

THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On February 14 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our righteous Father Auxentios the priest of Bithynia.

Verses

*For Auxentios, the mountain was like Carmel; who in all things,
save his death, was like Elias.*

On the fourteenth Auxentios left this life.

Auxentios was a very prominent aristocrat among the noblemen and courtiers of Emperor Theodosius the Younger in Constantinople. Enflamed with love for Christ, Auxentios was tonsured a monk. When men began to praise him, he fled from their praise and settled on a mountain called Skopa near Chalcedon, which later was referred to as Auxentios' Mountain. But people found him and brought the sick to him for healing, which he did. All of this was reason for amazement, but his humbleness was cause for even greater amazement. Whenever Auxentios was implored to heal someone he defended himself with the words: "I, also, am a sinful man!" When Auxentios healed, he either invited all present to pray to God together with him for the sick person; or he first strengthened the faith in the people and then he told them that God will give to them according to their faith; or he prayed over the head of the sick person: "The Lord Jesus Christ heals you!" Thus, the miracles would not be attributed to him but rather to God. Auxentios participated at the Fourth Ecumenical Council and strongly defended Orthodoxy against the Eutychian and Nestorian heresies. In 470, the Lord took his youthful soul in old age.

On this day, we also commemorate Venerable Abraham and Maron of Syria; New-martyrs Nicholas of Corinth and George the tailor of Mitylene; and Venerable Cyril, Equal-to-the-Apostles and enlightener of the Slavs.

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



Sunday, February 14, 2021

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

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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

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.

Orthodox Vocabulary

Cherubim

Cherubim: according to St. John Chrysotom, the word cherubim means "wisdom", or "fullness of knowledge". The cherubim are part of the angelic hierarchy. Just as the other immortal beings, angels, seraphim, etc., they fulfill a mysterious role as God's messengers to humanity.

'Strive for peace with all men, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord' (Heb.12:14), Why did he say 'strive'? Because it is not possible for us to become holy and to be saints in an hour! We must therefore progress from modest beginnings toward holiness and purity. Even were we to spend a thousand years in this life we should never perfectly attain it. Rather we must always struggle for it every day, as if mere beginners.

~St. Symeon the New Theologian



CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 14th: Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 P.M.-Annual General Meeting on Zoom

Sunday, February 21st: Thirty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

40 Day Memorial Service for Antwanet Kasatli

Sunday, February 28th: Thirty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



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 Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:16-7:1)

Brethren, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, “I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Therefore, come out from them, and be separate from them,” says the Lord, “and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters,” says the Lord Almighty. Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (15:21-28)

At that time, Jesus went to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon.” But He did not answer her one word. And His disciples came and begged Him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before Him, saying, “Lord, help me.” And He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.” Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.



Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Tone: 3 Eothinon: 3

RESURRECTION APOLYTIKION: Tone 3

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

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.

ORDINARY KONTAKION: Tone 2

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.



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.

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.

**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

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

Walid & Mirna Nakhoul
Charlotte & Yacoub Mitri
Fr. Elie, Rouba, Tala, Chadi & Bassam Estephan
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Lina Aoude
Walid & Mirna Nakhoul
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

Lina Aoude
Walid & Mirna Nakhoul
Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi

Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki & Family
Elias Baalbaki & Family
Ken & Rania Salhany & Family
Offered by: Tony & Fadia Kabak

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Janice Hallal
Offered by: Her Loving Husband Ron

Al Hallal
Offered by: Ron Hallal

Albert Hallal
Offered by: Rhonda, Keith & Sharyn Hallal
& Family

Georges Karam
Elaine Swistak
Julia Enright
Dr. Charles Enright
Antwanet Kasatli
Offered by: Elie, Julia & Naji Karam

Alberto Nakhoul
Khalil Estephan
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Albert Hallal
Offered by: Victoria Hallal

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Alberto Nakhoul
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

Alberto Nakhoul
Lila & John Bargoot
Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi

Antwanet Baalbaki
Offered by: Tony & Fadia Kabak

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS PHOTO ALBUM?

A family photo album with great sentimental value is missing from our Sunday School. We are asking anyone who remembers seeing it to let us know. The album is approximately 9" by 9", creme color and includes pictures of Three Adult Baptisms at our Church. A family loaned the album to Sunday School for a unit on Baptism. It was last seen in one of the classrooms prior to the “stay at home” order last March. If you recall seeing it or have any other information that may be helpful, please contact Sheryl at the office ([401-726-1202](tel:401-726-1202)), Matt Duncan (714-686-0541) or Maureen Gurghigian (401-486-3711). **Dear Parents: as you read this bulletin, please ask your children if they have seen this photo album. Thank you very much.**

PLEASE NOTE:

The Annual General Meeting has been rescheduled to TODAY Sunday, February 14th at 4pm via Zoom. Please check your email for the Zoom link that has been already sent.

Memorial Service

A Forty-Day Memorial Service for the servant of God,

Antwanet Kasatli Baalbaki,

beloved mother of

Nabil Baalbaki, Rosette Baalbaki Eid,

Rowayda Baalbaki Shouaa,

Elias Baalbaki and Rania Baalbaki Salhany

is being offered by her children, on February 21, 2021

ONLINE BULLETIN

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



Arabic Educational Foundation of RI is now accepting college scholarship applications.

High school seniors and current undergraduates of Arabic decent who are or will be enrolled as full-time students at an accredited college for the 2021-2022 academic year are encouraged to apply. The deadline for all applications is June 1, 2021.

Eligibility information and applications can be found on our website: www.aef-ri.org or on our facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/aefrhodeisland>

(Arabic Educational Foundation)