

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 12th: The Sunday After Epiphany

1 Year Memorial Service for Florence David

Monday, January 13th, 2014: Bible Study resumes

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

Sunday, January 19th: Twenty Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Outreach Meeting during Coffee Hour

Sunday, January 26th: Thirty Second Sunday After Pentecost

Saturday, February 1st: 10:30 A.M.- Baptism of Ellianna Sophia Samra

Sunday, February 2, 2014: Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord

7 year Memorial Service for Christos Theodoridis

General Assembly

Sunday, February 9, 2014: Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican & Leave taking of the
Presentation of Our Lord

Sunday, February 16, 2014: Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Sunday, February 23, 2014: Sunday of Meat Fare

Coffee Hour Calendar

Date:

Sponsored by:

Sponsored for:

January 12, 2014

Briggs & Wehbe Families

Florence David (1 year)

January 19, 2014

Ron & Janice Hallal

Linda Bowab (4 yr.)

January 26, 2014

Fred Kilsey

Michelle Kilsey (3 year)

February 2, 2014

General Assembly

February 9, 2014

Albert & Victoria Hallal

Mary Hallal (10 year)

February 16, 2014

Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos

Elias Morcos (Father)

March 2, 2014

Ed & Sue Ayoub

Nicole Arruda (1 year)

March 30, 2014

William Salhany & Family

Ruth Salhany

SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, January 12, 2014

The Sunday After Epiphany

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

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>

Orthodox Vocabulary

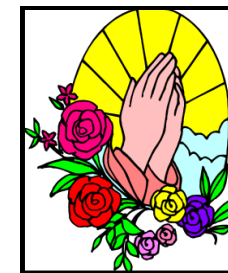
Christians

Christians: in the primitive Church, those who followed Christ and who “were of one heart and soul” (Acts 4:32) were called disciples, believers, saints, brethren. It seems that it was from non-Christian surroundings that the term “Christian” originated: it meant a partisan, a follower of Christ (from the Greek *christos*, “Christ”, “anointed”).

In the Acts of the Apostles, St. Luke writes: “*And it was at Antioch that, for the first time, the name of ‘Christians’ was first given to the disciples.*”

At the end of our every petition, we should say: “Not as I will, but as you will” (Matthew 26:39). There is only one petition where we do not need to add this: in that petition for our salvation, because God “wishes all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:4).

~ Father Epiphanius Theodoropoulos



2014 Church Calendars

The Church Calendars for the new year have arrived. Every family or household is asked to take only one calendar from the Church Hall. Please use the calendars to participate in the liturgical life of the Church.

Epiphany 2014- Blessing of Homes

With the celebration of The Feast of Epiphany and the Great Sanctification of the Water, house blessings are starting for the new year. If you would like to have your house blessed, please contact Fr. Elie and schedule an appropriate time. While it is traditional to begin house blessings following Epiphany, homes may be blessed throughout the year. May the Blessing of the Jordan River sanctify and protect each and every home and family in our community.



St. Mary Needs You!

Preparations for our annual elections are underway. St. Mary is looking for committed and motivated pledging members to run for the 5 elected seats we have open in 2014. Interested members should contact a member of the nomination committee. Please consider serving your church! St. Mary needs you! The Nomination Committee: Fr. Elie, Ed Ayoub, Salwa Khoury, Holly Lazieh, Maureen Gurghigian & Joe Samra

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

Bible Study

Bible study will resume on Monday, January 13, 2014. Remember to bring your copy of The Orthodox Study Bible for referencing during the Bible Study session.

The Sunday After Epiphany

Sunday, January 12, 2014

Tone:4

Eothinon:7

Troparion for the Resurrection: Tone 4

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

Troparion for the Theophany: Tone 4

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity wast made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, Who hath appeared and enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

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 Theophany: Tone 4

Today Thou hast appeared to the universe, O Lord, and Thy light hath been shed upon us, who praise Thee with knowledge, saying, Thou hast come and appeared, O unapproachable Light.



Epistle

Ephesians 4:7-13

Prokeimenon: Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.

The reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.

Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

The Gospel

Matthew 4:12-17

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles - the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 2nd, 2014 at the Parish Center following Liturgy.

- * All Church Organizations and standing committees are kindly reminded to submit their annual reports to the Church Office before January 22nd.
- * All parishioners in good standing who "accept, profess and practice the faith and discipline of the Holy Orthodox Faith" are welcome to participate and to vote at the meeting. Practicing the discipline of the faith involves regular and consistent attendance at Divine Liturgy and participation in the Sacraments of the Church, as well as completing a stewardship pledge for the year 2013 and making a pledge commitment for the year 2014.

The Nominating Committee will be meeting to prepare a list of eligible candidates to be submitted at the Parish Meeting. This year, five positions must be filled.



Humanitarian Appeal

The Antiochian Women of North America have received a request from International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) to supply baby, school, and health kits to those suffering in Syria and Lebanon. We at St Mary have raised about \$200.00 dollars to purchase the supplies requested, package them, and ship them to IOCC. We are asking you to join us in this endeavor-people helping people-by making a financial donation for this cause. **Please write your check to Ladies Society- St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church and on the menu line indicate IOCC, place it in an envelope, and bring it to church on January 19, 2014.** A collection box will be on the candle stand. You are also welcome to help assemble the kits on **Sunday, January 26, 2014** immediately following Divine Liturgy in the Parish Center. For questions or further information, contact Mary Lou Catelli 401 726-1043. Thank you.



Antiochian Women
Diocese of Worcester and New England

2014 Pre-Lenten Retreat Saturday, February 1, 2014 | 12 noon

at Saint John of Damascus Church, 300 West Street, Dedham, MA

Everyone welcome!
Men & women,
young & old...



The 2014 Pre-Lenten Retreat is being held in conjunction with
Diocesan Family Day: Bringing Together the Finest...Our People and Our Traditions
So, bring along your young adults, teens & church school aged children to participate in Family Day!

11:30 am Registration | 12:00 noon Lunch & Opening Address
1:00 pm Session 1 | 2:15 pm refreshments | 2:45 pm Session 2 plus Q&A | 5:00 pm Vespers

2014 PRE-LENTE RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s) _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____
Phone _____ Email _____
Home Parish _____

____ # attending the Retreat. Enclosed is my payment in the amount of \$ _____ @ \$20 per person

Please make checks payable to: Antiochian Women - DOWNE
Mail registration form & check to Kh. Erin Kimmett, 17 Austin Street, Norwood, MA 02062.

Advance registration required--deadline January 23. Questions? ErinMaryK@aol.com or 781.775.0789



One Year Memorial Service



Today, a One Year Memorial Service is offered by Christine and Robert Briggs & Family, and Mary Jane and Albert Wehbe & Family for the repose of the soul of the servant of God, *Florence David*. Following the service, a Memorial Luncheon will be offered by the family at the Parish Center.

May God grant her peace and repose and may her memory be eternal.

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
Charles and Nora Abdelahad, offered by Charles and Elaine Agaty
The Briggs Family, offered by Charles and Elaine Agaty
The Wehbe Family, offered by Charles and Elaine Agaty
The Briggs Family, offered by Charles and Nora Abdalahad
The Wehbe Family, offered by Charles and Nora Abdalahad
Mark Hashway, offered by Elaine Wilbur
Kevin Hashway, offered by Elaine Wilbur
April Gentes Robert, offered by George & Sandra Matook
Nabil Khoury, offered by Salwa Khoury
Mary Jane Wehbe & Family, offered by Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Christine Briggs & Family, offered by Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Elaine Wilbur, offered by Lorice Hallal
Steve & Patricia Kilsey, offered by Lorice Hallal
George Matook, offered by Sam & Kay Matook
The Family of Florence David, offered by Sam & Kay Matook
Rita Sayegh, offered by Sam & Kay Matook
Sam & Kay Matook, offered by Sam & Kay Matook
Don Aubin, offered by Mary Lou & Bill Catelli
George Matook, offered by Mary Lou & Bill Catelli
Don & Barbara Aubin, offered by Joe & Marlene Samra
Fred Hallal, offered by Joe & Marlene Samra



PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

Christine & Bob Briggs & Family, offered by Elaine Swistak
Mary Jane & Albert Wehbe & Family, offered by Elaine Swistak
Robert & Christine Briggs & Family, offered by George & Sandra Matook
Albert & Mary Jane Wehbe & Family, offered by George & Sandra Matook
Fred Hallal, offered by Albert & Victoria Hallal
George & Connie Matook, offered by Albert & Victoria Hallal
John & Lorna Hallal, offered by Albert & Victoria Hallal
The David Family, offered by Elaine Gauthier
Christine and Bob Briggs & Family, offered by Charles Slemon
Mary Jane and Albert Wehbe & Family, offered by Charles Slemon
Christine and Bob Briggs & Family, offered by Cindy, George & Michael Antypas
Mary Jane and Albert Wehbe & Family, offered by Cindy, George & Michael Antypas
Christopher, Stephanie and Wade Briggs, offered by Christine & Bob Briggs
Vanessa and Claudine Wehbe, offered by Mary Jane and Albert Wehbe
The Houssan, El-Houssan, Skaff, Hanna, Briggs & Wehbe Families, offered by Christine, Bob, Christopher, Stephanie, and Wade Briggs
The Houssan, El-Houssan, Skaff, Hanna, Briggs & Wehbe Families, offered by Mary Jane, Albert, Vanessa, and Claudine Wehbe



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
Florence David, offered by Elaine Swistak
Ron Gauthier, offered by His Loving Wife
Christopher Gauthier, offered by His Mom
Florence David, offered by Elaine Gauthier
Fred Hashway, offered by Elaine Wilbur
Abraham George, offered by The George Family
Sub-Deacon Nicholas El-Khaouli, offered by Lorice Hallal
Florence David, offered by Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Florence David, offered by Sam & Kay Matook
Christopher Gauthier, offered by Philip, Bette & Philip G. Ayoub
Ron Gauthier, offered by Philip, Bette & Philip G. Ayoub
John Swistak, offered by Philip, Bette & Philip G. Ayoub
Florence David, offered by Mary Lou & Bill Catelli
Florence David, offered by George & Sandra Matook
Florence David, offered by Charles & Elaine Agaty
Florence David, offered by Charles & Nora Abdelahad
Nicholas El-Khaouli, offered by Pierre & Lorice El-Khaouli
Florence David, offered by Joe & Marlene Samra
Florence David, offered by Charles Slemon
Florence David, offered by Cindy, George & Michael Antypas
Florence David, offered by Christine, Bob, Christopher, Stephanie, and Wade Briggs
Florence David, offered by Mary Jane, Albert, Vanessa, and Claudine Wehbe
Florence David, offered by Jeannette and John L'Abbe

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Edward J. David, offered by Christine, Bob, Christopher, Stephanie, and Wade Briggs
Edward J. David, offered by Mary Jane, Albert, Vanessa, and Claudine Wehbe
Edward J. David, offered by Jeannette and John L'Abbe
Elias Houssan, offered by Christine, Bob, Christopher, Stephanie, and Wade Briggs
Elias Houssan, offered by Mary Jane, Albert, Vanessa, and Claudine Wehbe
Mario Tabet, offered by Christine, Bob, Christopher, Stephanie, and Wade Briggs
Mario Tabet, offered by Mary Jane, Albert, Vanessa, and Claudine Wehbe
Alice Kilsey, offered by Christine, Bob, Christopher, Stephanie, and Wade Briggs
Alice Kilsey, offered by Mary Jane, Albert, Vanessa, and Claudine Wehbe
John Swistak, offered by Christine, Bob, Christopher, Stephanie, and Wade Briggs
John Swistak, offered by Mary Jane, Albert, Vanessa, and Claudine Wehbe
Ronald Gauthier, offered by Christine, Bob, Christopher, Stephanie, and Wade Briggs
Ronald Gauthier, offered by Mary Jane, Albert, Vanessa, and Claudine Wehbe
Matilda Josephs, offered by Christine, Bob, Christopher, Stephanie, and Wade Briggs
Matilda Josephs, offered by Mary Jane, Albert, Vanessa, and Claudine Wehbe
Sub Deacon Nicholas El-Khaouli, offered by Christine, Bob, Christopher, Stephanie, and Wade Briggs
Sub Deacon Nicholas El-Khaouli, offered by Mary Jane, Albert, Vanessa, and Claudine Wehbe
Sophie Hallal, offered by Christine, Bob, Christopher, Stephanie, and Wade Briggs
Sophie Hallal, offered by Mary Jane, Albert, Vanessa, and Claudine Wehbe
Deceased members of the Houssan, El-Houssan, Skaff, Hanna, Briggs & Wehbe Families, offered by Christine, Bob, Christopher, Stephanie, and Wade Briggs
Deceased members of the Houssan, El-Houssan, Skaff, Hanna, Briggs & Wehbe Families, offered by Mary Jane, Albert, Vanessa, and Claudine Wehbe



Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour today is being offered by The Briggs & Wehbe Families in memory of Florence David. Coffee Hour will be held at the Parish Center after Liturgy.

