



Sunday, February 7, 2021

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

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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.

THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On February 7 in the Holy Orthodox Church we continue to celebrate the Presentation (Meeting) of Christ. On this day, we commemorate our righteous Father Parthenios, bishop of Lampsakos.

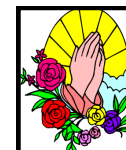
Verses

*To Lampsakos hath Parthenios his clay forsaken,
As a lamp that with his mighty brightness brightly blazeth.
Parthenios slept the seventh, falling on long slumber.*

As a child Parthenios remembered well the words of the Gospel and endeavored to fulfill them. He settled in the area of a lake where he fished. He then sold the fish and distributed the money to the poor. As bishop of Lampsakos, he cleansed the town of paganism, closed the idolatrous temples, built many churches and strengthened the faithful in the Faith. Through prayer, he healed every manner of illness and he was particularly powerful over evil spirits. Once he wanted to cast out an evil spirit from an insane man, but it begged him not to do so. Parthenios told the spirit to dwell in him instead, and it fled in fear. Parthenios reposed in the fourth century.

On this day, we also commemorate Venerable Luke of Hellas; and New-martyr George of Crete. On the Sunday which falls during the After-feast of the Presentation (Meeting) of our Lord, we commemorate the Holy and Righteous Mothers of the Three Hierarchs: Emmelia (Basil the Great), Nona (Gregory the Theologian) and Anthousa (John Chrysostom).

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



The flower of gentleness

Prayer is the flower of gentleness and of freedom from anger.

Prayer is the fruit of joy and thankfulness.

Prayer is the remedy for gloom and despondency.

Do not pray that your own will may be done, for your will may not accord with the will of God. But pray as you have been taught, saying: *Thy will be done in me*. Pray to him in this way about everything— that his will be done. For he desires what is good and profitable for your soul, whereas you do not always ask for this.

Often in my prayers I have asked for what I thought was good, and persisted in my petition, stupidly trying to force the will of God, instead of leaving it to him to arrange things as he knows best. But afterwards, on obtaining what I asked for, I was very sorry that I did not pray rather for God's will to be done; because the thing turned out to be different from what I had expected.

What is good, except God? Then let us leave all our concerns to him, and all will be well.

If you long for prayer, renounce all to gain all.

At the time of trials and temptations, use a brief but intense prayer.

When you are in the inner temple, pray not as the Pharisee but as the publican.

Strive never to pray *against* anyone.

If when you are praying no other joy can attract you, then truly you have found prayer.

~*Evagrius of Pontus*



CHURCH CALENDAR

Saturday, February 6th: 6:00 P.M.— Arabic Liturgy

Sunday, February 7th: Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, February 14th: Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

40 Day Memorial Service for Antwanet Kasatli

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



Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Tone: 2 Eothinon: 2

RESURRECTION APOLYTIKION: Tone 2

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST : Tone 1

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace, for from thee arose the Sun of justice, Christ our God, lighting those who are in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous elder, carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, Who granteth us Resurrection.

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 THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST: Tone 1

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.



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

Elaine Agaty
Offered by: Stephanie Swistak
Andrea Swistak

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

Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Offered by: Walid & Mirna Nakhoul

Dr. Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Offered by: Nora Matook & Family

Dr. Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki & Family
Ken & Rania Salhany & Family
All Parishioners
Offered by: Elias Baalbaki & Family

Rouba Estephan (Birthday Wishes)
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Geoffrey & Michael Ayoub
Philip & Bette Ayoub
Ed Ayoub
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos



Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Offered by: Nora Abdelahad
Elaine Agaty
Sandra Matook

Fr. Elie, Kh. Rouba Estephan & Family
Mother Xenia Minihan
Ed Ayoub
Philip & Bette Ayoub
Philip G. Ayoub
Geoffrey Ayoub
Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Laurice Nawar
All St. Mary's Parishioners
Offered by: Michael, Nancy, Jacob & Victoria Muller

Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Offered by: Elaine Gauthier & Family

Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Andrea Swistak & Stephanie Swistak
Dick Nahas
Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi

Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Offered by: Charles & Angela Abosamra

Fr. Elie & Family
All of St. Mary Parishioners
Offered by: Bev & Fred Bargoot



Special thanks to Fr. Elie, Kh. Rouba, and everyone for the calls, well wishes & prayers.
We are both home and doing well.

~Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Thanks

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

Albert Hallal
Offered by: Victoria Hallal

Elaine Swistak
Offered by: Elaine Agaty

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Eli Kandalajt
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

Sue Ayoub
Offered by: Nora Matook & Family

Charles L. Sakey (30th Anniversary)
Offered by: Jim & Beth Schillawski

Nas Ayoub
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

Sue Ayoub
Offered by: Michael, Nancy, Jacob & Victoria Muller

Ann & Naseem Ayoub
Barbara Nahas
Elaine Swistak
Al Hallal
Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi

John & Lila Bargoot
Offered by: Bev & Fred Bargoot

“A man who from his childhood can remember good things, righteous actions and sound example, is saved for the rest of his life.”

~The Elder Zossima
(The Brothers Karamazov)



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>

THE EPISTLE

The Lord will give strength to His people.

Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:1-10)

Brethren, working together with Him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For He says, “At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation.” Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

THE GOSPEL

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (25:14-30, + Luke 8:8)

The Lord spoke this parable: A man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying: “Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.” And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying: “Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.” He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying: “Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” But his master answered him, “You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.” As Jesus said these things He cried out: “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”



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

**Lisa Andrews
Claudia Dellaleh
Mireille Karam
Victoria Muller
Rebecca Samra
Susan Warzycha**

**Robert Briggs
Rouba Estephan
Michael Matook
Susan Salhany
Cheryl Stanley**

**Shawn Diogo
Tony Kabak
Elias Morcos
Nidal Saliba
Raymond Trabulsi**

*****if you have a February 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.*****

PLEASE NOTE:

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



The great work of God, the creation of man, and then after his fall, his restoration by redemption, ought to be well known to every Christian. Without this knowledge one cannot know and fulfill the obligations of a Christian; but the knowledge of this great work of God cannot be acquired with distraction.

~St. Ignatious Brianchaninov

