

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Noon-9pm– Greek Orthodox Church Festival, Pawtucket

Sunday, August 24th: Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, August 31st: Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

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

Sunday, September 7th: The Sunday Before the Elevation of the Holy Cross and the
Prefeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos

Monday, September 8th: 7:00 P.M.– Bible Study in the Church Hall

7:00 P.M.– Ladies Society Meeting

Tuesday, September 9th: 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, September 14th: The Feast of the Elevation of the Cross

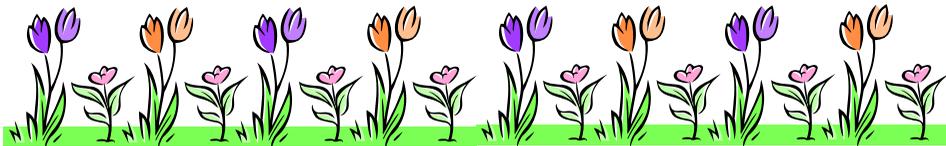
Wednesday, September 17th: 7:00 P.M.- 2015 Parish Life Conference Committee Meeting

Sunday, September 21st: Leave-Taking & Sunday After the Elevation of the Cross

Wednesday, September 24th: 7:00 P.M.– Bazaar Committee Meeting

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.



CHURCH EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGE

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

SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, August 17, 2014

**Tenth Sunday After Pentecost &
The Sunday After the Dormition**

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

Euchologion

Euchologion A compendium of texts needed by Byzantine rite clergy for celebration of the liturgy, offices, sacraments and other rites, blessings and prayers. In Slavonic the book is called the *Trebnik*, or Book of Needs. The contents vary from edition to edition, but in Greek it commonly has two forms: the Large Euchologion, which includes a very full series of rites, including those only performed by bishops, such as ordinations, the consecration of churches and the confection of the holy *myron* (the complex process by which the chrism is made from a large number of ingredients), and the Small, which contains only those normally needed by a priest in the performance of his pastoral duties. Texts of the choir offices and the liturgies are also published separately in a volume for priests, the *Hieratikon* or, in Slavonic, *Sluzebnik*.

Good and evil deeds are the offspring of freedom. Where freedom is lacking, the doing of (good or evil) deeds is superfluous with respect to receiving a recompense. There is no recompense for what is natural. A reward is bestowed for a conflict, and one does not speak of a victory where there is no struggle.

~St. Isaac the Syrian



Bible Study

Come join us for Bible study, held every Second Monday at 7pm in the Church Hall. Remember to bring your copy of The Orthodox Study Bible for referencing during the Bible Study session.

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>
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	The Samra Family	Mary Samra (10 years)
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	The Maurice Family	Alice Maurice (10 years)
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, August 17, 2014

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Tone: 1 Eothinon: 10

Troparion of the Resurrection: Tone 1

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

Troparion of the Dormition: Tone 1

In thy birth-giving, O Theotokos, thou didst keep and preserve virginity; and in thy falling-asleep thou hast not forsaken the world; for living thou wast translated, being the Mother of Life. Wherefore, by thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

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 the Dormition: Tone 2

Verily, the Theotokos, who is ever watchful in intercessions, who is never rejected, neither tomb nor death could control. But being the Mother of Life, He Who dwelt in her ever-Virgin womb did translate her to life.



THE EPISTLE

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (4:9-16)

Brethren, God has exhibited us Apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill clad and buffeted and homeless; and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (17:14-23)

At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before Him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to Thy disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" Jesus said to them, "Because you have no faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. This kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they were traveling together through Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and He will rise on the third day."



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.

Cemetery Plots

If you wish to purchase a cemetery plot at Walnut Hill Cemetery, the cost is \$1,000. Please contact Ed Ayoub for more information or to purchase a plot.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

It is decreed that all noble women and noble men who are parishioners of St. Mary's be advised that they are being summoned to the kitchen on Saturday, September 6th at 9:30am to roll, count and package grape leaves for our annual Feast! If you decline you will be sent to the gallows!

Please call the Dutchess of the Grape Leaf Harvest, also known as Barbara Samra at (401) 465-7493.



Volunteer needed for Coffee Hour Sponsorships

We are still in need of a volunteer to coordinate the Coffee Hour. Please consider taking charge of this important endeavor. Please see Fr. Elie if you are interested. Thank you!!

ONLINE BULLETIN

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



THANK YOU!!!

I would like to thank my family, friends, and all the parishioners of our Church for the prayers, cards, & calls. Thank God I am doing very well after my surgery.

Elaine Wilbur



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 Slemmon
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
Emad Amirhom, offered by Emad Amirhom
Maria Santos, offered by Emad Amirhom
Nora Abdelahad, offered by Charles and Elaine Agaty
Elaine Wilbur, offered by Charles and Elaine Agaty
Mark Hashway, offered by Elaine Wilbur
Kevin Hashway, offered by Elaine Wilbur
Lorice Hallal, offered by Elaine Wilbur
Elianna & Joseph Samra, offered by Elaine Wilbur
Madelyn Marshall, offered by Elaine Wilbur
April Gentes Robert, offered by George & Sandra Matook
Nabil Khoury, offered by Salwa Khoury
Stephanie Chowning, offered by Elaine Gauthier
Stephanie Chowning, offered by Philip & Bette Ayoub
Stephanie & Bryan Chowning & Children,
Elaine Gauthier, offered by Elaine Swistak
Al & Vicki Hallal, offered by Elaine Swistak
Bishop JOHN, offered by Elaine Swistak
Stephanie Chowning, offered by George, Lois, Mary & Christopher Kilsey
Elaine Wilbur, offered by Joe & Marlene Samra
Kevin Hashway, offered by Joe & Marlene Samra
Mark Hashway, offered by Joe & Marlene Samra
Fr. Elie & Family, offered by Ed & Sue Ayoub
Marc & Lisa Parent, offered by Ed & Sue Ayoub
Flora Popovici, offered by Ed & Sue Ayoub
Elaine Wilbur, offered by Ed & Sue Ayoub
Charles Slemmon & Family, offered by Ed & Sue Ayoub
Waleed & Mirna Nakhoul & Family, offered by Ed & Sue Ayoub



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
Charles Abdelahad, 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
Thomas Matook, offered by George & Sandra Matook & Family
Christopher Spenard, offered by George & Sandra Matook & Family
Khourieh Joanne Abdalah, offered by Elaine Swistak
Richard Popovici, offered by Ray & Leila Trabulsi
Mary Samra, offered by Joe & Marlene Samra
Fred Hashway, offered by Joe & Marlene Samra
Richard Popovici, offered by Ed & Sue Ayoub
Assad & Mary Ayoub, offered by Ed & Sue Ayoub
Edward & Adele Maloof, offered by Ed & Sue Ayoub
Paul Maloof, offered by Ed & Sue Ayoub
Nicole Arruda, offered by Ed & Sue Ayoub
Naseem Ayoub, offered by Ed & Sue Ayoub



ST. MARY FEAST DAY DINNER
WITH BISHOP JOHN

TODAY- AT THE PARISH CENTER
(DIRECTLY FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY)

MENU: DELICIOUS SFEEHA AND KIBBEE DINNER
(CHILDREN'S MENU AVAILABLE)

ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED BY TONY KABAK
TICKET PURCHASED AT THE DOOR \$20
CHILDREN UNDER 12 NO CHARGE

Greetings in Christ,

We are excited to announce a renewed commitment to our Youth at St. Mary. We have recently formed a Youth Committee to guide and support youth initiatives in the parish. The Youth Committee is comprised of Fr. Elie, Lois Kilsey, Chris Kilsey, Elmer Stanley, Cory Dupont, Stephanie Chowning and Joe Samra (anyone who would like to join the committee is welcome!). This summer we have met to review needs, make recommendations and form action items. The Youth Programs will include Sunday School teacher training, Family Nights, Parent Programming and a “reboot” of our Teen SOYO.

A key element to our planning for the future is the hiring of a part-time Youth Coordinator. This position has been made possible by a grant from the Charitable Gift Program of our Church. The Parish Council is authorized by our Constitution to use one half of the previous years profits from this fund for operating expenses of our Church once the fund exceeded \$250,000. The Charitable Gift Committee as well as the Parish Council overwhelmingly supported the use of the funds for this purpose. What better way to utilize some of the profit from this endowment than to support our youth, the future of our Church? We are grateful to the Charitable Gift Program and all its participants for their support.

After consultation with the Archdiocese and other similar initiatives, a job description and qualifications for a part-time Youth Coordinator was created. After thorough interviews and reference checks, we are pleased to announce we have hired Emile Sarkis from Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Cranston, RI as our part-time Youth Director. He has been hired for this August through next spring. Emile is in his last year pursuing a Masters of Divinity from Holy Cross School of Theology in Brookline, MA. He is energetic, personable and is an experienced youth leader. His main focus at St. Mary will be Teen SOYO. Please be sure to introduce yourself when you see him around the parish. His biography is below.

This success of this youth initiative will not be based solely on one person or a youth committee, rather it will be the result of our entire parish getting behind it and making it a priority. The future of our church will depend on our success.

“But Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.’” – Matthew 19:14

Thank you in advance for your support and prayers. We will continue to update the parish with programs and events throughout the year.

Fr. Elie and the St. Mary Youth Committee

Emile Sarkis's Youth Experience/Bio

Some of my most memorable moments of childhood come from summer camp, which fed my eagerness to become involved with church youth programs. I began my experience in youth ministry at the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Boston Camp in 2008 as a summer camp counselor, working with children ages 8 to 18. I continued as a counselor the following year, and returned to camp in the summers of 2012 and 2013, devoting my summers to being a camp counselor. Additionally, I worked for the Boston Metropolis JOY and GOYA Basketball program from 2010 to 2012. In June of 2012, I went on a YOCAMA (Young Orthodox Christian Missions Activates) mission trip. I was a part of a group that had been sent to the Black Feet Native American Reservation in Northern Montana. I was asked to be a seminarian on the trip, to help with services as well as supervising the teens on various projects. Throughout the past year I have been helping with various youth events at my home parish of Annunciation in Cranston.