

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 \$200 to the church so that a Parish Council member will handle the coffee hour on your behalf.

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Sponsored by:</u>	<u>Sponsored for:</u>
July 15, 2018	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
July 22, 2018	Dr. Zeyad, & Norma Morcos	Health of Elias Morcos (son) Memory of Elias Morcos (father) Health of Family
July 29, 2018	Walid & Mirna Nakhoul	
August 5, 2018	Her Loving Family	Sarah Massiwer (25 Year Memorial)
August 12, 2018	A Friend of St. Mary	
August 19, 2018	Feast Day	
August 26, 2018	not available	
September 2, 2018	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
September 9, 2018	The Order of St. Ignatius	Luncheon for start of Church School
September 16, 2018	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
September 23, 2018	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
September 30, 2018	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
October 7, 2018	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
October 14, 2018	not available	Bazaar Kickoff Luncheon
October 21, 2018	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
October 28, 2018	Sandra Matook & Family	George Matook (1 Year Memorial) Annual Holiday Bazaar
November 4, 2018	not available	
November 11, 2018	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
November 18, 2018	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
November 25, 2018	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
December 2, 2018	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
December 9, 2018	not available	Choir Appreciation
December 16, 2018	not available	
December 23, 2018	not available	
December 30, 2018	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
January 6, 2019	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	

There are still many open dates to sponsor a coffee hour. Either call the church office, or see Mirna or Walid Nakhoul on Sunday after Liturgy.

Please consider sponsoring a coffee hour.

SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, July 15, 2018

Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council

Upcoming events:

- ◆ **August 19th: Feast Day** (following Hierarchial Liturgy-with Bishop JOHN)
~*Music & Luncheon at the Parish Center*
- ◆ **September 9th: Church School** ~ *First day of Church School & Luncheon*
- ◆ **October 6th: Harvest Hafli**– more info to follow....
- ◆ **October 14th: Bazaar Kickoff Luncheon & Shower**
- ◆ **October 20th: Sunday School/Teens Halloween Party**
- ◆ **November 2nd, 3rd & 4th: Annual Holiday Bazaar**
- ◆ **December 31st: New Year's Hafli**– more info to follow....

Diocese Family Camp and our Diocese Teen SOYO Fall Camp

October 5-7, 2018 at the St. Methodios Faith & Heritage Center in Contoocook, NH.

Both events will be held at the same location over the same weekend as we did last year. Family Camp and the Teen SOYO Fall Camp will overlap for some activities including meals and church services, but each will have its own distinct program. The guest speaker for the weekend will be Ms. Katrina Bitar, YES Program Director for FOCUS North America.

All teens in grades 7-12 are encouraged to attend the Teen SOYO Fall Camp.

Family Camp is open to families of all ages. Parents of teenagers are welcome to attend Family Camp while their children attend Teen SOYO Fall Camp.

Visit www1.antiochian.org/Worcester for more information.



Grape Leaves

I am reaching out to all of you for your help.

As you know, we roll 10,000 grape leaves every year for our Bazaar, the biggest fund raiser for our church. So far we only have 4,000 leaves picked. This is the time to pick them. All grape leaves should be blanched, frozen and counted.

Please help! Thanks! We are counting on you.



From the Synaxarion (The Lives of the Saints)

July 17th: Great Martyr Marina

Great Martyr Marina. Marina's father was a pagan priest in the third century, and her mother died giving birth. Her foster mother taught her about Jesus Christ. The faith took root in Marina, and she vowed to remain a virgin and one day to become a martyr. For this, her father despised her. The pagan eparch of the land admired her purity and wanted her for his wife. She refused, and when he demanded that she sacrifice to idols, she responded that his gods were dead, did not breathe, and were unaware of honor or dishonor. She was beaten, imprisoned, and then suspended and her sides raked with iron nails. She prayed, and to her it was as if another person were being tortured. When she was again imprisoned, the devil tried to frighten her three times. Once as a dragon, he attempted to devour her, holding half of her body in his mouth. Praying, she made the sign of the cross and the dragon was torn apart and vanished. Again, he appeared as a man, black as night. She seized his hair and beat him with a hammer until he left her sight. Again, he grabbed her and threatened to kill her if she would not stop praying. She whipped him, and finally a light appeared from heaven. A white dove told her to rejoice, for she had vanquished the enemy, and she was completely healed. The next day, when she would not say that the pagan gods had healed her, she was burned with torches, and an attempt was made to drown her in a cauldron. When she prayed, an earthquake struck the land, and a dove landed on her head with a crown in its beak. A voice said that she would receive from the right hand of the most high this heavenly crown. Everyone present heard this voice and they feared, and many believed. Before she was beheaded, she taught those close by and prayed.

Free Week of Summer Camp/Church School

Save the Date Week of August 6, 2018

We are happy to announce a new learning and fun opportunity for our children of Church School age - a Summer Camp/School week similar to Vacation Bible Schools. The week is Monday through Friday, August 6-10, from about 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (except Friday which may end earlier). Our current plan to open with Prayer at 10am, and then have three components for each age group: Instruction, music and arts and crafts. Lunch and snacks are included. There is no cost to participate!

In addition to fostering spiritual growth and learning, this will be a fun opportunity for fellowship. We need volunteers for shopping, lunch prep, arts and crafts, music and instruction (with our Church School Staff). Please let Fr. Elie, Matt Duncan or Maureen Gurghigian if you would like to volunteer or donate. Parents please plan on your children attending.

We have had a very positive response to our Summer program. In order to plan for food and supplies we need a count as soon as possible. Please fill out and give the following form to Matt or Maureen or send the information to the Church Office to reserve a spot for your children:

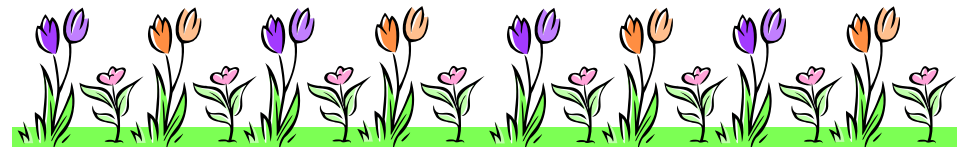
Child's name:

Age:

Year of School completed June 2018:

Parents names:

Parents cell phone:



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