

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**Sunday, August 16th:** Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost & Eleventh Sunday of Matthew  
(Fr. John Bacon presiding)

**Sunday, August 23rd:** Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost & Twelfth Sunday of Matthew  
(Bishop JOHN presiding)  
40 Day Memorial Service for Fred Hallal  
Feast Day Dinner– (reserve your tickets now)

**Sunday, August 30th:** Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost & Thirteenth Sunday of Matthew

**Sunday, September 6th:** Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost & Fourteenth Sunday of Matthew  
40 Day Memorial Service for Ethel Kilsey

**Saturday, September 12th:** 9:30am Ladies Cooking– Grapeleaves

**Sunday, September 13th:** Sunday Before the Elevation of the Cross  
1 Year Memorial Service for Mary Kandalaft  
3:00PM– Wedding of Ghassan Eldayaa & Chantal Raheb

**Wednesday, September 16th:** 9:30am Ladies Cooking– Kibbee

**Saturday, September 19th:** 9:30am Ladies Cooking– Sfeeha

**Sunday, September 20th:** Sunday After the Elevation of the Cross

**Sunday, September 27th:** Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
1 Year Memorial Service for Charles Slemon

**Sunday, October 4th:** Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



## SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



*Sunday, August 16, 2015*

*Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost &*

*Eleventh Sunday of Matthew*

## *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  
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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.

### **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](mailto:joesamra@gmail.com) or any member of the Parish Council with any questions or concerns\*\***



## *Orthodox Vocabulary*

### **Charismata**

Charismata signify a Christian's blessings from above, spiritual and temporal, enabling him to fulfill his vocation in life. In a more Biblical sense, the term is used specifically for the supernatural gifts Christians need to carry out the specific tasks expected of them in promoting the spiritual welfare and advancement of their fellow-Christians. In his I Epistle to the Corinthians (12:8-11), St. Paul gives a list of these charismata that include wisdom, knowledge, prophesy, discerning of spirits, tongues, and the interpretation of tongues, as also the charismata given to Apostles, prophets, teachers, and those to whom the government of the Church is entrusted.



**W**hen the burden of the righteous is too heavy, their ship will sink, while if it is moderate, it floats and sails safely. Indeed, our life is similar to sailing, the world-to a sea, the body-to a ship; the soul within the body is like a man inside the ship, and a man's deeds are the freight. If the ship is empty, the wind will cause it to capsize. If it is overloaded, it can easily sink even if there are no waves and no wind-and if waves and wind arouse, it will soon sink. It is only by moderate loading it that you will be able to sail safely

*St. John Chrysostom*



*Please help support our fundraising efforts*

\*\*\*\*\*2015 RAFFLE/ 20 WEEK CLUB\*\*\*\*\*

Raffle tickets are still available for purchase- \$25.00 each.

(1) \$50.00 Prize each week

(1) Grand Prize of \$1,000 to be drawn on September 13th during Coffee Hour.

If you haven't already bought a ticket, please see Ed Ayoub or a Parish Council member.

**WINNERS:**

*Week 1-* Scott Barnes \$50

*Week 2-* Steven Kilsey \$50

*Week 3-* Rebecca Samra \$50

*Week 4-* Fred Hallal \$50

*Week 5-* Lisa Ayoub Parent \$50

*Week 6-* Diana Hashway \$50

*Week 7-* Adele Shwaery \$50

*Week 8-* Teresa Haddad \$50

*Week 9-* Fadi Samaan

*Week 10-* Lisa Ayoub Parent \$50

*Week 11-* Sue Ayoub \$50

*Week 12-* Steven Kilsey \$50

*Week 13-* Todd Kilsey \$50

*Week 14-* Scott Barnes

*Week 15-* Jamie Mitri



**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.

**Sunday, August 16, 2015**

*Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost &  
Eleventh Sunday of Matthew*

**Tone: 2 Eothinon: 11**

**Troparion of the Resurrection: Tone 2**

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

**Troparion of the Icon of Christ: Tone 2**

Thy pure image do we venerate, O good One, asking forgiveness of our sins, O Christ our God; for by Thine own will Thou didst ascend the Cross in Thy body, to save Thy creatures from the bondage of the enemy. Thou hast verily filled all with joy, since Thou didst come, O our Savior, to save the world.

**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 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

*The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me severely.*

### **The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (9:2-12)**

Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the Law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the Gospel of Christ.

## THE GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (18:23-35)**

The Lord spoke this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also My heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

## 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.\*\***

### Date:

### Sponsored by:

### Sponsored for:

**August 16th**

**Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki**

**Health of their Family**

**August 23rd**

**St. Mary Church**

**Feast Day Dinner**

**August 30th**

**Walid & Mirna Nakhoul**

**Salim Audi (3 years)**

**September 6th**

**The Kilsey Family**

**Ethel Kilsey (40 Day)**

**September 13th**

**Elias Kandalaft**

**Mary Kandalaft (1 year)**

**September 20th**

**Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos**

**Elias Morcos (son)**

**September 27th**

*Open for sponsorship*

**October 4th**

*Open for sponsorship*

**October 11th**

*Open for sponsorship*

**October 18th**

*Open for sponsorship*

**October 25th**

*Open for sponsorship*

**November 1st**

*Open for sponsorship*

**November 8th**

**No Coffee Hour**

**2015 Holiday Bazaar**

**November 15th**

*Open for sponsorship*

**November 22nd**

*Open for sponsorship*

**December 6th**

*Open for sponsorship*

**December 13th**

*Open for sponsorship*

**December 20th**

*Open for sponsorship*

**December 27th**

*Open for sponsorship*

## 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

### ONLINE BULLETIN

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

### 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.

### 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.*

### **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

### PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

April Gentes Robert  
Offered by: George & Sandra Matook

Mark Hashway  
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Lillian Haddad  
John Haddad  
Andrew Wylie  
Offered by: George A. Arees

Edward & Lillian Betor  
Paul & Kerrie Betor  
Thomas & Lynn Marcotte  
Matthew & Adrienne Dykstra  
Peter Marcotte  
Laurice Zambie  
William and LaVerne Ameen  
Great Granddaughters Joelle & Rose Dykstra  
Offered by: Ed and Lillian Betor

### PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr.  
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Ameen & Nayfey Sabath  
Petros & Afife Betor  
Helen Betor  
Fred Sabath  
Fred 'Fritzie' and Jimmy Sabath  
Offered by: Edward & Lillian Betor



### Welcome

St. Mary Church thanks and welcomes Fr. John Bacon today for joining us in the celebration of Liturgy while Fr. Elie is away visiting his family in Lebanon.

### Coffee Hour

Today, Coffee Hour is being sponsored by Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki for the Health of their Family. Coffee Hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.



# Ladies Society News

## Schedule for Bazaar Cooking:

Saturday, September 12th: 9:30- Grapeleaves  
Wednesday, September 16th: 9:30- Kibbee  
Saturday, September 19th: 9:30- Sfeeha  
Wednesday, October 7th: 9:30- Date Fingers  
Saturday, October 10th: 9:30- Sfeeha  
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  
Friday, October 30th: 9:30- Trayed Baklava  
Saturday, October 31st: 9:30- Rolled & Date Baklava



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: Everyone is welcome and encouraged :  
: to help with the cooking! Come help us :  
: in making these delicious foods for our :  
: Bazaar. :  
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**CALLING ALL HOLY GRAPE LEAF ROLLERS! PLEASE JOIN US AT THE GOLDEN GATES OF OUR PARISH KITCHEN. YOU WILL BE JUDGED BY THE NUMBER OF GRAPE LEAVES YOU ROLL. THE GATES OPEN ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH AT 9:30AM.**

## ST. MARY FEAST DAY DINNER *WITH BISHOP JOHN*

**Sunday, August 23rd- AT THE PARISH CENTER**  
*(DIRECTLY FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY)*

*MENU: Chicken Kabob Dinner & Children's menu available*

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED (must be made by August 14th)**

ADULTS: \$15

CHILDREN UNDER 12: NO CHARGE

Contact Marlene Samra for more information:  
(401) 334-2465 / momsamra@gmail.com

*Monetary donations will be greatly appreciated to help defray the cost of the dinner.*



Please note the Parish Center Alarm Code has been changed. If you have key to the center and require access please contact Scott Barnes, Ed Ayoub or Joe Samra. Thanks!