

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, June 15th: All Saints Sunday: First Sunday After Pentecost
Father's Day

Sunday, June 22nd: 2014 Parish Life Conference in Plymouth, MA
(No Church Services at St. Mary)

Sunday, June 29th: Third Sunday After Pentecost

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

Sunday, July 6th: Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, July 13th: Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, July 20th: Sixth Sunday After Pentecost & The Prophet Elias

Sunday, July 27th: Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, August 3rd: Eighth Sunday After Pentecost



CHURCH EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGE

Please use our new email address office@stmarypawtucket.org for all church correspondence.

Father's Day

Today, St. Mary Church offers prayers of gratitude and thanks to all the Fathers and Grandfathers of our Parish on the occasion of 'Father's Day'. May God bless them and guide and protect them along with our Mothers to be the foundation of The Family in Christ.



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, June 15, 2014

**First Sunday After Pentecost:
Sunday of All Saints**

Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

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**His Grace Bishop JOHN, Auxiliary and Bishop of the
Diocese of Worcester and New England**

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Schedule of Services

Sunday: Orthros (Matins) 8:45 a.m.
Church School 11:15 a.m.

*Enter in Quietness, Rest in Prayer,
Worship in Reverence, Depart in Peace to Serve*

A Note Regarding Holy Communion:

Since we understand Communion to mean that we have all things in common, sharing an identical faith, only those who are members of the Orthodox Church and who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting, and recent confession may participate in Holy Communion. We invite all, however, to partake of the blessed bread which is distributed at the dismissal. Confessions are heard by special appointment. The Eucharistic fast begins at midnight on Saturday and ends with the receiving of Holy Communion. Please see Fr. Elie if you have any questions or for inquiries on how to become a full member of the Church.

Prayer Requests and Bulletin News: All prayer requests and articles for the weekly bulletin must be submitted each week by noon Wednesday otherwise the requests and articles will be published the following week. Please use the envelopes provided when requesting prayers. Envelopes are available at the entrance of the Church, downstairs in the Church Hall, or in the Church Office.

View our website — <http://stmarypawtucket.org>

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).



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 stoned, 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.



Sunday, June 15, 2014

First Sunday After Pentecost

Tone: 8 Eothinon: 1

Troparion of the Resurrection: 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.

Troparion 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 intercessions from death Thou dost redeem our souls."

Kontakion of All Saints: Tone 8

To Thee, O Lord and Author of all creation, the universe offereth as first-fruits of nature the divinity-bearing Martyrs. Wherefore, by their imploring, preserve Thou Thy Church in perfect safety, for the sake of the Theotokos, O most Merciful.



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.

Coffee Hour Sponsorships

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 \$ 75.00 to the church so that a Parish Council member will handle the coffee hour on your behalf.

If you would like to sponsor a coffee hour, please call Beth Schillawski at: (508)-339-0946. **Please make check to St. Mary Church for coffee sponsorship and earmark "Coffee Hour".**

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Sponsored by:</u>	<u>Sponsored for:</u>
June 15th*	Michael & Nancy Muller	Father's Day
June 22nd	No Coffee Hour	2014 Life Conference
June 29th	Parish Council	Rita Sayegh's 100th Birthday
July 6th	Open for sponsorship	
July 13th	Open for sponsorship	
July 20th	Zeyad & Norma Morcos	Elias Morcos' Name Day
July 27th *	Dorothy Nahas	Memory of William Nahas
August 3	Open for sponsorship	
August 10th	Open for sponsorship	
August 17th	Open for sponsorship	
August 24th	Samra Family	Mary Samra (10 year)
August 31st	Open for sponsorship	
September 7th	Open for sponsorship	
September 14th	Open for sponsorship	
September 21st	The Ganim Family	George Ganim (15 years)
September 28th	Open for sponsorship	
October 5th	Open for sponsorship	
October 12th	Open for sponsorship	
October 19th	Open for sponsorship	
October 26th	Open for sponsorship	
November 2nd	Open for sponsorship	
November 9th	No Coffee Hour	St. Mary Annual Bazaar

Church News & Organization Activities

St. Mary Liturgical Choir

The St. Mary Liturgical Choir welcomes new members to join its Ministry of Sacred Music. Anyone interested in joining the choir (whatever their level of musical experience) are asked to contact the choir directress Dawn Boukari @ (401) 465-8909 or email her: daboukari@aol.com

WELCOME

St. Mary Church would like to welcome Dawn Boukari as our new Choir Directress.

All are welcome to share pictures of events at St. Mary for use on our website. Please email the pictures to pictures@stmarypawtcuket.org



Thank you for the many prayers, phone calls and visits made during my recent extended hospital stay. May God bless you and your family.

Charlie Slemon

Diocese of N.E. upcoming events

Diocese of New England Calendar

- ◆ Annual Parish Life Conference hosted by St. George Church of Boston June 19th – 22nd, 2014 at the Radisson Hotel in Plymouth, MA

A VOTIVE CANDLE IS LIT FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

Paula Hallal offered by her father, Fred Hallal



Alicia Maurice, offered by her parents Glenn & Donna Maurice

Our Sisters in Christ– wishing that our prayers bring you comfort and health, offered by the Ladies Society

Parishioners and their Families who are ill– praying for your comfort and health, offered by St. Mary Parish

Francine and Julie, offered by Louis Slemon

Amy Saulen, offered by Samy and Helen Morcos

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

Sgt. Thomas Schillawski, offered by Jim and Beth Schillawski

Peter Marcotte, offered by Edward and Lillian Betor

Violette Habib, offered by Emad Amirhom

Essam Amirhom, offered by Emad Amirhom

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Maria Santos, offered by Emad Amirhom

Nora Abdelahad, offered by Charles and Elaine Agaty

Elaine Swistak & Family, offered by Charles and Elaine Agaty

Edward & Lillian Betor, offered by Charles and Elaine Agaty

Charles Slemon, offered by Charles and Elaine Agaty

Mark Hashway, offered by Elaine Wilbur

Kevin Hashway, offered by Elaine Wilbur

April Gentes Robert, offered by George & Sandra Matook

Nabil Khoury, offered by Salwa Khoury

Connie Matook, offered by George Matook

Connie Matook, offered by Deb Matook & Murat Oztermiyeci

Connie Matook, offered by George Matook Jr.

Frederick Hallal, offered by Holly Lazieh & Sons and Bob Dessaint

Cheryl Hallal, offered by Holly Lazieh & Sons and Bob Dessaint

Keith, Marlene and Madelyn Marshall, offered by Joe & Marlene Samra

Joe, Rebecca, Joseph and Ellianna Samra, offered by Joe & Marlene Samra

Fred Hallal, offered by Anthony & Cheryl Nassaney & Family

Charles Slemon, offered by The Slemon Children, Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren

Louis Slemon, offered by The Slemon Children, Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren

Fred A. Slemon, Jr., offered by The Slemon Children, Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren



Special Prayers of Good Health and Blessing are being offered for Steven Sterpis on the occasion of his 6th Birthday.

Offered by:
Holly Lazieh & Sons and Bob Dessaint

Happy Birthday

Special Prayers of Good Health and Blessing are being offered for Steven Sterpis on the occasion of his 6th Birthday.

Offered by:
Anthony & Cheryl Nassaney & Family

Special Prayers of Good Health and Blessing are being offered for George Matook in observance of Father's Day and on the occasion of his 86th Birthday today.

Offered by: Connie Matook, Deb Matook & Murat Oztermiyeci, and George Matook Jr.



PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Frances Slemon, offered by Louis Slemon
Stephen Pimental, offered by Lori Pimental
Atalla Amirhom, offered by Emad Amirhom
Labiba Nicola Hanna, offered by Magdy Guirguis
John Swistak, offered by His Loving Family
John S. Swistak, offered by Elaine Swistak & Family
Anthony Agaty, offered by Elaine Swistak & Family
Ron Gauthier, offered by His Loving Wife
Christopher Gauthier, offered by His Mom
Charles Abdelahad, offered by Charles and Elaine Agaty
John Swistak, offered by Charles and Elaine Agaty
Anthony Agaty, offered by Charles and Elaine Agaty
Charles Abdelahad, offered by Nora Abdelahad
Fred Hashway, offered by Elaine Wilbur
Abraham George, offered by The George Family
George Matook, offered by George & Sandra Matook & Family
Charles Abdelahad, offered by George & Sandra Matook & Family
Evelyn McNeal, offered by George & Sandra Matook & Family
Mitchell Hallal, offered by Holly Lazieh & Sons and Bob Dessaint
Edward Hallal Sr., offered by Holly Lazieh & Sons and Bob Dessaint
George Massiwer, offered by Holly Lazieh & Sons and Bob Dessaint
Sophie Hallal, offered by Holly Lazieh & Sons and Bob Dessaint
John & Esma Gorab, offered by Joe & Marlene Samra
Joseph & Mary Samra, offered by Joe & Marlene Samra
Jacqueline Gorab, offered by Joe & Marlene Samra
George Hallal, offered by Anthony & Cheryl Nassaney & Family
Mitchell Hallal, offered by Anthony & Cheryl Nassaney & Family
Kim Nassaney Culpan, offered by Anthony & Cheryl Nassaney & Family
Shafee Slemon, offered by The Slemon Children, Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren
Michael Abgrab, offered by The Slemon Children, Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren
Fred A. Slemon, Sr., offered by The Slemon Children, Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren



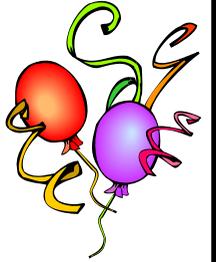
Coffee Hour

Coffee hour today is being offered by Michael & Nancy Muller for the good health of all the fathers & grandfathers, and in memory of all the fathers & grandfathers in our parish



Many Years Rita!

The Outreach Committee of the St. Mary Parish Council invites all the Parish to join us for a Special Coffee Hour celebrating one of our beloved parishioners *Rita Sayegh* on the occasion of her 100th Birthday on **June 29, 2014** at the Parish Center after Liturgy. Please come and join us to honor Rita.



Arabic Classes

Arabic classes will resume in September.

Arabic Liturgy

Arabic Liturgy is being offered the first Saturday of each month at 5:00 P.M. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Please help support our fundraising efforts

*******2014 GRAND RAFFLE*******

Raffle tickets are still available for purchase.

There will only be 100 tickets sold! The cost is \$100.

1st prize: \$1500, 2nd Prize: \$500, 3rd Prize: \$500.

Drawing to be held today, June 15th. If you haven't already bought a ticket, please see Ed Ayoub or a Parish Council member.