

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, May 16th: Sunday of the Myrrh-bearers

Sunday, May 23rd: Sunday of the Paralytic

Sunday, May 30th: Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Saturday, June 4th & 5th: Parish Life Conference to be held at the Cathedral

Saturday, June 5th: 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy

Sunday, June 6th: Sunday of the Blind Man

Tuesday, June 8th: 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, June 13th: Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council
Church School Graduation

Saturday, June 19th: Father's Day Hafli...more info to follow.

Sunday, June 20th: Holy PENTECOST
Father's Day

Sunday, June 27th: First Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday, July 3rd: 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy

Sunday, July 4th: Second Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 11th: Great Martyr Euphemia



25 Week-Multi Raffle

Tickets are still available for our Multi Raffle—*first drawing to be announced soon.*

Tickets: \$125

Prizes: \$125...plus your number can be pulled again throughout the 25 weeks!!

To purchase a ticket, please see Edward Ayoub (401) 263-3666



Bulletins are now available on our website every Sunday morning. Other important information, flyers, recipes, etc. can also be found on our website at www.stmarypawtucket.org

SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, May 16, 2021

Sunday of the Myrrh Bearing Women

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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**

V. Rev. Father Elie Estephan
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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

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

Altar Table

The entire church building is centered around the altar table. The altar table does not merely symbolize the table of the last supper. It is the symbolic and mystical presence of the heavenly throne and table of the Kingdom of God. The Book of the Gospels is perpetually enthroned on the altar table. It is on the table that we offer the "bloodless sacrifice" of Christ to the Father. And from the altar table we receive the Bread of Life, the Body and Blood of the Lord's Passover Supper. This table is the "table of God's Kingdom." (Luke 28:30). In Orthodox Tradition the altar table is often carved wood or stone. It is usually vested. It should always be of proportional dimensions, often a perfect cube, and is always free-standing so that it may be encircled. On the altar table one always finds the antimimension. This is the cloth depicting Christ in the tomb which contains the signature of the bishop and is the permission for the local community to gather as the Church. "antimimension" means literally "instead of the table." Since the bishop is the proper pastor of the Church, the antimimension is used instead of the bishop's own table which is in his own church building, the place where the bishop has his chair (cathedra). The antimimension usually contains a relic of a saint which shows that the Church is built on the blood of the martyrs and the lives of God's holy people. This custom comes from the early Church practice of gathering and celebrating the eucharist on the graves of those who have lived and died for the Christian faith. Usually, a relic of a saint is embedded in the altar table itself as well. Also on the altar table there is a tabernacle, often in the shape of a church building, which is a repository for the gifts of holy communion that are reserved for the sick and the dying.

~Rev. Thomas Hopko, [The Orthodox Faith](#).

Blessed is the person who has consented to become the close friend of faith and of prayer: he lives in single-mindedness and makes prayer and faith stop by with him. Prayer that rises up in someone's heart serves to open up for us the door of heaven: that person stands in converse with the Divinity and gives pleasure to the Son of God. Prayer makes peace with the Lord's anger and with the vehemence of His wrath. In this way too, tears that well up in the eyes can open the door of compassion.

~St. Ephraim the Syrian





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

Julia Al-Amir
Latifa Alarmani
Violette Amerhom
Reyna Chamoun
Kareem Karam
Mary Khoury
Jordan Lazieh
Mark Matook
Barbara Samra
Vanessa Wehbe

Nicholas Chowning
George Daikh
Matthew Duncan
Julia Harvey
Nicole Karwashan
Jennifer Kilsey
Keith Marshall
Sandra Matook
Kristen Silva

Stephanie Chowning
Aimee Decristoforo
Elaine Gauthier
Olga Hawwa
Alexander Khabbaz
Melissa Kilsey
Maria Matook
Etienne Mechrefe
Emma Walas

if you have a May 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.



SAVE THE DATE.....

Father's Day Hafli on Saturday, June 19th.
More info to follow.

We will be starting Coffee Hour following Liturgy today. Many dates are now open for Sponsorships for Coffee Hour. Please see Latifa to schedule a date.



Sunday of the Myrrh Bearing Women

Tone 2 / Eothinon 4

RESURRECTIONAL 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 JOSEPH OF ARIMATHAEA: TONE 2

The noble Joseph, taking Thine immaculate Body down from the Tree, and having wrapped It in pure linen and spices, laid It for burial in a new tomb. But on the third day Thou didst arise, O Lord, granting to the world Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN: TONE 2

Unto the myrrh-bearing women did the Angel cry out as he stood by the grave: Myrrh-oils are meet for the dead, but Christ hath proved to be a stranger to corruption. But cry out: The Lord is risen, granting to 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.

THE KONTAKION OF PASCHA: TONE 8

Though Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet didst Thou destroy the power of Hades, and didst arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Thine Apostles, O Thou Who dost grant resurrection to the fallen.



THE EPISTLE

The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me severely.

The Reading from the Acts of the Saintly and Pure Apostles. (6:1-7)

In those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the Twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (15:43-16:8)

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the Kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if He were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether Jesus was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that He was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking Him down, wrapped Him in the linen shroud, and laid Him in a tomb, which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where He was laid. And when the Sabbath was passed, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices so that they might go and anoint Him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified. He has risen, He is not here; see the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His Disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him, as He told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.



Memorial Services



Memorial Services are being offered for the servants of God, our dear Aunt & Uncle, Mary (4 years) & Abdulla Shagoury (21 years) and is being offered by Ken & Rania Salhany & Family.

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
Ed Betor
Offered by: Elie, Julia & Naji Karam



Tony & Fadia Kabak
Ado (Saad) Najaar & Family
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Joseph K. Salhany, on the commemoration of his
Patron Saint, Joseph of Arimathea
Offered by: Ken, Rania, Renna & Kenny Salhany



IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Janice Hallal
Offered by: Her Loving Husband Ron

Fred Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Al Hallal
Offered by: Ron Hallal

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

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

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

Rosette Haddad (Mother of Ado Saad Najaar)
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Mary Shagoury
Abdulla Shagoury
George Karam
Antoine Kobak
Offered by: Elias & Samar Baalbaki & Family

CHRIST IS RISEN, TRULY HE IS RISEN!

