Sunday, December 15th: Twenty Ninth Sunday After Pentecost and Sunday of the Forefathers
Thursday, December 19th: 1:00 P.M. Arabic classes at Parish Center
Sunday, December 22nd: The Sunday Before the Nativity of Christ
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Monday, January 13th, 2014: Bible Study resumes
Sunday, February 2, 2014: General Assembly

Coffee Hour Calendar

Date: Sponsored by: Sponsored for:
December 15th: Bassam & Pauline Khabbaz Nicholas El-Khouri (1 year)
December 22nd: Sunday School Pageant Florence David (1 year)
December 29th: Nancy & Michael Muller Linda Bowab (4 yr.)
January 5, 2014 Fatat El-Khouli
January 12, 2014 Briggs & Wehbe Families
January 19, 2014 Ron & Janice Hallal
January 26, 2014 Fred Kilsey
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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
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

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**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.

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**Coffee Hour**

Coffee Hour today is being sponsored by Bassam & Pauline Khabbaz. Coffee hour will be held in the church hall today after Liturgy.

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**Sunday, December 15, 2013**

**Twenty Ninth Sunday After Pentecost and Sunday of the Forefathers**

**Tone: 8** **Eothenon: 3**

**Troparion of the Resurrection: Tone 3**

From the heights thou didst descend O Compassionate One, and thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our Life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to thee.

**Troparion of the Forefathers: Tone 2**

The image of God was truly preserved in thee, O Father, for thou didst take up the cross and followed Christ! By so doing thou didst teach us to disregard the flesh for it passes away, but to care instead for the soul since it is immortal. Therefore thy spirit, Holy Father Patapios, dost rejoice with the angels!

**Troparion of St. Eleutherios: Tone 4**

Thou hast become like the Apostles in their states, a successor to their throne, finding indeed the intellectual ladder, O thou God-inspired. Therefore, thou hast followed the Word of God in righteousness, and striven unto blood for the Faith. O Martyr among Priests, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

**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 Prepartory for the Nativity of the Theotokos: Tone 2**

Today the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth in an ineffable manner to the Word before the ages. Rejoice, therefore, O universe, when thou hearest, and glorify with the angels and shepherds him who shall appear by his own will as a new babe, being God before the ages.
Epistle
Col. 3:4-11

O Lord, how magnificent are your works.
You have made all things in wisdom.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians
BRETHREN, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.
Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away; anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is becoming renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

The Gospel
Luke 14:16-24

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke
Then Jesus said to him, “Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come; for everything is ready now.’ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my regrets.’ Another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my regrets.’ Another said, ‘I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come.’ So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, ‘Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.’ And the slave said, ‘Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.’ Then the master said to the slave, ‘Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled. For I tell you, ‘none of those who were invited will taste my dinner.’”

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.

2013 Christmas Concert: This year, our Diocesan Choir will participate in the first “Orthodox Christmas around the World” concert at the Malliotis Center in Brookline on Sunday, December 15 at 4pm. This is a pan-Orthodox effort organized by Holy Cross Seminary featuring choirs from different jurisdictions.

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.

Arabic Classes
Arabic classes will be given by Khouria Ruba are held every Thursday at 1:00pm at the Parish Center. Anyone interested is asked to call the church office at (401) 726-1202.
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ST MARY CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

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Steve, Christmas & New Year’s Eve Mass.

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John Swistak, offered by His Loving Family
Ron Gauthier, offered by His Loving Wife
Christopher Gauthier, offered by His Mom
Fred Hashway, offered by Elaine Wilbur
Abraham George, offered by The George Family
George Hallal (12 years), offered by Georgette Hallal
All deceased Family, In-laws, and Friends, offered by Georgette Hallal
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Ameen and Naifey Sabath, offered by Edward & Lillian Betor
Petros and Afife Betor, offered by Edward & Lillian Betor
Helen Betor, offered by Edward & Lillian Betor
Fred Sabath, offered by Edward & Lillian Betor
Fred “Fritzie” and Jimmy Sabath, offered by Edward & Lillian Betor

2012 Christmas Concert CD’s

Announcing the release of the 2012 Christmas Concert recording by the Choir and Chanters of our Diocese.

They make great Christmas gifts!
Available December 15th. CD’s $10
See Yaraslava (choir directress) to reserve your copy!

Christmas Liturgy

Christmas Liturgy this year will be on December 24th at 5:00 P.M.

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.

ONLINE BULLETIN

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