

CHURCH CALENDAR

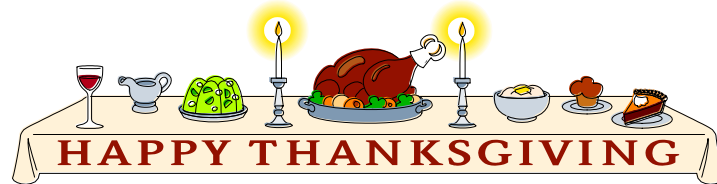
Sunday, November 16th: Twenty Third Sunday After Pentecost
40 Day Memorial Service for Charles Slemon
10 Year Memorial Service for Alice Maurice & Memorial
Luncheon at Parish Center

Monday, November 17th: 7:00 P.M. – Parish Council Meeting

Saturday, November 22nd: 10 A.M. – Teen SOYO making Thanksgiving Baskets

Sunday, November 23rd: Twenty Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
Special Parish Meeting at Parish Center following Liturgy

Thursday, November 27th: Thanksgiving (Church office Closed)



Sunday, November 30th: Twenty Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Monday, December 3rd: 7:00 P.M. – Conference Committee Meeting

Saturday, December 6th: Overnight Trip to New York for the Enthronement of
Metropolitan JOSEPH

Sunday, December 7th: Twenty Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
40 Day Memorial for George Matook

Saturday, December 13th: 5:00 P.M. – Arabic Liturgy

Sunday, December 14th: Twenty Ninth Sunday After Pentecost & Sunday of the
Forefathers

Sunday, December 21st: The Sunday Before the Nativity of Christ
Sunday School Pageant

Tuesday, December 24th: 5:00 P.M. – Christmas Liturgy

Thursday, December 25th: Christmas (Church office Closed)

SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, November 16, 2014
Twenty Third Sunday After Pentecost

Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

249 High Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860
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**His Grace Bishop JOHN, Auxiliary and Bishop of the
Diocese of Worcester and New England**

V. Rev. Father Elie Estephan
395 Brown St.-Unit 2, Attleboro, MA 02703
Cell- 1-(240) 205-9079

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 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

Redemption

Redemption: from a Latin word meaning “ransom.” Through the fall, humanity became enslaved to sin and death. In order to restore human liberty, God himself became incarnate and saved all men by his passion and resurrection. St Paul expresses this: “*You were bought with a price* [the blood of Christ]” (1 Cor 6:20).

When you hear the songs of birds in the trees in springtime, or other sweet singing, raise your mind to the sweetest songs of paradise and think how the heavens echo forever with Alleluia and other angelic praises, and pray God to let you sing His praises forever, in company with those heavenly spirits, of whom Revelation says: “And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God” .

~St. Theophan the Recluse



St. Mary Ladies Society News

The Ladies annual Christmas party will be held on Wednesday, December 17th at the Stadium Theatre in Woonsocket, RI. Please join us for dinner & a show. You are sure to love Tony Cerbo’s take on the style of Michael Buble & Harry Conick Jr.~ the food will be provided by Riverfalls Restaurant.

Tickets are \$46
Please contact Nora Matook to purchase a ticket.
(401) 231-6411



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 \$ 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 see Fr. Elie. Please make check to St. Mary Church for coffee sponsorship and earmark "Coffee Hour".

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Sponsored by:</u>	<u>Sponsored for:</u>
November 16th	The Maurice Family	Alice Maurice (10 years)
November 23rd*	Tony & Fadia Kabak	Their Health
November 30th*	Mirna Nakhoul & Charlotte Mitri	Nakhoul & Mitri Families
December 7th	Connie Matook & Family	George Matook (40 Day)
December 14th*	Catherine Wason	Health of Family
December 21st	No Coffee Hour	Church School Pageant
December 28th	Fatat ElKhaouli	Nicholas ElKhaouli (2 years)

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January 4th	Ron & Janice Hallal Elaine Gauthier	Memory of Linda Bowab (5years) Memory of Chris Gauthier (5years)
January 11th	William Small	Memory of Rev. Deacon Small
January 18th	The Kilsey Children	Fred Kilsey (20 years)
January 25th	Dr. Zeyad Morcos & Family	Memory of Elias Morcos (24 years)
February 1st	Ayoub Family	Naseem Ayoub (1 year)
February 8th	Open for sponsorship	
February 15th	Open for sponsorship	
February 22nd	Open for sponsorship	
February 29th	Open for sponsorship	
March 1st	Open for sponsorship	
March 8th	Open for sponsorship	
March 15th	Open for sponsorship	
March 22nd	Open for sponsorship	
March 29th	William Salhany & Family	Ruth Salhany (5 years)
April 5th	No Coffee Hour	Palm Sunday
April 12th	No Coffee Hour	Pascha

Sunday, November 16, 2014

Twenty Third Sunday After Pentecost

Tone: 6 Eothinon: 1

Troparion of the Resurrection: Tone 6

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Troparion of St. Matthew the Evangelist: Tone 3

O holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew, intercede with the merciful God, to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

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 Entrance of the Theotokos: Tone 4

*(**Thou Who wast raised up**)*

The all-pure temple of the Savior, the most precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the treasurehouse of the glory of God, today enters the Temple of the Lord, bringing with her the grace which is in the divine Spirit: whom also the angels of God do celebrate in song; for she is the heavenly tabernacle.



THE EPISTLE

His voice has gone out into all the earth. The heavens declare the glory of God.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (4:9-16)

Brethren, God has exhibited us Apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ’s sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (9:9-13)

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax office; and He said to him, “Follow Me.” And he rose and followed Him. And as He sat at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Jesus and His disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to His disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when Jesus heard it, He said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”

St. Mary Teen SOYO News and Events

Attention All Teens
(12 years and older)

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

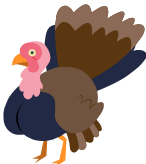
YES PROVIDENCE, RI- December 12-14, 2014

- WHEN?** Friday, December 12 - Sunday December 14, 2014
- WHAT?** A wonderful opportunity to serve and love our most needy neighbors in Providence, RI.
- WHO?** Junior High, High School Students, and College Students
- WHERE?** **St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church** at 5pm on Friday, December 12th: 249 High St., Pawtucket, RI 02865. The service learning weekend will come to a close following Liturgy on December 14th.
- COST?** A registration gift of \$150 a person will cover all trip expenses, make it possible for the YES Program to prepare and execute the trip, and enable our service team to meet the needs of those we serve. ***Scholarships are available!*** Please email Katrina for information.

The Teens are still in need of money to purchase fresh turkeys and vegetables for all the baskets. These donations can be brought to church and given to Emile Sarkis or Stephanie Chowning Please bring donations by November 16th. Thank you for all your support!!!

***The Teens will be making the Thanksgiving Baskets on Saturday, November 22nd at 10am at the Parish Center.

***Thanks to all the teens that participated in Youth Month and also at our Annual Holiday Bazaar!!!



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) are asked to contact the choir directress Dawn Boukari @ (401) 465-8909 or email her: daboukari@aol.com

Parish Meeting

There will be a Special Parish Meeting on Sunday, November 23rd following Liturgy during Coffee Hour at the Parish Center to vote on the recommendations of the Finance Committee concerning the Rectory sale proceeds.

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.

Visitations

Please contact Fr. Elie or Salwa Khoury with any names of parishioners that are in need of visitation either at home, in hospital or nursing homes.

French & Arabic classes are being offered for all levels and all ages. Please contact Sami Saloum at (401) 837-6203 or samisall@hotmail.com for more information.



Memorial Services



- ♦ A Forty-Day Memorial Service is being offered today for the repose of the soul of *Charles Slemon* by The Slemon Children, Grandchildren & Great-grandchildren.

May God grant him peace and may his memory be eternal.

- ♦ A Ten Year Memorial Service is being offered today for the repose of the soul of *Alice K. Kilsey* by The Maurice Family. A Memorial Luncheon will be offered at the Parish Center following Liturgy.

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

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

Mark Hashway, offered by Elaine Wilbur

April Gentes Robert, offered by George & Sandra Matook

Nabil Khoury, offered by Salwa Khoury

Cindy Antypas & Family, offered by Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Sharon Nasr & Family, offered by Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Glenn Maurice & Family, offered by Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Marlene Samra, offered by Nabil & Salwa Khoury

The Maurice Family, offered by George & Sandra Matook

The Slemon Family, offered by George & Sandra Matook

The Slemon Family, Children & Grandchildren, offered by Elaine Gauthier & Family

The Slemon & Abgrab Families, offered by The Slemon Children, Grandchildren & Great-grandchildren

Donna Slemon, offered by Wayne & Ellen Wagner

Fred Slemon, offered by Wayne & Ellen Wagner

Dennis Loomis & Tatum Fontana, offered by Wayne & Ellen Wagner

Allyson Loomis, offered by Wayne & Ellen Wagner

Alexander Silva, offered by Fred, Adele & Robert Shwaery

Lily Dvelis, offered by Fred, Adele & Robert Shwaery

Violet Dvelis, offered by Fred, Adele & Robert Shwaery

Lucus Melcher, offered by Fred, Adele & Robert Shwaery

Layla Melcher, offered by Fred, Adele & Robert Shwaery

The Slemon Family, offered by Charles & Elaine Agaty

The Maurice Family, offered by Charles & Elaine Agaty

The Slemon Family, offered by Nora Abdelahad

The Maurice Family, offered by Nora Abdelahad

Glenn, Donna & Alicia Maurice, offered by Albert & Victoria Hallal



PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

Paul Haddad, offered by Holly Lazieh & Sons and Bob Dessaint
Marlene Samra, offered by Ray & Leila Trabulsi
Karen & Tom Trabulsi, offered by Ray & Leila Trabulsi
Roxana & David Trabulsi & Family, offered by Ray & Leila Trabulsi
Cindy Antypas & Family, offered by Elaine Swistak
Fr. Constantine & Sharon Nasr, offered by Elaine Swistak
Charles & Gail Slemon & Family, offered by Elaine Swistak
Glenn, Donna & Alicia Maurice, offered by Elaine Swistak
Cindy Antypas & Family, offered by Philip & Bette Ayoub
Cindy Antypas & Family, offered by Barbara Aubin & Family
Cindy Antypas & Family, offered by Nancy Penta & Family
Cindy Antypas & Family, offered by George & Donna David
Cindy Antypas & Family, offered by Susan Warzycha & Al Delpape
Dennis Loomis & Tatum Fontana, offered by Donna Slemon & Allyson Loomis
Ellen Wagner, offered by Donna Slemon & Allyson Loomis
Allyson Loomis, offered by Dennis Loomis & Tatum Fontana
Ellen Wagner, offered by Dennis Loomis & Tatum Fontana



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
Fred Hashway, offered by Elaine Wilbur
Abraham George, offered by The George Family
Alice K. Maurice, offered by Glenn, Donna & Alicia Maurice
Alice K. Maurice, offered by Scott & Pamela Maurice
Alice K. Maurice, offered by Ronald Jr. and Gloria Maurice & Family
Alice K. Maurice, offered by David and Sue Maurice & Family
Alice K. Maurice, offered by Dr. Alice Maurice & Mark Rigby
Alice K. Maurice, offered by Oscar Maurice
Our Mother, Anna M. Slemon, offered by offered by The Slemon Children, Grandchildren & Great-grandchildren
Our Godfather, Fred A. Slemon Sr., offered by The Slemon Children, Grandchildren & Great-grandchildren
Our Grandparents, Michael & Ida Abgrab, offered by The Slemon Children, Grandchildren & Great-grandchildren
Our Grandparents, Shafee & Annie Slemon, offered by The Slemon Children, Grandchildren & Great-grandchildren
Our Family Members, offered by The Slemon Children, Grandchildren & Great-grandchildren
Alice K. Maurice, offered by Ethel, Audrey & Wayne Kilsey
Alice K. Maurice, offered by George, Lois, Mary & Christopher Kilsey
Alice K. Maurice, offered by Deborah Kilsey & Victoria Azar
Alice Kilsey, offered by Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Charles Slemon, offered by Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Alice Maurice, offered by George & Sandra Matook
Charlie Slemon, offered by George & Sandra Matook
Charles Slemon, offered by Nancy Penta & Family
Charles Slemon, offered by Elaine Gauthier
Alice Maurice, offered by Elaine Gauthier



Enthronement of His Eminence Metropolitan Joseph

It is with great pleasure that we announce that the events related to the Enthronement of His Eminence Metropolitan Joseph will take place during the weekend of December 5th through 7th, 2014 at St. Nicholas Cathedral in Brooklyn, New York.

The actual enthronement will take place in conjunction with Vespers on Saturday December 6th.

We will be greatly blessed by the presence of His Beatitude Patriarch John X who will preside during this weekend.

St. Mary Church will be renting 2 vans to travel to New York to attend the Enthronement of His Eminence Metropolitan Joseph. We will be leaving on ***December 6th and returning December 7th***. If you are interested, please contact Ed Ayoub or Fr. Elie.

*The cost will be determined based on amount of parishioners attending event.

Arabic Liturgy

****Note Date Change for the Month of December.****
Arabic Liturgy will be held on Saturday, December 13th at 5:00 P.M.



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Attention All Parents: Please bring your children to the Liturgy before Church School. Church School starts every Sunday following communion (Approx. 11:15am).

❄ **Sunday, December 21st: Sunday School Pageant**



Christmas Liturgy

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



PRAYER REQUESTS

Starting in December, we will have a new format for any prayer requests submitted for the bulletin. All prayers received within the month will be printed in the last bulletin of the month. Any names sent to the office, will be mentioned during Liturgy on the Sunday after it was received, but will only be in the bulletin on the last Sunday of the month. If you have any questions, please see Fr. Elie.



Diocese of N.E. upcoming events

Diocesan Christmas Choir – If you are a singer, please join us for our Diocesan Christmas Concert which will be a Western Rite Lessons & Carols service with the Hallelujah Chorus on Sunday, December 14, 5pm @ St. Mary's in Cambridge. Here is the rehearsal schedule:

- Sunday, Nov 16, 4pm – 6pm @ St. John's in Dedham
- Sunday, Nov 30, 7pm – 9pm @ St. Johns' in Dedham
- Sunday, Dec 7, 4pm – 6pm @ St. Mary's in Cambridge DRESS REHEARSAL with brass quintet @ St. Mary's

If you would like to sing or have questions, please e-mail Charlie Marge: marge@alum.mit.edu

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

James Hallal, offered by Ronald & Janice Hallal
Charles Slemon, offered by Ronald & Janice Hallal
Alice Maurice, offered by Ronald & Janice Hallal
Charles Slemon, offered by Marwan, Rosemary, Jihad & Shadia Al-Dajani
Charles Slemon, offered by Richard & Violet Robbat
Charles Slemon, offered by Donna Slemon & Allyson Loomis
Fred & Antoinette Slemon, offered by Donna Slemon & Allyson Loomis
Charles Slemon, offered by offered by Dennis Loomis & Tatum Fontana
Fred & Antoinette Slemon, offered by offered by Dennis Loomis & Tatum Fontana
Charles Slemon, offered by Fred, Liesse, Adam, Liesse & Marie Slemon
Fred Slemon Sr., offered by Fred, Liesse, Adam, Liesse & Marie Slemon
Charles Slemon, offered by Fr. James & Christina Dokos
Fred Slemon, offered by Fr. James & Christina Dokos
Antoinette Slemon, offered by Fr. James & Christina Dokos
Charles Slemon, offered by Glen & Marissa Arsenault & Family
Fred Slemon, offered by Glen & Marissa Arsenault & Family
Antoinette Slemon, offered by Glen & Marissa Arsenault & Family
Charles Slemon, offered by Wayne & Ellen Wagner
Fred Slemon, offered by Wayne & Ellen Wagner
Antoinette Slemon, offered by Wayne & Ellen Wagner
Sophie Hallal, offered by Holly Lazieh & Sons and Bob Dessaint
Nellie Hallal, offered by Holly Lazieh & Sons and Bob Dessaint
Alice Maurice, offered by Holly Lazieh & Sons and Bob Dessaint
Ronald Gauthier, offered by Holly Lazieh & Sons and Bob Dessaint
Charles Slemon, offered by Elaine Swistak
Alice Maurice, offered by Elaine Swistak
Christopher Gauthier, offered by Elaine Swistak
Charles Slemon, offered by Philip & Bette Ayoub
Charles Slemon, offered by Barbara Aubin & Family
Charles Slemon, offered by George & Donna David
Charles Slemon, offered by Susan Warzycha and Al Delpape
Charles Slemon, offered by Fred, Adele & Robert Shwaery
George Matook, offered by Fred, Adele & Robert Shwaery
James Karneeb, offered by Fred, Adele & Robert Shwaery
Mary Kandalaft, offered by Fred, Adele & Robert Shwaery
Alice Maurice, offered by Fred, Adele & Robert Shwaery
Charles Slemon, offered by Charles & Elaine Agaty
Alice Maurice, offered by Charles & Elaine Agaty
Charles Slemon, offered by Nora Abdelahad
Alice Maurice, offered by Nora Abdelahad
Alice Maurice, offered by Albert & Victoria Hallal
James and Mary Hallal, offered by Albert & Victoria Hallal



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Parish Christmas Poinsettia Fund

*In anticipation of Christmas, we present our very important
"Poinsettia Fund" Project*

Please accept my donation of \$ _____
to be used in decorating the Church for Christmas.
This donation is made with the following intentions.



For the Good Health and Blessing of:

In Loving Memory of:

From: _____

Please remember to return the form to the Parish Office by Sunday, Dec. 14th



Christ is Born, Glorify Him!

Once again the holiday season is upon us, and, once again, it is time to start thinking about sending Christmas cards to those with whom we worship and love. Every year the choir sponsors a card which is sent to every family in our parish—sending your best wishes for a happy and blessed Christmas and New Year.

This letter is to ensure that all parish members are approached and have an opportunity to participate in the Christmas card being prepared —we do not wish to overlook anyone!

Below is a form, which you may complete and submit—either in person or by mail—containing your family name and your holiday greetings. Your holiday wishes will be sent to all parishioners. This is a wonderful way to be remembered by our community during this busy season—it is also an inexpensive and easy way to have your card sent to all your friends and relatives. All proceeds go into the choir fund, which is our only source of revenue to continue to upgrade our supplies and continue to provide you with meaningful liturgical music.

In order to be listed in this year’s card, your response must be received no later than Sunday, December 7th. If there are any questions, or if you wish to give your response and donation in person, please contact the church office.

Thank you for helping us in this endeavor. All of us in the choir sincerely appreciate your continued support and look forward to serving you in the coming year.

Sincerely,

The St. Mary Liturgical Choir

FAMILY NAME(S) _____

AMOUNT OF DONATION: _____

Please Remember
— **LAST DATE TO SUBMIT INFORMATION AND DONATION IS DECEMBER 7th!**
By mail, send to: St. Mary Orthodox Church, Choir Christmas Card Fund,
249 High Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860.