

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, June 5th: Sunday of the Blindman

Monday, June 6th: 7:00 P.M.– Ladies Meeting

Wednesday, June 8th: 7:00 P.M.- Liturgy for the Ascension of Our Lord

Saturday, June 11th: 2016 PLC Pre-Conference events at St. George Church, Lawrence, MA

Sunday, June 12th: Holy Fathers of the First Council of Nicea

Tuesday, June 14th: 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

Saturday, June 18th: 8pm-1am- Haffle at the Parish Center

Sunday, June 19th: Sunday of Holy PENTECOST

Father's Day

Saturday, June 25th: 2016 Parish Life Conference- Sts. Constantine & Helen Church,
71 Chandler Road, Andover, MA (hosted by St. George Church)

Sunday, June 26th: First Sunday after Pentecost

Tuesday, June 28th: 7:00 P.M.– Liturgy for Sts. Peter & Paul



Food For Hungry People Collection (F.F.H.P.)

Please make sure to bring your Food for Hungry People collection boxes to the Church Office if you have not done so already.

REMINDER– New Church Email Address

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

SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, June 5, 2016

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CHRIST IS RISEN, TRULY HE IS RISEN!

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

<i>Sunday: Orthros (Matins)</i>	<i>8:45 a.m.</i>
<i>Church School</i>	<i>11:15 a.m.</i>
<i>Sunday: Divine Liturgy</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>

*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 2016:

President: Salwa Khoury
Vice-President: Cindy Hayes
Secretary: Jamie Mitri
Treasurer: Fadia Kabak

Council Members: Joseph Samra III, Emad Amirhom, Scott Barnes, Lorice Hallal, Steven Kilsey Jr., Holly Lazieh, Walid Nakhoul, Elmer Stanley (*Church School*), Linda Dvelis, Hadeel Samaan

****Please feel free to contact Salwa Khoury at (401)434-8877 / stkhoury@cox.net or any member of the Parish Council with any questions or concerns****



Orthodox Vocabulary

Liturgical Fans

Metal or wooden disc, used as fans and carried in procession. On the round discs there are representations of the six-winged angels, the Cherubim, described in Exodus 25:18, who surround the throne of God. They are carried in procession and are placed near the back of the Holy Table to signify that angels are continually with us, most significantly, at the celebration of the Divine Liturgy.

Forgetting offences is a sign of sincere repentance. If you keep the memory of them, you may believe you have repented, but, you are like someone running in his sleep.

~St. John Climacus



Diocese of New England: 2016 Parish Life Conference

Please reserve the dates:

June 11th & 25th for the 2016 Parish Life Conference.
This year it will be hosted by St. George Church, Lawrence, MA.

June 11th: Pre-Conference

Location: St. George Orthodox Church, 8 Lowell St., Lawrence, MA

June 25th: Conference

Location: Sts. Constantine & Helen Church
71 Chandler Road, Andover, MA

To register: www.antiochianevents.com/worcester.html

The **Pre-Conference** activities will be held on Saturday, **June 11th** at St. George (8 Lowell St, Lawrence, MA). This day will include judging of the Creative Arts Festival, Oratorical Competition as well as various meetings and a luncheon.

The **Parish Life Conference**, which will include Liturgy, Awards Lunch, Bible bowl competition, keynote speaker and break out workshops, as well as a lively dinner and dance to end the day, will be held at Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church on 71 Chandler Rd. in Andover on **Saturday, June 25th**.

Flowers
by Robert Shwaery

I love flowers because they smell good
The sun brights my father's flowers
Rose petals are beautiful
That reminds me of my sister
Flowers grow beautiful from dirt
Out on the porch
My father plants plants in a pot
With joy
It makes me happy to see it
My sister has plants everywhere
Indoors and out
All kinds of flowers
Are pleasing to my eyes
Especially purple, yellow, and pink flowers
I have been to Montreal
And I saw many, many beautiful flowers
That have beautiful colors and shapes



I would like to share a
poem that my brother
Bobby wrote and also
won an award for.

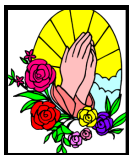
Congratulations Bobby!

Love your sister,
Linda



Parking Lot

The parking lot across the street is to be used for elderly and handicapped parking only. Please use our other parking lot to park during church services.



Prayer Line

St. Mary ~ Internet Prayer Line

Prayer requests can be sent to us via the internet at

office@stmarypawtucket.org

All requests must be received by Wednesday noon to be included in that week's bulletin.
Any requests received after that time will be included in the following week's bulletin.

Sunday of the Blindman

Sunday, June 5th, 2016

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Tone: 5 Eothinon: 8

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 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 Pascha: Tone 8

O Immortal One, when Thou didst descend into the tomb, Thou didst destroy the power of Hades; and Thou didst rise victorious, O Christ God. Thou hast said to the ointment-bearing women: Rejoice! And Thou gavest peace to Thy Disciples, O Bestower of Resurrection to those Who had fallen.



The Epistle
Acts 16:16-34

Prokeimenon: You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us.

Verse: Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.

The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles.

In those days, as we apostles were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, crying, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates they said, "These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs which it is not lawful for us Romans to accept or practice." The crowd joined in attacking them; and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and every one's fetters were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out and said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their wounds, and he was baptized at once, with all his family. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them; and he rejoiced with all his household that he had believed in God.



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ONLINE BULLETIN

The Bulletin is available online on our website at:

<http://stmarypawtucket.org>

Featuring the renowned composer & singer

SALAH KURDI
& his Band

June 18th ~ 8pm

St. Mary Parish Center
60 St. Mary Way, Pawtucket, RI

Tickets: Adult-\$50
Children (under 17)- \$25

Contact Fr. Elie or Tony Kabak for tickets

All Proceeds to
benefit St. Mary
Church

2016 Spring Hallel

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 \$100 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.**

~Please consider sponsoring a Coffee Hour~

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Sponsored by:</u>	<u>Sponsored for:</u>
June 5, 2016	Steve & Patricia Kilsey	John & Esma Gorab
June 12, 2016*	Joe & Marlene Samra	
June 19, 2016	Michel Raad & Family	Health of Family
June 26, 2016	Open for sponsorship	
July 3, 2016	Open for sponsorship	
July 10, 2016	Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos	Health of Elias Morcos
July 17, 2016	His Daughters & Their Families	Fred Hallal (1 year)
July 24, 2016	Audrey & Wayne Kilsey	Elthel Kilsey (1 year)
July 31, 2016	St. Mary Church	Family Day
August 7, 2016	Open for sponsorship	
August 14, 2016	no coffee hour	St. Mary Church Feast
August 21, 2016	Open for sponsorship	
August 28th, 2016	Open for sponsorship	
September 4, 2016	Open for sponsorship	
September 11, 2016	Elie & Julia Karam	Health of Naji upon his graduation
September 18, 2016	Open for sponsorship	
September 25, 2016	Open for sponsorship	
October 2, 2016	Open for sponsorship	
October 9, 2016	Open for sponsorship	
October 16, 2016	Open for sponsorship	
October 23, 2016	Open for sponsorship	

The Gospel

John 9:1-38

At that time, when Jesus was passing, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. I must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if any one should confess him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if any one is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that any one opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of God." He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshipped him.

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

Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

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

Nabil Khoury
Offered by : Salwa Khoury

Jacob Khoury
Reyna Chamoun
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Lillian Betor
Offered by: St. Mary Church

Steve & Patricia Kilsey & Family
Joe & Marlene Samra & Family
Offered by: The Briggs & Wehbe Families

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

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

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

John & Esma Gorab
Jacqueline Gorab
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

John & Esma Gorab (Our Parents & Grandparents)
Offered by: Steve & Patricia Kilsey
Melissa Kilsey
Patrick & Melanie Merner
Steven & Missy Kilsey

John & Esma Gorab
Offered by: The Briggs & Wehbe Families



Happy Anniversary to
Fr. Elie and Kh. Rouba.
May God grant you many
more years together.

Happy Anniversary

Coffee Hour

Today's Coffee Hour is being sponsored by
Steve & Patricia Kilsey, Joe & Marlene Samra
& Families in memory of John & Esma Gorab.
Coffee Hour will be held at the Parish Center
following Liturgy.



The Feast of The Ascension

***St Mary Church will celebrate the Feast of The Ascension with an
Evening Divine Liturgy at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, June 8th.***

Jesus did not live with his disciples after his resurrection as he had before his death. Filled with the glory of his divinity, he appeared at different times and places to his people, assuring them that it was he, truly alive in his risen and glorified body. **To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the Kingdom of God (Acts 1:3)** It should be noted that the time span of forty days is used many times in the Bible and signifies a temporal period of completeness and sufficiency. (Genesis 7:17; Exodus 16:35, 24:18; Judges 3:11; 1 Samuel 17:16; 1 Kings 19:8; Jonah 3:4; Matthew 4:2) On the fortieth day after his passover, Jesus **ascended into heaven** to be glorified on the right hand of God. (Acts 1:9-11; Mark 16:19; Luke 24:51) The ascension of Christ is his final physical departure from this world after the resurrection. It is the formal completion of his mission in this world as the Messianic Saviour. It is his glorious return to the Father who had sent him into the world to accomplish the work that he had given him to do. (John 17:4-5) **...and lifting his hands he blessed them. While blessing them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they returned to Jerusalem with great joy. . . (Luke 24:51-52)** The Church's celebration of the ascension, as all such festal celebrations, is not merely the remembrance of an event in Christ's life. Indeed, the ascension itself is not to be understood as though it were simply the supernatural event of a man floating up and away into the skies. The holy scripture stresses Christ's physical departure and his glorification with God the Father, together with the great joy which his disciples had as they received the promise of the Holy Spirit who was to come to assure the Lord's presence with them, enabling them to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. (Luke 24:48-53; Acts 1:8-11; Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:16-19) In the Church the believers in Christ celebrate these very same realities with the conviction that it is for them and for all men that Christ's departure from this world has taken place. The Lord leaves in order to be glorified with God the Father and to glorify us with himself. He goes in order to "prepare a place" for us, and to take us also into the blessedness of God's presence. He goes to open the way for all flesh into the **"heavenly sanctuary... the Holy Place not made by hands."** (See Hebrews 8-10) He goes in order to send the Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the Father, to bear witness to him and his gospel in the world, by making him powerfully present in the lives of his disciples. The liturgical hymns of the feast of the Ascension sing of all of these things. The antiphonal verses of the Divine Liturgy are taken from Psalms 47, 48 and 49. The troparion of the feast which is sung at the small entrance is also used as the post-communion hymn. **Thou hast ascended in glory O Christ our God...granting joy to Thy disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing they were assured that Thou art the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world (Troparion)**

When Thou didst fulfill the dispensation for our sake, and didst unite earth to heaven, Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, not being parted from those who love Thee, but remaining with them and crying: I am with you and no one will be against you! (Kontakion)