

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, June 27th: First Sunday after Pentecost

Memorial Services for Mary (Marie) Matook David & Wilfred Solomon David

Sunday, July 4th: Second Sunday after Pentecost

Independence Day

Saturday, July 10th: 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy ****Please note date change****

Sunday, July 11th: Great Martyr Euphemia

Family Day

Tuesday, July 13th: 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, July 18th: Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council

Family Day (rain date)

Sunday, July 25th: Dormition of Anna

Sunday, August 1st: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Monday– Friday, August 2nd–6th: 8:30am-12:30pm- Church School Summer Camp
at the Parish Center

Saturday, August 7th: 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy

Sunday, August 8th: Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Tuesday, August 10th: 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

August 1st–14th: Dormition Fast

Friday– Sunday, August 13th–15th: Feast Day Weekend Celebration (*Mahrajan*)

Sunday, August 15th: Dormition of the Theotokos

Sunday, August 22nd: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 29th: Beheading of John the Baptist

Saturday, September 4th: 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy

Sunday, September 5th: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 12th: Sunday before the Elevation of the Cross

First Day of Sunday School & Welcome back Luncheon

Sunday, September 19th: Sunday after the Elevation of the Cross

Sunday, September 26th: Repose of John the Theologian

Saturday, October 2nd: 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy

Sunday, October 3rd: Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 10th: Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Bazaar Kick-Off Luncheon

Saturday, October 16th: Harvest Hafleh



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, June 27, 2021

First Sunday After Pentecost:
All Saints Sunday

Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

"A parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America"

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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
 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.

Coffee Hour Committee: Latifa Alarmani- (781)414-6281
(Please contact her to sponsor a coffee hour.)

The Parish Council has decided to implement a new system to organize our coffee hours. There are two ways to handle this: when a couple, family, or an individual decides to sponsor the coffee hour, you may do it on your own which entails purchasing the pastry & juice, making the coffee, setting up the table, and cleaning up. The second option is to donate \$200 to the church so that a Parish Council member will handle the coffee hour on your behalf.

Coffee Hour Sponsorships.

Date:

Sponsored by:

Sponsored for:

July 4, 2021:	Ricky & Roula Greigre & Children	Health of Family
July 11, 2021:	<i>not available</i>	Family Day
July 18, 2021:	Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos	Health of Son
		Memory of Father
July 25, 2021:	Her Loving Family	Antwanet Kasatli Baalbaki (6 months)
August 1, 2021:	Ghassan, Latifa, Elissa & Elias Alarmani	Health of Family
August 8, 2021:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
August 15, 2021:	<i>not available</i>	Feast Day Weekend
August 22, 2021:	Their Loving Family	Frederick Hallal (6 years)
		Sophie Hallal (11 years)
		Paula Hallal (1 year)
August 29, 2021:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
September 5, 2021:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
September 12, 2021:	Matt & Megan Duncan	Sunday School welcome back luncheon
September 19, 2021:	<i>not available</i>	
September 26, 2021:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
October 3, 2021:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
October 10, 2021:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
October 17, 2021:	Elaine Wilbur	Memory of Fred Hashway, Russell Wilbur, Mary Samra & Joseph Samra
		1st Wedding Anniversary
October 24, 2021:	Fouad & Marianne Alzaibak	
October 31, 2021:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
November 7, 2021:	<i>not available</i>	Annual Holiday Bazaar
November 14, 2021:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
November 21, 2021:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
November 28, 2021:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
December 5, 2021:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	
December 12, 2021:	St. Mary Church	Choir Appreciation
December 19, 2021:	St. Mary Church	Sunday School Pageant & Luncheon
December 26, 2021:	<i>available for sponsorship</i>	

St. Mary Feast Day Celebration *Mahrajan*



*Friday, August 13th, Saturday August 14th
AND Sunday, August 15th*
(Outdoors- Rain Or Shine)

Music, Food, Entertainment and Fellowship!

More info to follow....

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. **(July will be second Saturday)**

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



First Sunday After Pentecost

Tone: 8 Eothinon: 1

RESURRECTION APOLYTIKION: TONE 8

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ALL SAINTS: TONE 4

Thy Church, O Christ God, hath regaled herself in the blood of Thy Martyrs throughout the entire world, as in porphyry and purple. Through them she lifteth her voice crying: Turn with Thy compassion toward Thy people, and grant peace to Thy city, and to our souls 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.

KONTAKION OF ALL SAINTS: TONE 8

*(**The original melody**)*

As first-fruits of our nature to the Planter of created things, * the world presenteth the God-bearing martyred Saints in off'ring unto Thee, O Lord. * Through their earnest entreaties, * keep Thy Church in deep peace and divine tranquility, * through the pure Theotokos, O Thou Who art greatly merciful.

Family Fun Day

July 11th at 1pm (rain date— July 18th)

Masonic Youth Center, 116 Long Street, Warwick, RI

Food * Games * Fun

Free~ (donations greatly appreciated)



The Epistle
Hebrews 11:33-12:2

Prokeimenon: God is wonderful among his saints.

Verse: Bless God in the congregations.

The reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Hebrews.

Brethren all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world is not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfection of our faith.

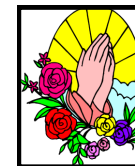
The Gospel
Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30

The Lord said to his disciples, "Every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven. "He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. "Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on his twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands; for my name's sake, will receive manifold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first.

THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On June 27 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate of our righteous father Sampson the host of strangers; and Mary and Joanna the myrrh-bearers. On this day, the Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the feast of All Saints who shone forth throughout all the world, North and South, East and West. Verses Of all my Lord's friends, I laud and sing the praises; And let any to come, with them all be numbered. David the Prophet and king, who revered the beloved of God, and respected them because of his great piety, said in the Psalms, "How precious are Thy beloved unto me, O God" (138:17). And the Apostle Paul, in his Epistle to the Hebrews, recounted the lives of the saints, when he wrote, "Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin that so easily besets us; and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (12:1). Therefore, as Orthodox Christians, we honor the beloved saints of God, respecting them as keepers of God's commandments, shining examples of virtue and benefactors of humanity. We commemorate all of the holy ones every year on this day, as the list of saints ever increases, even though some of their names escape us. Nevertheless, we honor them for their piety and strive to imitate their good works.

By the intercessions of Thine immaculate Mother, O Christ God, and of all Thy Saints from the beginning of time, have mercy and save us, since Thou alone art good and the Lover of mankind. Amen.



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Orthodox Vocabulary

Godparent

The godparent is the person who receives in his/her arms the newly baptized infant. But before that, he/she has stood as the sponsor of the infant by giving the prescribed denunciations of Satan and affirmations of accepting Christ and it is he/she who finally recites the Creed signifying the personal belief of the candidate to Baptism. However, since the introduction of infant Baptism, the godparent has assumed the important obligation of seeing together with the parents that the infant is brought up within the Church and in the life of Christ. It is on account of this obligation that the baptismal sponsor is called 'parent-in-God'. Since baptizing a child creates for the godparent a spiritual relationship not only between him and his godchild but also with the child's family, the Orthodox Church places great significance on the responsibility of the godparents to help nurture and educate the child in the Holy Orthodox Faith. This special responsibility is a life-long one. There is a dogmatically and canonically entered spiritual relationship between godparent and godchild and, as a result, the Church has by Synodical decision prohibited marriage between the godparent and his/her godchild; also, marriage between the godparent and the biological parent (father or mother) of the godchild is prohibited (Justinian Novella 530 and Canon 53 of the Trullan Synod). The godparent must have been baptized in the Orthodox Church, be in full sacramental communion, and a member in good standing of a local Greek Orthodox parish.

The human family constitutes the primary and essential element of human society...peace in society will be a direct result of peace in the family; order and harmony in the secular, political realm will be the direct result of the order and harmony which arises out of creative guidance and the giving of real responsibility to children (by assigning specific tasks to the child).



Young people must be made to distinguish between helpful and injurious knowledge, keeping clearly in mind the Christian's purpose in life. So, like the athlete or the musician, they must bend every energy to one task, the winning of the heavenly crown.

~St. Basil the Great



Memorial Services



Memorial Services are being offered for the servants of God
Mary (Marie) Matook David (2 years) & Wilfred Solomon David
and are being offered by Warren, Dr. Amal David, and 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

Maureen Gurghigian
William Haddad
Susan Harvey
Mack & Louise Megalli
Mother Xenia Minihan
Madison Tucker
Offered by: Michael, Nancy, Jacob & Victoria Muller

Paul & Maureen Gurghigian
Salwa & Nabil Khoury
Tony & Fadia Kabak
Offered by: Walid & Mirna Nakhoul

Donnie, Lauren, Allison, Dan, Liz and Sarah
Offered by: Cindy Hayes

Mary Massiwer
John & Patricia Massiwer
Maureen, Paul & Mary Gurghigian
Mary & Bill Franklin
Billy & Britt, Jon & Meagan
Diane Andrew & Paul Burnier
Laura, Jm & Noelle Arrighi
Holly, Jordan & Alexander Lazieh & Bob Dessaint
Cheryl, Anthony, Emma & Evan Nassany
Nancy, Demitri, Steven & Nicholas Sterpis
Lil Massiwer
Diana Hashway
Salwa & Nabil Khoury
Offered by: Cindy Hayes & Family



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

Patricia Ashbrook
Gloria Haddad
Offered by: Michael, Nancy, Jacob & Victoria Muller

Paula Hallal (1 year)
Offered by: Her Loving Family

Don Hayes
John Massiwer
Tom Andrew
Sophie, Fred & Paula Hallal
Sarah, George, Emile & Abraham Massiwer
Moses Lazieh
Louis Hashway
Offered by: Cindy Hayes & Family



Welcome & Coffee Hour

Please join us in welcoming Fr. Joseph Butts this Sunday. We thank him for presiding over Liturgy as Fr. Elie is away. Coffee Hour will be held after Liturgy in the Parish Center. All are welcome to attend.



Church School Summer Camp

We've had enough interest in Summer Camp that we are going to move forward! **Camp will be August 2-6 from 9-12:30pm.** It will be geared for 3-10 year olds, but older kids always welcome to help out. Everything will be free of charge, and kids will bring their own lunches.

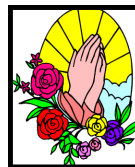
So save the dates, more info and registration info to come soon! If you are interested in helping out, please contact Megan Duncan at megan.duncan09@gmail.com

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Arabic Liturgy date change

Please note that Arabic Liturgy for July will be held on Saturday, JULY 10th.



Time to pick Grape Leaves

The weather is good, and the picking should be better! Now is the time to help us gather grape leaves for the bazaar! The grape leaves should be blanched, frozen and counted. Please help! Thanks!



The Feast of all the Saints

The first Sunday after Pentecost is dedicated to the commemoration of all the saints. Sanctity is the work of the Holy Spirit; all Christian holiness is a fruit of Pentecost. There is therefore a logical link between today's feast and that of last Sunday.

At the liturgy a portion of the epistle to the Hebrews (11:33-12:2) is read which evokes the sufferings of the cloud of witnesses', that is to say the prophets, the martyrs, the righteous, those who were storied, put to the sword, or tortured, 'of whom the world was not worthy'. We know this passage well, for the Church has already given it to us to hear twice during the liturgical year: first on the Sunday before Christmas, then on the first Sunday of Great Lent. It seems that the Church, in calling our attention to this text before the Nativity, before Easter, and immediately after Pentecost, wants to emphasize that we draw near to these great mysteries 'catholicly', surrounded by the saints and helped by their prayers; she wishes above all to tell us that saintliness is not an abnormal or exceptional state; that, on the contrary it is the normal flowering of every Christian life. The call to holiness is addressed to each one of us.

The gospel for the liturgy (Matt. 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30) is a selection of the sayings of Our Lord which relate to the actual conditions of holiness: 'He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me...And he that taketh not his cross' and followeth after me, is not worthy of me...Everyone that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or land, for my name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold and shall inherit everlasting life'. Once again, our Lord brings us into the presence of his Cross and the personal renunciations that it involves. There is, however, a great difference between the way we read these words today and the way we read them (or similar texts) during the preceding months: read after Pentecost, this invitation to sacrifice is now clothed in fire, in the light and power of the Holy Spirit. The apostles did not really follow their master on his painful road until after the coming of the Paraclete, the saints, whose collective feast we celebrate today, only carried the cross when they were under the inspiration of the Spirit. The cross that Jesus set before our eyes, on this first Sunday after Pentecost, is a cross of fire— the fire of the Spirit descending on the disciples.

~The Year of Grace of the Lord.

