

Khalil Estephan  
Sue Ayoub  
Albert Hallal  
Elaine Swistak  
Yolla Aatik  
Janice Hallal  
Offered by: Tony & Fadia Kabak

Khalil Estephan  
Eli Kandalaft  
Albert Hallal  
Elaine Swistak  
Yolla Aatik  
Sue Ayoub  
Offered by: Elias Baalbaki & Family

**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,  
dwelleth 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 Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH, Archbishop of New York  
& Metropolitan of all North America**

**His Grace Bishop JOHN, Auxiliary and Bishop of the  
Diocese of Worcester and New England**

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**Sub-Deacon Elijah Vollendorf**

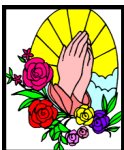
**Schedule of Services**

<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.

**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](mailto: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**  
**Philip Ayoub**  
**John Chamoun**  
**Jiana Daikh**  
**Maher Daoud**  
**Therese Haddad**  
**Lorice Hallal**  
**Jim Harvey**  
**Charlie Ziud**

**Mary Kilsey**  
**Mary Massiwer**  
**Anthony Mechrefe**  
**Michael Muller**  
**Renna Salhany**  
**Joseph Samra**  
**Marlene Samra**  
**Philip Spenard**

**Lily Massiwer**  
**David Maurice**  
**Jamie Mitri**  
**Alexi Najjar**  
**Madison Saliba**  
**Joseph Samra II**  
**Fred Shwaery**  
**Deb Whyte**

**\*\*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**

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