

THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On February 21 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Venerable Timothy of Symbola; Eustathios, archbishop of Antioch; Zachariah, patriarch of Jerusalem; and George, bishop of Amastris.

On this day, we make remembrance of the Parable of the Pharisee and the Publican, which occurs in the Holy Gospel according to Luke the Evangelist.

Verses

*If you resemble the Pharisee, run far away from the Temple;
For inside is Christ before Whom only the humble are acceptable.*

Verses for the Triodion

*O Creator of everything heavenly and earthly, receive Thou from the
Angels a Trinitarian song,
And from us men a noble and reverent Triodion.*

In the parable our Savior tells, Jesus uses a Pharisee, a leader of the synagogue, who was regarded in public opinion as virtuous; and a publican, a tax collector, who was regarded as oppressive, greedy and a sinner. In their prayers to God, we discover the real hearts of these two men. We thus learn of the harm that comes from pride and the good that comes from humility. The divine Church Fathers sought to alert and to prepare the Christ-loving clergy and laity for the upcoming period of the Great Fast. Therefore, on this Sunday we are reminded that humility is the greatest weapon against pride, as we imitate the humility of the publican to ascend to the divine heights.

**Through the intercessions of the wonderworking Saints, O Christ
our God, have mercy upon us and save us. Amen..**



Sunday, February 21, 2021
Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican

Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church
"A parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America"

Church Office hours: Monday– Friday 9am-1pm
249 High Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860
Phone (401) 726-1202 Fax: (401) 729-1203
Parish Center Phone (401) 725-5150
Web site: <http://stmarypawtucket.org>
Email: office@stmarypawtucket.org

**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**

V. Rev. Father Elie Estephan
Cell- 1-(240) 205-9079

Sub-Deacon Emad Amirhom
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

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.

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

Antwanet Kasatli Baalbaki
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

Antwanet Kasatli (Beloved Mother)
Offered by: Ken & Rania Salhany & Family

Antwanet Kasatli Baalbaki
Christof Theodoridis
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Antwanet Kasatli Baalbaki
Offered by: Walid & Mirna Nakhoul

Antwanet Kasatli
George H. Baalbaki
George A. and Georgette A. Saggal
Fouad & Aboud Shouaa
Abdalah & Mary Shagoury
George Karam
Eli, Mary & Joyce Kandalaft
All our deceased Families & Friends
Offered by: Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki

Antwanet Kasatli Baalbaki
Eli Kandalaft
Albert Hallal
Ruth Salhany
Offered by: George & Barbara Moussalli & Family

Henein & Rose Khoury
Ramez & Gabriella Kabak
Linda Alkhoully Haddad
Offered by: Tony & Fadia Kabak

Alberto Nakhoul
Offered by: Philip & Bette Ayoub

Elaine Swistak
Albert Hallal
Sue Ayoub
Offered by: Charles & Angela Abosamra

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Parish Council and Parishioners of St. Mary congratulate Fr. Elie Estephan and his family for getting his Ph.D. degree from The Catholic University of America (CUA), after passing the defense of his Dissertation about the Orthodox Apologist, 'Afif ibn Mu'ammal, who defended Christianity in Arabic in the world of Islam in 12th century Middle East, last Monday, Feb. 15, 2021.



THE EPISTLE

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

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (3:10-15)
Timothy my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, and my sufferings; and what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. What persecutions I endured; yet from them all, the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:10-14)
The Lord spoke this parable: “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank Thee that I am not like other men, extortionists, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to Heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”



Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican

Tone: 4 Eothinon: 4

RESURRECTION APOLYTIKION: Tone 4
Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world 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.

KONTAKION FOR THE PHARISEE AND PUBLICAN: Tone 4
*(**On this day Thou hast appeared**)*
Let us flee the Pharisee’s * conceited vaunting; * let us learn the Publican’s * humility, and cry with groans * unto the Savior: Thou Who alone * art swiftly reconciled, be gracious unto us.



CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 28th: Thirty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, March 7th: Sunday of Last Judgment (Meat Fare)
1 Year Memorial Service for Janice Hallal
Sunday, March 14th: Sunday of Forgiveness (Cheese Fare)
Monday, March 15th: Great Lent Begins
Sunday, March 21st: Sunday of Orthodoxy
Sunday, March 28th: Second Sunday of Lent (Gregory Palamas)

*Palm Sunday– April 25th
PASCHA– May 2nd*





Memorial Services



A 40-Day Memorial Service is being offered for the servant of God *Antwanet Kasatli Baalbaki* and is being offered by her children, Nabil Baalbaki, Elias Baalbaki and Rania Salhany.

A 15 Year Memorial Service is being offered for the servant of God *Christof Theodoridis* and is being offered by his daughter Evanthis.

May God grant them peace and may their memories 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

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

Renna, Kenny & Joe Salhany
Offered by: Ken & Rania Salhany

Fr. Elie Estephan (*Congratulations!*)
The Baalbaki Family
Evanthis Theodoridis
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

The Baalbaki Family
Offered by: Walid & Mirna Nakhoul

Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki & Family
Rosette Baalbaki & Family
Rowayda Baalbaki Shouaa & Family
Eli & Samar Baalbaki & Family
Rania & Kenneth Salhany & Family
Offered by: George & Barbara Moussalli & Family



Josephine Karam
Elie, Julia & Naji Karam
Ryad, Rosette Eid & Family
Rowayda Shouaa & Family
Elias & Samar Baalbaki & Family
Ken & Rania Salhany & Family
Russell & John Kandalaf & Families
All our Family & Friends
Offered by: Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki

Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki & Family
Ken & Rania Salhany & Family
All Parishioners
Offered by: Elias Baalbaki & Family

Tony Khoury & Family
Rouaida Khoury Aghia & Family
Gladys Sarji & Family
Micheline Khoury Ghanem
Rita Massey & Family
All St. Mary's Parishioners
Offered by: Tony & Fadia Kabak

Walid & Mirna Nakhoul
Charlotte & Yacoub Mitri
Offered by: Philip & Bette Ayoub

Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Offered by: Charles & Angela Abosamra

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.**



Arabic Educational Foundation

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> or contact AEF board member: Fadia Khoury Kabak @ 401-692-8273