

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, October 18th: The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke
Vision Building Workshop following Liturgy at the Parish Center
Teen SOYO Collection for Special Olympics

Tuesday, October 20th: 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting **** please note date change****

Wednesday, October 21st: 9:30am Ladies Cooking– Birds Nest & Nomoura

Sunday, October 25th: Twenty First Sunday After Pentecost

Wednesday, October 28th: 9:30am Ladies Cooking– Graybee

Saturday, October 31st: 9:30am Ladies Cooking– Sfeeha

Sunday, November 1st: Holy Unmercenaries Cosmas & Damian of Asia

Friday, November 6th– Sunday, November 8th: St. Mary Annual Holiday Bazaar



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.

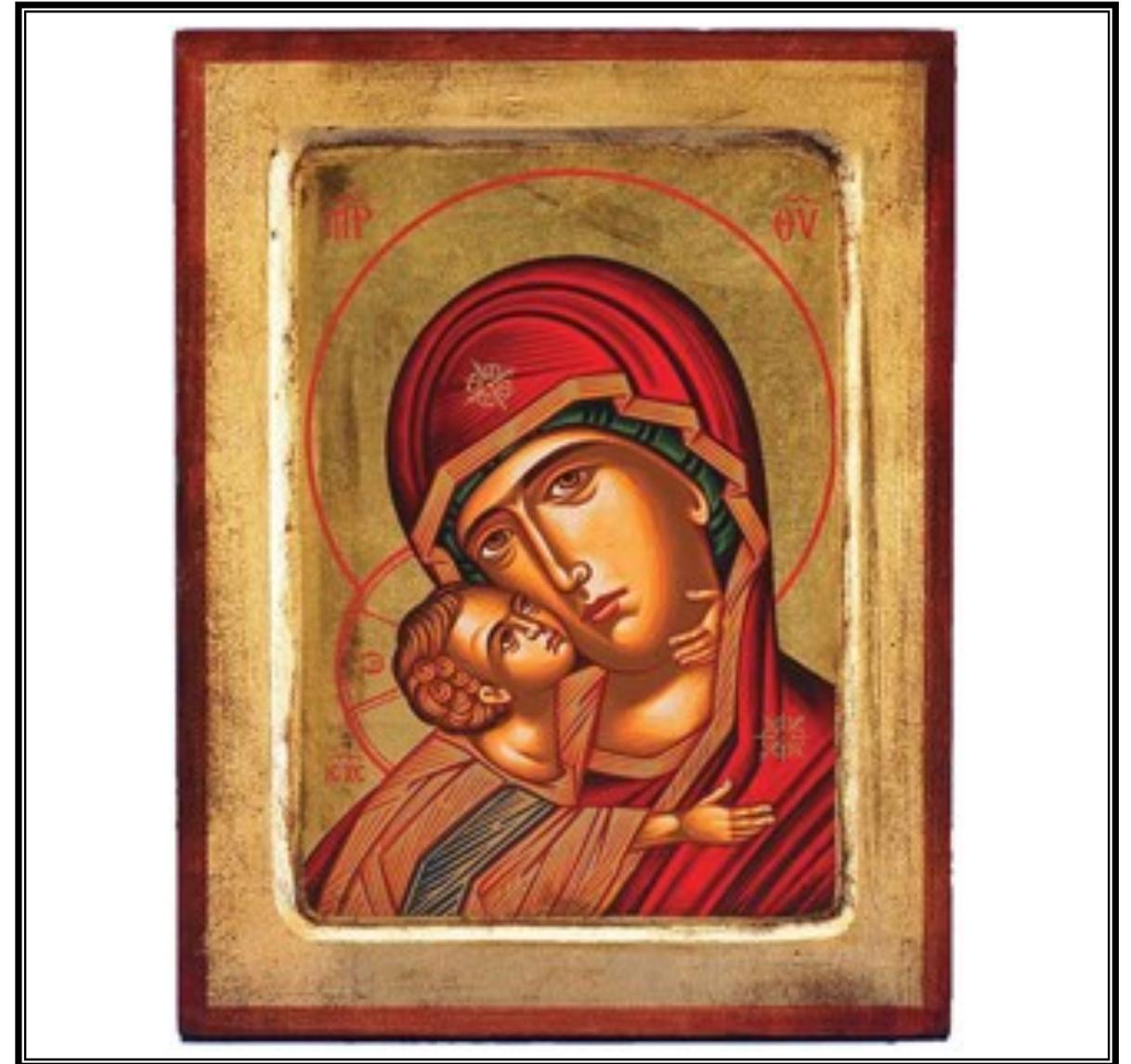
Fee schedule for the use of the Sanctuary for the following services:

Baptism: Member- \$100 (Plus offering to clergy & cost of choir)
Non-Member- \$200

Wedding: Member- \$300
Non-Member- \$600



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, October 18, 2015

The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke

Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

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

V. Rev. Father Elie Estephan
395 Brown St.-Unit 2, Attleboro, MA 02703
Cell- 1-(240) 205-9079

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.

Parish Council 2015:

President: Joe Samra III (*Fellowship*)
Vice-President: Salwa Khoury (*Ladies Society*)
Secretary: Cindy Hayes
Treasurer: Fadia Kabak

Council Members: Charles Abosamra, Emad Amirhom, Edward Ayoub, Scott Barnes, Cory Dupont, Janice Hallal (*Choir*), Lorice Hallal, Steven Kilsey Jr., Holly Lazieh, Jamie Mitri, Walid Nakhoul, Elmer Stanley (*Church School*)

****Please feel free to contact Joe Samra III (401) 334-0310 / joesamra@gmail.com or any member of the Parish Council with any questions or concerns****



St. Mary Church School News

Attention All Parents: Please bring your children to the Liturgy before Church School. Church School starts every Sunday following communion (Approx. 11:15am).

St. Mary Parish Bookstore

Many beautiful Orthodox religious items are available from the St. Mary Parish bookstore and display case. These include a new collection of Icons, Christmas and greeting cards, Liturgical music CD's, prayer books, coloring books, Crosses and Orthodox Bibles. These make wonderful gifts and reflect the *Tradition of our Orthodox Faith*. All proceeds benefit the general fund of the Church. Please see Fr. Elie if you wish to purchase these gifts.

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL ORTHODOX CHURCH CONSECRATION

On Sunday, November 1, 2015 the consecration of St. Michael the Archangel Church, Cotuit, MA will be celebrated by Bishop John Abdalah. Orthros is scheduled at 9:00 a.m. followed by the consecration of the church and a Hierarchal Divine Liturgy. A complementary celebratory brunch will be held in Manikas Hall following the Liturgy. Parishioners and friends of St. Michael's Church will also celebrate at a banquet following Vespers on Saturday, October 31, 2015. Vespers is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. Cocktail hour begins at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will follow at The Cape Club (formerly Ballymeade), 125 Falmouth Woods Road, East Falmouth, MA 02536 (off Rte. 151).

Tickets for the banquet may be purchased from Elaine Savas, 508-548-9311 at \$50 per person for adults and \$10 per person for children. Dinner offerings include Lemon Balsamic Statler Chicken or Crab Stuffed Baked Flounder for adults and chicken fingers with French fries and vegetable for children.

We invite all to come and share this special and important event.

Orthodox Vocabulary

Institution (liturgical meaning)

Institution (liturgical meaning): in the realm of liturgy; the word is sometimes used to refer to the account of the Last Supper, “for the Lord himself instituted holy communion at his last meal with his disciples (*The Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom*, “Catéchèse orthodoxe” [in French] [Paris: Cerf], p. 63). The words pronounced by the Lord, “*This is my body... this is my blood,*” which are repeated by the celebrant during the eucharistic prayer are called “words of institution” and are considered to be “consecratory” by some. For the Orthodox, the word “institution” has a different meaning, which Father Alexander Schmemmann underscores. He insists on the fact that it is through the epiclesis - the invocation of the Father so that he would manifest the glorified Christ in the Holy Spirit - that the Spirit, the giver of life, comes upon the holy gifts to change them into the body and blood of Christ:

At the Last Supper Christ did not *institute* any “authority” or “right” to transform bread and wine - he instituted the Church... Yes, the institution of the eucharist did occur at the Last Supper - but not as “another” institution separate from the institution of the Church, for it is the establishment of the eucharist as the sacrament of the Church, of her ascent to heaven, of her self-fulfillment at the table of Christ in his Kingdom. The Last Supper, the Church and the eucharist are “linked” not through an earthly cause-and-effect connection, to which an “institution” is so often lowered, but through their common and single referral to the Kingdom of God - which is *manifested* at the Last Supper, *granted* to the Church and *remembered*, in its presence and actuality, in the eucharist. (Eucharist: *Sacrament of the Kingdom*, pp. 201-202).

You should be ready each day to receive all kinds of afflictions, regarding them as your release from many sins; and you should thank God for them. Through them you may acquire a close and unimpeachable communion with God, in accordance with St. Paul’s words: ‘Afflictions produce patient endurance; patient endurance, strength of character; and strength of character, hope; and hope does not disappoint’ (Rom. 5:3-5).

~St. Symeon the New Theologian



Sunday, October 18, 2015

The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke

Tone: 3 Eothinon: 9

Troparion of the Resurrection: Tone 3

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

Troparion St. Luke the Evangelist: Tone 3

O holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke, intercede with the merciful God, to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

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 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

His voice has gone out into all the earth. The heavens declare the glory of God.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians. (4:5-11, 14-18)

Brethren, conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer everyone. Tychicus will tell you all about my affairs; he is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, and with him Onesimus, the faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you of everything that has taken place. Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions—if he comes to you, receive him), and Jesus who is called Justus. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. Luke the beloved physician and Demas greet you. Give my greetings to the brethren at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. And when this letter has been read among you, have it read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you read also the letter from Laodicea. And say to Archippus, “See that you fulfill the ministry which you have received in the Lord.” I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my fetters. Grace be with you. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (10:16-21)

The Lord said, “He who hears you hears Me, and he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me.” The Seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Thy Name!” And Jesus said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.” In that same hour Jesus rejoiced in the spirit and said, “I thank Thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that Thou hast hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes; yea, Father, for such was Thy gracious will.”

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.

Please make check to St. Mary Church for coffee sponsorship and earmark “Coffee Hour”.

If you would like to sponsor a coffee hour, please call the church office and speak with Sheryl.

**** ALL Coffee hour's will now be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.****

THERE ARE MANY COFFEE HOURS OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Sponsored by:</u>	<u>Sponsored for:</u>
October 18th October 25th	St. Mary Church Dr. Tawfik & Olga Hawwa	Vision Building Workshop Health of Hawwa, Khoury & Chamoun Families
November 1st November 8th November 15th November 22nd December 6th December 13th December 20th	<i>Open for sponsorship</i> No Coffee Hour <i>Open for sponsorship</i> <i>Open for sponsorship</i> <i>Open for sponsorship</i> <i>Open for sponsorship</i> Dr. Tawfik & Olga Hawwa	2015 Holiday Bazaar Health of Hawwa, Khoury & Chamoun Families
December 27th January 3, 2016 January 10, 2016 January 17, 2016 January 24, 2016 January 31, 2016 February 7, 2016	<i>Open for sponsorship</i> <i>Open for sponsorship</i> <i>Open for sponsorship</i> Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos <i>Open for sponsorship</i> St. Mary Church	Elias Morcos (Memory) Annual Meeting

Extra Collection– Special Olympics

Today, Teen SOYO will be taking an extra collection for donations to Special Olympics. Please be generous in your donations to this worthy cause.

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>

Ladies Society News

Schedule for Bazaar Cooking:

Wednesday, October 14th: 9:30– Kaik (Braided)
Saturday, October 17th: 9:30– Nut Mamoul
Wednesday, October 21st: 9:30– Birds Nest & Nomoura
Wednesday, October 28th: 9:30– Graybee
Saturday, October 31st: 9:30– Sfeeha

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Everyone is welcome
and encouraged to
help with the cooking!
Come help us in mak-
ing these delicious
foods for our Bazaar.
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PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

April Gentes Robert
Offered by: George & Sandra Matook

Adib Mechrefe
Offered by Samy & Helen Morcos

Adib Mechrefe
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Betor Families
Sabath Families
Offered by: Ed & Lillian Betor



Vision Building Workshop ~TODAY~ October 18th

Are you interested in planning for the future of St. Mary's? Do you have concerns on how we will get there? Please be sure to save the date for a Parish Workshop *TODAY* Sunday, October 18th directly following liturgy (a light lunch will be served). The workshop will be lead by Archdiocese professional Richard Robbat. If you recall, the council already began this future shaping process - we completed our mission and are excited to continue the process with the parish at large.



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.

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 director Dawn Boukari @ (401) 465-8909 or email her: daboukari@gmail.com

Christmas Concert

A Diocesan Christmas Concert, sung by the combined choirs and chanters of Worcester and New England, will be held on Saturday, December 5th at 6PM at St. George Orthodox Cathedral in Worcester immediately following Vespers, and on Sunday, December 6th at 3PM at Church of St. John of Damascus in Dedham. Mark Haddad, choir director at St. John's, will be conducting the Diocesan Choir with Charles Marge of St. Mary's conducting the Diocesan Chanters. This will be a beautiful event open to parishioners, families, and friends as well as the public. Please plan on joining us!

For more information or questions, please contact:
Mark Haddad at mhh42@me.com or Charlie Marge at marge@alum.mit.edu

Bazaar Sponsorships

For those of you who have sent in their sponsorships, we are grateful. For those of you who have not as yet, the deadline for sponsorships is **November 2, 2015**.

Please help us reach our goal of \$11,000!! Thank you.



~October is Youth Month~

Attention All Teens

(12 years and older)

***** Come and join The St. Mary Teen SOYO Youth Group *****

Canned Food Drive

The Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of North America is one of the sponsoring organizations for the National Committee for World Food Day. Please bring your canned goods (and non-perishables) to the church between Sunday, October 4th–Sunday, December 5th and place them in the box in the church hall. The food will be distributed by TEEN SOYO to help others in our community (Thanksgiving & Christmas Baskets). The total weight of the food collected will be included in “THE WORD” magazine. Please help our Teens with this project.

ATTENTION TEEN SOYO

On Saturday, October 31st, the Teen SOYO Youth Group will be visiting the Museum of Russian Icons in Clinton, Massachusetts. We will depart from the church at 10AM. Arrival will be 11AM. The group will receive a guided tour of the museum, and then have the freedom to browse the museum at their leisure. Admission for each person attending is \$5.00. It is also advisable that the young people have enough spending money for lunch, as there are several opportunities for dining in the Clinton area. Of course, adults are also encouraged to join us. *This will be a great opportunity for our young people and others involved to experience one of the most important, most beautiful aspects of our Orthodox faith: the Iconography of the Church!*

Any and all questions or concerns should be brought to our Youth Director's attention. Cory Dupont can be reached via email: cory_dupont78@yahoo.com or phone: 401-749-9406

ST. MARY'S 35TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR
NOVEMBER 6(5-8PM), 7(10-8PM), 8(11-4PM)

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Greetings!

Fall 2015

I hope this letter finds you well. St. Mary is busy preparing for its 35th annual bazaar. As in previous years we are assembling the BEST holiday bazaar in the area, which will include our delicious Middle Eastern food and pastries for all to enjoy. **St. Mary Holiday Bazaar will be held November 6, 7 and 8th, 2015.** We anticipate over 1000 visitors over these three days.

We hope you would consider sponsoring this fantastic event. **It is a wonderful and rewarding way to show your support for St. Mary's. For businesses it is a great opportunity to display your support of a local event and receive excellent recognition.**

The tax-deductible sponsorships are divided into two tiers, friend and premium. Please be generous in your consideration.

Complete your sponsorship as soon as possible using the form below. **We are counting on your help to make this event a success!** Please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you!

Fr. Elie Estephan, Pastor
240-205-9079

Dr. Joseph J. Samra
401-334-2465

Joseph J. Samra, III
401-440-0029

**St. Mary's Holiday Bazaar
2015 Sponsorship Form**

Yes! I/We wish to sponsor the November 6, 7 & 8th, St. Mary's Holiday Bazaar as follows:

- \$175 Premium Sponsor
- \$125 Friend Sponsor

Listing for sponsorship recognition:

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please make your tax-deductible donation to: St. Mary's Bazaar, earmarked "bazaar sponsorship" and send it with this form to:

St. Mary's Church
249 High Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860

Thank you!

"Let us not, O Lord, be strangers outside your house" (Early Syrian Liturgy)

St. Mary Annual Bazaar ~2015~

The Bazaar Committee has started its preparations for the 2015 Bazaar to be held at the Parish Center November 6th, 7th, 8th. Your generous support and participation are needed to help ensure the success of this annual event for our church and community. Please contact the chair Charlotte Mitri (401) 651-9295.

The first Bazaar Committee meeting was held and we had a great turn-out. Thanks to all who attended! Everyone is busy preparing for our biggest fundraiser of the year....so please consider helping- whether it be behind the scenes or front-line on the days of the bazaar...we need your help! Flyers are available. We need help with distributing flyers and yard signs- please contact Charlotte.

****The Bazaar Committee is looking for new items for the Penny Social table. Please give items to Charlotte or drop off at the Church Office.****



ANGEL RAFFLE

"Only 100 Tickets being sold!"

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!!

First Prize: \$2,500 * Second Prize: \$1,500 * Third Prize: \$1,000

***Drawing will be held at the Bazaar on Friday, November 6th.
Thank you for your support!***



Leg of Lamb Drive

**ST. MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
ANNUAL BAZAAR**

NOVEMBER 6th, 7th and 8th, 2014

*The Bazaar Committee is establishing a
Leg of Lamb Drive Program
To help defray the kitchen costs of our annual event.*

*Everyone has an opportunity to donate
Legs of lamb at a cost of \$30 each.
You simply make your donation,
And the committee will purchase the lamb.*

*Just fill out the donation form below and return it to the church with
your check. We'll do the rest!*

*Thanks for your generosity and support.
Bazaar Committee*

Lamb Drive Donation Form

Quantity _____ @ \$30 each

Total enclosed: _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Payable to: *St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church
Attention: Bazaar Committee
249 High Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860
Phone: (401) 726-1202*