

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 19th: Twenty Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
Outreach Meeting during Coffee Hour

Monday, January 20th: 7:00 P.M.-Bible Study in Church Hall

Thursday, January 23rd: 1:00 P.M.– Arabic Classes at the Parish Center

Sunday, January 26th: Thirty Second Sunday After Pentecost
Assemble Humanitarian Kits at Parish Center after Liturgy

Monday, January 27th: 7:00 P.M.-Bible Study in Church Hall

Thursday, January 30th: 1:00 P.M.– Arabic Classes at the Parish Center

Saturday, February 1st: 10:30 A.M.- Baptism of Ellianna Sophia Samra
5:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy

Sunday, February 2, 2014: Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord
7 year Memorial Service for Christos Theodoridis
General Assembly at Parish Center

Monday, February 3rd: 7:00 P.M.-Bible Study in Church Hall
7:00 P.M.– Ladies Society Meeting

Thursday, February 6th: 1:00 P.M.– Arabic Classes at the Parish Center

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

Monday, February 10th: 7:00 P.M.-Bible Study in Church Hall

Thursday, February 13th: 1:00 P.M.– Arabic Classes at the Parish Center

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

Sunday, February 23, 2014: Sunday of Meat Fare

Coffee Hour Calendar

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Sponsored by:</u>	<u>Sponsored for:</u>
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)
February 23, 2014	Hallal Family	Mitchell Hallal (25 years)
March 2, 2014	Ed & Sue Ayoub	Nicole Arruda (1 year)
March 9, 2014	Massiwer/Gurghigian/Hayes	John Massiwer (14 years)
March 16, 2014	Joe & Rebecca Samra	
March 23, 2014	Emad & Sue Amirhom	
March 30, 2014	William Salhany & Family	Ruth Salhany (4 year)
April 6, 2014	Agaty/ Swistak Family	Mary Agaty (20 years)
April 27, 2014	Fred Hallal & Daughters	Sophie Hallal (4years)

SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, January 19, 2014

Twenty Ninth 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
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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>

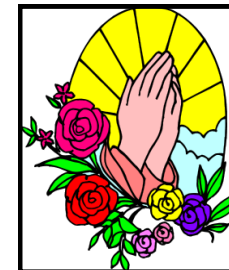
Orthodox Vocabulary

Prokeimenon

Prokeimenon: literally "*that which comes before*". It is a verse chanted before the reading of the Epistle or another Biblical reading. In most cases, it consists of verses from the Psalms.

Every day, every night, let us think that God is watching us, that He hears our prayers, that He sees the depths of our spirit. This does not mean, of course, that we see God as He is, but it creates an atmosphere which allows us to perceive each day's imperfections, the dissipation of our 'mind, our faults in our relations with others, and so on.

~Archimandrite Sophrony



CHURCH EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGE

Please use our new email address **office@stmarypawtucket.org** for all church correspondence. Please be aware that if you use our old email address after today, I will not be able to access it.

Thank you, Sheryl



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

Come join us for Bible study, held every Second Monday at 7pm in the Church Hall. Remember to bring your copy of The Orthodox Study Bible for referencing during the Bible Study session.

Twenty Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, January 19, 2014

Tone:5 Eothinon:8

We commemorate: Venerable Makarios of Alexandria; Arsenios, Bishop of Kerkyra; Venerable mark Eugenikos, Metropolitan of Ephesus, Pillar of Orthodoxy.

Troparion for 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 for Saint Makarios of Egypt: Tone 1

Thou didst prove to be a citizen of the desert, an angel in the flesh, and a wonder-worker, O Makarios, our God-bearing Father. By fasting, vigil, and prayer thou didst obtain heavenly gifts, and thou healest the sick and the souls of them that have recourse to thee with faith. Glory to Him that hath given thee strength. Glory to Him that hath crowned thee. Glory to Him that worketh healings for all through 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 Presentation of Our Lord: Tone 1

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.



Epistle Colossians 3:4-11

Prokeimenon: O Lord, how magnificent are your works. You have made all things in wisdom.

Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The reading is from Saint 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 being 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 17:12-19

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

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.

Annual Reports

The Parish Council kindly reminds the heads of our Church Organizations and Standing Committees to submit their annual reports to the Church Office by Wednesday, January 22nd. If possible please limit the reports to one page for inclusion in the Annual Assembly Report Booklet.

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...



Mary, Mysteries, Mission

Rediscovering our Christian Identity

with featured speaker
V. Rev. Chad Hatfield

Chancellor of Saint Vladimir's Theological Seminary

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-LENTEN 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 Kimmitt, 17 Austin Street, Norwood, MA 02062.

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

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 Slemmon

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

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Maria Santos, offered by Emad Amirhom

Charles and Nora Abdelahad, offered by Charles and Elaine Agaty

Fred Hallal, offered by Charles and Elaine Agaty

Fred Hallal, offered by St. Mary's Choir

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

Janice & Ronald Hallal, offered by Nabil & Salwa Khoury

George & Connie Matook, offered by Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Elaine Wilbur, offered by Nabil & Salwa Khoury

John Hallal & Family, offered by Ron & Janice Hallal

Al Hallal, offered by Ron & Janice Hallal

George Matook, offered by Ron & Janice Hallal

Elaine Wilbur, offered by Lorice Hallal

Steve & Patricia Kilsey, offered by Lorice Hallal

George & Kim Maook and newly baptized child of God George Frank Steve, Eliana, Isabelle Sophia, and newly
churched child of God Elizabeth Katherine Zabak, offered by George & Sandra Matook

Phil Spenard, offered by wife, children & grandchildren

Dr. Alan Matook, offered by Flo and Phil Spenard & Family

George & Sandra Matook, offered by Flo and Phil Spenard & Family

The infant, George Matook, upon his Baptism, offered by Flo and Phil Spenard & Family

George & Connie Matook, offered by Flo and Phil Spenard & Family

Elaine Wilbur, offered by George & Sandra Matook & Family

Mary Jane & Albert Wehbe & Family, offered by Lily Massiwer

Christine & Robert Briggs & Family, offered by Lily Massiwer

Dennis Loomis & Tatum Fontana, offered by Donna Slemmon

Fred Slemmon, offered by Donna Slemmon

Ellen Wagner, offered by Donna Slemmon

El-Kahouli Family, offered by Yasmine El-Kahouli

Mary Massiwer & Family, offered by Elaine Swistak

Don & Barbara Aubin, offered by Elaine Swistak

Fred Kilsey & Family, offered by Charles Slemmon

Fred Kilsey & Family, offered by Cindy, George & Michael Antypas



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
Margaret Tager, offered by Elaine Swistak
Linda Bowab, 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
Linda Bowab, offered by Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Linda Bowab, offered by Ron & Janice Hallal
Ron Gauthier, offered by Ron & Janice Hallal
John Swistak, offered by Ron & Janice Hallal
Leo Matook, offered by Ron & Janice Hallal
Frederick L. Kilsey, offered by Ethel, Audrey & Wayne Kilsey
Frederick L. Kilsey, offered by Deborah Kilsey and Victoria Azar
Florence David, offered by Holly Lazieh and Sons and Bob Dessaint
Sophie Hallal, offered by Holly Lazieh and Sons and Bob Dessaint
Moses Lazieh, offered by Holly Lazieh and Sons and Bob Dessaint
Mitchell Hallal, offered by Holly Lazieh and Sons and Bob Dessaint
John Swistak, offered by Holly Lazieh and Sons and Bob Dessaint
Ronald Gauthier, offered by Holly Lazieh and Sons and Bob Dessaint
Christopher Gauthier, offered by Holly Lazieh and Sons and Bob Dessaint
Florence David, offered by Diana Hashway
Florence David, offered by Lily Massiwer
Linda Bowab, offered by Charles and Elaine Agaty
Margaret Tager, offered by Charles and Elaine Agaty
Linda Bowab, offered by Charles and Nora Abdelahad
Fred & Antoinette Slemon, offered by Donna Slemon
Frederick L. Kilsey, offered by George & Lois Kilsey
Edward & Florence David, offered by George & Christine Elhoussan & Family
Nicholas El-Khaouli, offered by Yasmine El-Khaouli
Florence David, offered by Yasmine El-Khaouli
Sub-Deacon Nicholas El-Khaouli, offered by Lorice Hallal
Florence David, offered by Lorice Hallal
Linda Bowab, offered by Al & Victoria Hallal
Michelle Kilsey, offered by Charles Slemon
Michelle Kilsey, offered by Cindy, George & Michael Antypas



Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour today is being offered by Janice & Ron Hallal in memory of Linda Bowab. Coffee Hour will be held in the Church Hall after Liturgy.



My sincere thanks to Fr. Elie and the parishioners of St. Mary's for the prayers, cards and well wishes during my recovery.

Donna Slemon

**From The Synaxarion (The Calendar of the Lives of The Saints)
January 21st**

MAXIMOS THE CONFESSOR. Maximos was at first the chief secretary to the Byzantine Emperor Heraklios in seventh-century Constantinople. Maximos gave away his wealth to become a monk. He later became the abbot of his monastery. He led an attack against the monothelites, who believed that Christ had only one nature and will and not two, divine and human. He composed several treatises on the subject and distributed them widely. He incurred the wrath of even the patriarch, who had fallen under the influence of Emperor Heraklios, also a monothelite. Maximos caused the pope to convene a council of all the Italian bishops, and they denounced the heresy. By his influence, another council in Carthage also denounced them. Emperor Constans summoned the pope and Maximos and exiled them both. He had Maximos' tongue and right hand cut off when he was eighty years old so that he could not speak or write against the monothelites again. Yet he continued his fight through his disciple Anastasios. Several years after Maximos died, Emperor Constantine outlawed monothelitism.