

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Wednesday, July 23rd: 7:00 P.M.– Bazaar Committee Meeting

Sunday, July 27th: Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Saturday, August 2nd: 5:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy
6:00 P.M.– Pawsox Night Out

Sunday, August 3rd: Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

40 Day Memorial Service for Richard Salhany

Sunday, August 17th: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost and The Sunday after the Dormition
St. Mary Feast Day Dinner



REMINDER

Please return all Food For Hungry People to the Church Office if you have not done so already.



CHURCH EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGE

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

SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, July 20, 2014

**Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
& The Prophet Elias**

Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

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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

Fanaticism (Fanatic)

Fanaticism (Fanatic): this term is generally defined as a passionate, blind, intractable zeal or admiration toward someone, a party; a religion, a doctrine, etc. This definition makes it clear that it is something extremely dangerous. In fact, faith in the revealed truth never requires a blind faith, excess, or violence. This is self-evident, and it suffices to condemn any fanaticism, wherever the fanaticism comes from. It is useless to say more about it. Nevertheless, we must be on guard against certain forms of fanaticism which are sometimes concealed under the guise of patriotism, morality, or religion. It then becomes a veritable caricature of these real values. People sometimes allow themselves to be led by persons dominated by pride, the hunger for power, a foolish narrowness of spirit, or by gain. This leads to intolerance, violence, racism, and their attendant suffering, as well as to terrorism. Only love and the personal freedom of a person responsible to a personal God can alter one's life, and not ideologies or totalitarianism, even if these hide behind words which fool the naive. Thus it is necessary to combat all fanaticism, whether it appears in the form of dubious sects, pseudo-gurus, dishonest politicians, or even sectarian believers, who may be sincere, but who, in their narrow and rigid views, forget about the dignity of the person standing free before God. The latter desire to impose by force what they consider to be the true faith. The pride that comes from having a clean conscience can even turn religion into a weapon with which to beat others. Fanaticism turns the object of faith into an idol.* It is idolatrous. It sets up evil as good. It leads to blasphemy against the Spirit.

A tree is known by its fruit, a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love.

St. Basil the Great



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 see Fr. Elie. 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>
July 20th *	Zeyad & Norma Morcos	Elias Morcos' Name Day
July 27th *	Dorothy Nahas	Memory of William Nahas
August 3	The Salhany Family	Richard Salhany (40 days)
August 10th	Samra Family	Mary Samra (10 year)
August 17th	St. Mary Feast Day Dinner	
August 24th	Ed & Sue Ayoub	
August 31st	Jim & Beth Schillawski	Michael & Tanya Schillawski
September 7th	Nora Matook	Memory of Leon Matook
September 14th	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
September 21st	The Ganim Family	George Ganim (15 years)
September 28th	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
October 5th	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
October 12th	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
October 19th	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
October 26th	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
November 2nd	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
November 9th	<i>No Coffee Hour</i>	St. Mary Annual Bazaar
November 16th	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
November 23rd	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
November 30th	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
December 7th	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
December 14th	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
December 21st	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
December 28th	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	

Sunday, July 20, 2014

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Tone: 5 Eothinon: 6

Troparion of the Resurrection: Tone 5

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion of the Prophet Elias: Tone 4

O angelic of body, pillar of the prophets and their cornerstone, the second forerunner of the coming of Christ, the venerable and glorious Elias, thou didst send grace from on high to Elisha to dispel sicknesses and purify lepers. Wherefore, he overflows with healing to those who honor him.

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 for Ordinary Sundays: Tone 2

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.



THE EPISTLE

Thou art a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek. The Lord said unto my Lord: Sit Thou on my right hand, until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool.

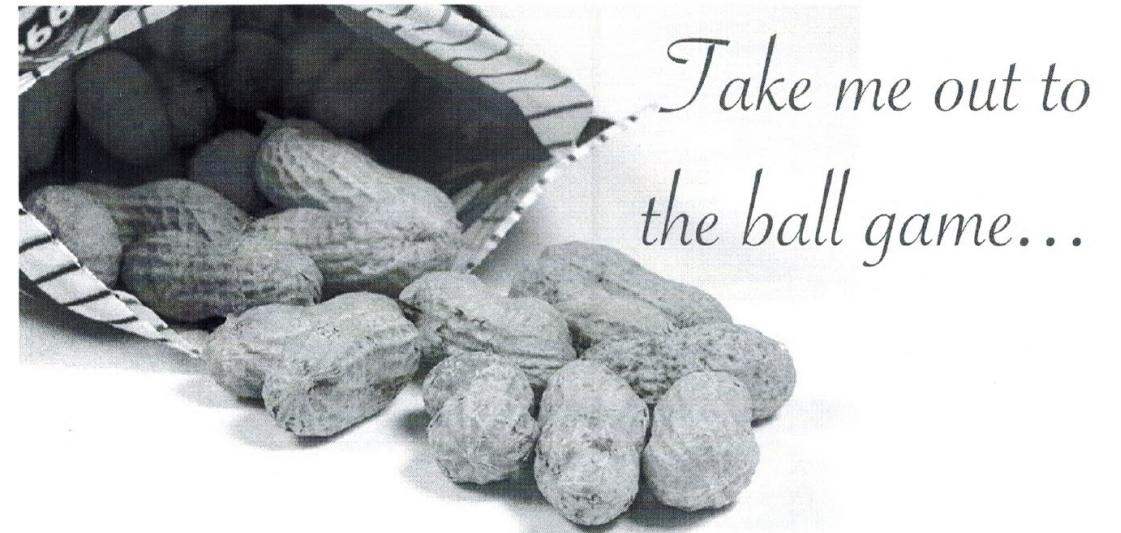
The Reading from the Epistle of St. James. (5:10-20)

Brethren, take as an example of suffering and patience the prophets who spoke in the Name of the Lord. Behold, we call those blessed who were steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by Heaven or by earth or with any other oath; but let your yes be yes and your no be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation. Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is any cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects. Elias was a man of like nature with ourselves and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again and the heavens gave rain, and the earth brought forth its fruit. My brethren, if any one among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (9:1-8)

At that time, Jesus got into a boat, crossed over and came to His own city. And behold, they brought to Him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith He said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—He then said to the paralytic—"Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they marveled, and they glorified God, Who had given such authority to men.



Paw Sox Night Out
Sponsored by St. John the Divine
Saturday August 2nd 6 PM
Tickets are \$10.00



Please contact Phil G. Ayoub
(401) 641-1116 | phil_ayoub@yahoo.com
Ticket Deadline - July 21st

Visitations

Please contact Fr. Elie or Salwa Khoury with any names of parishioners that are in need of visitation either at home, in hospital or nursing homes.

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

Cemetery Plots

St. Mary Parish Council has voted to increase the cost to purchase a cemetery plot at Walnut Hill Cemetery. The cost is \$1,000 effective immediately. See Ed Ayoub for more information or to purchase a plot.

Bulletin Submissions

Please help us provide a quality weekly bulletin by submitting all prayer requests and announcements to the church office by Noon on Wednesdays. Any requests received after this time will be in the following week's bulletin. Thank you for your cooperation.

ONLINE BULLETIN

The Bulletin is available online on our website at:
<http://stmarypawtucket.org>

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.

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

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

Barbara Aubin & Family, offered by The David Family

Mary Lou and Bill Catelli, offered by Charles & Elaine Agaty

Mary Lou and Bill Catelli, offered by Nora Abdelahad

Mary Lou and Bill Catelli, offered by Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Charles Slemon, offered by Elaine Swistak

Cindy Antypas & Family, offered by Elaine Swistak

Barbara Aubin & Family, offered by Elaine Swistak



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

Alfred Catelli, offered by Elaine Swistak

Charles Abdelahad, offered by Charles and Elaine Agaty

Alfred Catelli, offered by Charles & Elaine Agaty

Alfred Catelli, offered by Nora Abdelahad

Charles Abdelahad, offered by Nora Abdelahad

Fred Hashway, offered by Elaine Wilbur

Abraham George, offered by The George Family

Salim Audi (2 year anniversary), offered by Mira & Walid Nakhoul

Donald Aubin, offered by The David Family

John Swistak, offered by The David Family

Ronald Gauthier, offered by The David Family

Alfred Catelli, offered by Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Sophie Hallal, offered by Holly Lazieh and Sons and Bob Dessaint

Doreen Crugnale, offered by Holly Lazieh and Sons and Bob Dessaint

Richard Salhany, offered by Holly Lazieh and Sons and Bob Dessaint

Donald Aubin, offered by Elaine Swistak

John Swistak, offered by Elaine Swistak

Volunteer needed for Coffee Hour Sponsorships

Many thanks go out to Beth Schillawski for her hard work and dedication over the past year for organizing the Coffee Hour. We are in dire need for a replacement, because Beth's year long commitment has come to an end. Please consider taking charge of this important endeavor. Please see Fr. Elie if you are interested. Thank you!!

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

St. Mary Annual Bazaar 2014

Preliminary work has begun in preparation for this year's annual St. Mary Bazaar to be held on November 7th, 8th & 9th, 2014 at the Parish Center. The Bazaar will be chaired this year by Salwa Khoury. Volunteers are needed for all the event booths, food preparation and kitchen crew.

The Bazaar Committee will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, July 23rd at 7:00 P.M.



Coffee Hour

The Coffee Hour today is offered by Zeyad & Norma Morcos for the good health and blessing of their son Elias Morcos. The coffee hour will be held in the Church Hall following Liturgy.



Assessment Fee

The St. Mary Parish Council wishes to kindly remind the Faithful to send in their Archdiocese Assessment of \$125 made out to St. Mary Church. Please help us to be able to meet our obligations to the Archdiocese.

Arabic Classes

Arabic classes will resume in September.

Thank you

On behalf of the Catelli Family, Bill and I thank our family and friends at St. Mary for their prayers, thoughts, and expressions of sympathy on the death of Bills brother, Alfred. You are in our prayers.

May his memory be eternal.

~Mary Lou and Bill Catelli

