

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, November 3rd: Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Monday, November 4th: 6:00 P.M.– Bazaar Booth Set-up at the Parish Center
7:00 P.M.- Ladies Meeting in Church Hall

Tuesday, November 5th: 6:00 P.M.– Bazaar Booth Set-up at the Parish Center

Wednesday, November 6th: 6:00 P.M.– Bazaar Booth Set-up at the Parish Center
7:00 P.M.– Bazaar Marketing Committee Meeting in the Church Hall

Thursday, November 7th: 6:00 P.M.– Bazaar Booth Set-up at the Parish Center

Friday, November 8th: Angel Raffle Drawing

Friday, November 8th ~ Sunday, November 10th: St. Mary Annual Bazaar

Sunday, November 10th: Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost
Forty-Day Memorial for Gloria Nahas
No Sunday School Class

Thursday, November 14th: 1:00 P.M.- Arabic classes begin

Saturday, November 16th: 11:00 A.M.– Baptism- Michael Andrews

Sunday, November 17th: Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost
One Year Memorial for Ronald Gauthier and Memorial Coffee Hour
Sunday School Pageant Preparation

Coffee Hour Calendar

Date:

Sponsored by:

Sponsored for:

November 3rd:

Ron & Janice Hallal

Hallal Family

November 10th:

Bazaar

no coffee hour

November 17th:

Gauthier Family

Ron Gauthier (1 year)

November 24th:

Family of Nellie Hallal

Nellie Hallal (30 yr.)

December 1st:

Available

December 8th:

Available

December 15th:

Bassam & Pauline Khabbaz

December 22nd:

Available

December 29th:

Available

January 5, 2014

Fatat El-Khouli

Nicholas El-Khouli
(1 year)

SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, November 3, 2013
Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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
70 Davis St., Seekonk, MA 02771
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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 on Saturdays, before and after Vespers, or 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>

Discovering Our Vocation in Life

by Protopresbyter Thomas Hopko

When we consider the Orthodox Christian understanding of vocation, several points can be made with certainty. The most obvious are the following: **1. Everyone has a calling.** God creates every human being in His image and likeness for everlasting life. There are no mistakes and no accidents. As the saying goes, “God makes no junk.” Everyone is called. But not all are chosen. Some are rejected, not because they have no vocation from God, but because they refuse to accept their calling. Everyone has a vocation. And all vocations are “religious.” This does not mean that everyone is called to serve the Church in a professional manner- to be a bishop, priest, deacon, monk, nun, psalmreader or church worker of one sort or another. Obviously not all are called to these specifically ecclesiastical ministries. But everyone is called to serve God and his fellow human beings in some form of life which God Himself wills. This “form of life” is not necessarily a job or profession. For example, some people may be called to suffer on this earth and to bear the results of humanity’s fallenness in the most violent manner; to be victimized by disease, retardation, affliction; to be the objects of other people’s cares, or disdain. This is their vocation, and they are particularly blessed by God and loved by Christ in its acceptance and fulfillment. In a word, there is a divine plan and purpose for everyone. There is a “predestination,” not in the sense that God programs His creatures or forces His will upon them against their will, but rather that God knows every person from before the foundation of the world and provides his unique life and the specific conditions of his earthly way which are literally the best possible conditions for him (however unacceptable this may seem to us creatures in our limited and fallen state). And God works together with each one of us so that, by suffering what we must on this earth, we may attain to life everlasting in the age to come. **2. Everyone has the same calling.** In a certain sense every person has the same vocation, which is to be a saint. We are all called to be saints, to be holy as God is holy, to be perfect as the Father in heaven is perfect (Romans 1:7; 1 Corinthians 1:2; 2 Peter 1:15; Matthew 5:48). We are all made to fulfill ourselves as creatures made in God’s image and likeness for eternal life. And we can do so because God not only creates us with this possibility, and indeed, this command; but because He also does everything in His power to guarantee its accomplishment by sending His Son and His Spirit to the world. Since Christ has been glorified and the Holy Spirit has been poured out on all flesh, there is no excuse for those who know and believe this, and experience it in the life of the Christian Church, not to be saints. Everything possible has been done to secure this. There is nothing more that God can do. All is given and all is fulfilled. The rest is up to us. Whatever the Lord may be doing with other people in other places, some things are certain for Christians, and certainly us Orthodox: We can cooperate with God. We can share His holiness. We can become, as the saints themselves teach us, all that God Himself is by His gracious action in our lives. We can become loving, peaceful, joyful, good, wise, true, patient, kind, compassionate, powerful, pure, free, self-determining. . . or we can refuse to cooperate with God, never find our true selves, and perish. **3. Everyone has his or her unique calling.** All are called to be saints, but each person is called to do so in his or her own unique way. No two persons are the same. Each one is different from all others. All are called to partake of God’s being and life. All are called to love as He loves, know as he knows, serve as He serves, live as He lives. But each will do it in his or her own specific manner, according to the concrete conditions and means that God provides. Some will sanctify their lives being married; others will be single. Some will do it in clerical orders; others as lay people. Some will be monastic; most will live in the everyday secular world. Some will work primarily in a physical way; others will work intellectually. Some will be artists, scientists, business people. professionals. Others may have no particular job or profession. And some may be called simply to suffer, while others, in terms of this world, will hardly suffer at all. Some will have many temptations, and will bear heavy burdens because of the sins of the world and their particular inheritance of a fallen, broken, distorted humanity. And some may have to fight destructive memories, imaginations, and passions that seem at times impossible to hear. Others will be greatly blessed by receiving a highly purified humanity, for which they will especially have to answer before God. For, as Jesus taught, “to whom much is given, from him much will be required” (Luke 12:48). But each person will have his or her own life to sanctify. And each will answer for what he or she has done. in the eyes of God none is better than another. None is higher or more praiseworthy. But each must find his or her own way. and glorify God through it. This is all, ultimately, that matters. The rest is details.

Orthodox Vocabulary

Redemption

The Orthodox Church teaches that mankind is separated from Almighty God by sin, and cannot by its own merits break through this great chasm. However God, in His immense love for mankind reaches across this separation and becomes man in Christ. Consequently, because of Christ's death and resurrection, mankind is freed from the slavery of sin and everlasting death. This is the central message of the Orthodox Christian faith and St Paul explains it as such by relating that Christ shared our poverty so we might become rich: "Our Lord Jesus Christ, though He was rich, yet for your sake became poor that you, through His poverty, might become rich (saved)" (2 Corinthians 8:9)

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



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.

New Study Bibles have arrived and are available for purchase - \$40.

Sunday, November 3, 2013 Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Tone:2

Eothinon:8

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 pow'r, and when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the pow'rs of heaven did cry aloud unto Thee O Christ thou giver of life glory to Thee.

Troparion of St. George: Tone 4

As deliverer of captives and defender of the poor; healer of the infirm, champion of kings; victorious Great Martyr George, intercede with Christ our God; for our souls' salvation.

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 Theotokos: Tone 4

O Undisputed intercessor of Christians, the mediatrix unrejected by the Creator, turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sinners. Come to us in time, who cry to thee in faith, with assistance; for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions O Theotokos, who dost ever intercede for those who honor thee.



Epistle II Corinthians 11:31 to end; 2:1-9

The Lord is my strength and my song.

The lord has chastened me sorely.

The Reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians.

BRETHREN, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed for ever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven--whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise--whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows--and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

The Gospel Luke 16:19-31

The Lord said: "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

St. Mary Teen SOYO News and Events

Attention All Teens

(12 years and older)

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

The Teens are beginning the food drive to pass out the baskets to families in need this holiday season. The Sunday School children have been asked to bring a bag of can goods and side dishes to help fill the baskets.

We are in need of money to purchase fresh turkeys and vegetables for all the baskets. These donations can be brought to church and given to Alex Khabbaz or Jacob Muller. Please bring donations by November 17th. Thank you for all your support!!!



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).

- ♦ **Sunday, November 10th**– no class (Bazaar weekend)
- ♦ **Sunday, November 17th**– Start of Christmas Pageant Preparation

**Thank you St. Mary Church School for the wonderful Fall Harvest Party.

****Reminder to families:** Each child is asked to bring in the grocery bag with donations for the Thanksgiving baskets. These bags can be brought down to Sunday School. Items needed are stuffing, cranberry sauce, instant mashed potatoes, peas, corn, fruit cocktail, jello, and soup.

COMING SOON !
St. Mary's
Famous Annual Bazaar

Friday, November 8th, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Saturday, November 9th, 10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Sunday, November 10th, 11:30 am - 3:00 pm

FEATURING

Arabic Food & Pastry
American Foods
Village Market
Bargain Basement
Christmas Booth
St. Mary's Famous Cashews
Silent Auctions
Christmas Crafts
Cash Raffle & Grand Raffle
Santa Claus



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For more information please call 726-1202
or view our website at www.stmarypawtucket.org

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 Slemon
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
George Matook, offered by St. Mary's Choir
Charles and Nora Abdelahad offered by Charles and Elaine Agaty
Mark Hashway, offered by Elaine Wilbur
Kevin Hashway, offered by Elaine Wilbur
Nabil Khoury, offered by A Friend
Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian, offered by John & Anita Chamoun
Dr. & Mrs. Nabil Khoury, offered by John & Anita Chamoun
Dr. & Mrs. Tawfik Hawwa, offered by John & Anita Chamoun
Elaine Gauthier, offered by John & Anita Chamoun
Bryan, Stephanie Chowning & Family, offered by John & Anita Chamoun
Elaine Swistak, offered by John & Anita Chamoun
The Kilsey Family, offered by John & Anita Chamoun
Father Elie Estephan, Ruba & Family, offered by John & Anita Chamoun
Reyna and Anthony Chamoun, offered by John & Anita Chamoun
Fred Shwaery, offered by Nabil & Salwa Khoury
The Slemon Children & Grandchildren, offered by Charles Slemon & Family
Fred A. Slemon Jr., offered by Ellen & Wayne Wagner
Leah, Bianca & Johnna Macaruso, offered by Nora Matook
Michael, Maria, Mark, & Meika Matook, offered by Nora Matook
Fred Shwaery, offered by George & Sandra Matook
The Kilsey Family, offered by Samy and Helen Morcos
Fred Shwaery, offered by Samy and Helen Morcos
Pat Smith, offered by Samy and Helen Morcos
Maureen, Paul and Mary Gurghigian, offered by Samy and Helen Morcos
Philip Gregory Ayoub, offered by Samy and Helen Morcos
Elaine Gauthier, offered by Elaine Swistak
Bryan, Stephanie, Nicholoas, Leila and Emily Chowning, offered by Elaine Swistak
Dennis Loomis & Tatum Fontana, offered by Donna Slemon
Allyson Loomis, offered by Donna Slemon
Fred Slemon, offered by Donna Slemon & Dennis & Allyson Loomis
Charles Slemon, offered by Donna Slemon & Dennis & Allyson Loomis



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
John Swistak, offered by His Loving Family
Ronald Gauthier, offered by Elaine Swistak
Christopher Gauthier, offered by Elaine Swistak
Ron Gauthier, offered by His Loving Wife
Christopher Gauthier, offered by His Mom
Alice Kilsey, offered by Elaine Gauthier
Fred Hashway, offered by Elaine Wilbur
Abraham George, offered by The George Family
Fred A. Slemon, Sr., offered by Charles Slemon
Our Godfather, Fred A. Slemon, Sr., offered by Sharon, Charles, Cindy & Families
George & Nora David, offered by their Children & Grandchildren
Fred A. Slemon, offered by Ellen & Wayne Wagner
Antoinette Slemon, offered by Ellen & Wayne Wagner
Fred Slemon, offered by Fred, Liesse, Adam & Liese Marie Slemon
Leon Matook, offered by Nora Matook
Alice Kilsey, offered by Samy and Helen Morcos
Raif and Mary Saati, offered by Samy and Helen Morcos
Youssef and Alice Mastry Morcos, offered by Samy and Helen Morcos
Fred and Antoinette Slemon, offered by Donna Slemon & Dennis & Allyson Loomis



Churching



Sunday, November 3, 2013

Michael Andrews Jr.

Son of Michael & Lisa (Kilsey) Andrews
of Lincoln, RI

St. Mary Ladies Society News

The Ladies annual Christmas party will be held on December 6th at Blithewold in Bristol R.I. The ladies will meet at church~ 4:30 P.M. and enjoy a guided tour of the museum, greenhouse and some Christmas caroling with the Roger Williams University acapella group. Cost is \$13. Please contact Mary Lou Catelli for more information-(401)726-1043 or mloucatelli@cox.net by October 27th.

LADIES MEETINGS

Monday, November 4th at 7:00pm

Monday, December 2nd at 7:00pm

Please be prompt so we can adjourn by 8:30pm

Leg of Lamb

The St. Mary Bazaar Committee is still taking donations for the Leg of Lamb Drive Program to help defray the kitchen costs of our annual Bazaar. Everyone has an opportunity to donate Legs of lamb at a cost of \$30 each. Thank you for your generosity and support.



Prayer Line

St. Mary ~ Internet Prayer Line

Prayer requests can be sent to us via the internet at

prayerline@stmarypawtucket.necoxmail.com

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.

St. Mary Annual Bazaar

~2013~

St. Mary Bazaar 2013

The Bazaar Committee has started its preparations for the 2013 Bazaar to be held at the Parish Center November 8th, 9th, 10th. Your generous support and participation are needed to help ensure the success of this annual event for our church and community. *The Marketing Committee will be meeting every Wednesday night at 7pm in the Church Hall until the Bazaar.* Please contact the chair Steve Kilsey (401) 724-0944 for information.



ANGEL RAFFLE

“Only 100 Tickets being sold!”

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



Drawing will be held at the Bazaar on Friday, November 8th. Thank you for your amazing support!

“Sue Ayoub and Steve Kilsey await your request”

Bazaar Booth Set-up

Booth set-up for the bazaar will begin Monday, November 4th. The parish center will be open from 6pm-10pm Monday, Nov. 4th - Thursday, Nov. 7th for all booth set-ups. Please have all booth set-ups complete by Thursday night.

White Camel

Items are needed for the White Camel table at the Bazaar. Please donate new/used household items, books, knick knacks (no clothes please). Please bring your new/used items to the storage room at the Parish Center.

Coffee Hour

The Coffee Hour today is being offered by Ron and Janice Hallal for the health and safety of John and Lorna Hallal & Family, Al and Vicki Hallal & Family, and James Hallal Jr. The Coffee Hour will be held in the Church Hall.



ONLINE BULLETIN

The Bulletin is now available online on our website at:

<http://stmarypawtucket.org>

Our Coffee Hours are under new management!

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 speak with Fr. Elie at church or call him at: (240)-205-9079 and call Beth Schillawski at: (508)-339-0946.

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

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.

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The Children of SYRIA
also have a RIGHT to PEACE



Join Us

In our effort to assist these innocent victims of war

Sunday November 3rd 2013 at 5:00 pm

Vespers with Bishop +NICHOLAS
Followed by Dinner and a Presentation

St. George Orthodox Church of Boston
55 Emmonsedale Road, West Roxbury MA

Donation \$20 – call 617.323.0323



The Parish Council has adopted a Fee schedule for the following services:

Baptism: Member- \$100
Non-Member- \$200

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

(Plus offering to clergy & cost of choir)

Parish Council President: Edward Ayoub



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) is asked to contact the choir directress Mrs. Yaraslava Klinovsky tel:(401)272-7776 or email yklinovskiy@gmail.com.

Arabic Classes

Arabic classes will be given by Khouria Ruba and will be starting on Thursday, November 14th at 1:00pm in the Church Hall. Anyone interested is asked to call the church office at (401) 726-1202

Bible Study

Bible study will resume in January 2014 due to the activities the parish is involved in for the Bazaar. So mark your calendars for THE BIBLE STUDY to start up on Monday, January 13, 2014. Remember to bring your copy of The Orthodox Study Bible for referencing during the Bible Study session.

E-mail Addresses

The Church office is compiling a list of parishioner email addresses to make it easier to communicate with our members of St. Mary Parish. Please help us in getting our list updated as soon as possible. The church e-mail address is prayerline@stmarypawtucket.necoxmail.com

Arabic Liturgy

Arabic Liturgy is being offered the first Saturday of each month at 5:00 P.M. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

