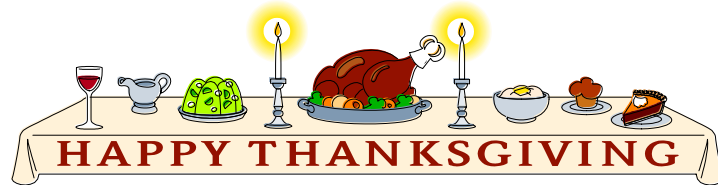


CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Tuesday, December 16th: 6:30 P.M.– Parish Council Dinner / Meeting

Wednesday, December 17th: Ladies Annual Christmas Party at The Stadium Theatre

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 23, 2014

Twenty Fourth Sunday After Pentecost and
Sunday after the Presentation of the Theotokos

Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

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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 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

Iconostasis

Screen of ICONS separating the ALTAR from the NAOS in Byzantine rite churches. The haikal screen dividing the sanctuary or haikal from the nave of a Coptic church may be of carved wood or may take the form of an iconostasis. In Byzantine churches, larger screens usually have three doors: a northern leading to the PROTHESIS, a southern to the DIAKONIKON, and the central holy doors, the gates leading into the sanctuary. Small chapels, as in Athonite monasteries, often have only a central and a north door. Small, low screens may have just the central doors, or a hanging curtain. (ROYAL DOORS). Icons were being hung on the sanctuary barrier by the sixth century and on the VLADIMIR Dormition cathedral of 1408 Andrei RUBLEV and Daniil Cherny added a tier of prophets. In the seventeenth century another two rows were added. Only ordained clergy may use the holy doors. In the case of a Byzantine rite priest he must be wearing at least EPITRACHELION and PHELONION, a deacon the STICHARI ON and ORARION. Coptic Orthodox clergy entering the haikal remove their shoes before doing so. The word iconostasis has a second use to describe the domestic icon stand used in many private houses.

Those things we don't have the strength to perform on our own, we can accomplish easily through persevering prayer. For we have the duty to pray without ceasing. Those in pain and those spared from pain must pray. So must those in danger and those in prosperity. For those who have ease and wealth must pray that these things may never change. Those in pain and in danger must pray that some favorable change will come to them, so that they may move into a comfortable, calm state.

~ Saint John Chrysostom



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 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	The Karneeb Family	James Karneeb (40 Day)
December 21st	<i>No Coffee Hour</i>	Church School Pageant
December 28th	Fatat ElKhaouli	Nicholas ElKhaouli (2 years)
<u>2015</u>		
January 4th	Ron & Janice Hallal	Memory of Linda Bowab (5years)
	Elaine Gauthier	Memory of Chris Gauthier (5years)
January 11th	William Small	Memory of Rev. Deacon Small
January 18th	The Kilsey Children	Fred Kilsey (20 years)
	Fred Kilsey & Family	Michele Kilsey (4 years)
January 25th	Dr. Zeyad Morcos & Family	Memory of Elias Morcos (24 years)
February 1st	Ayoub Family	Naseem Ayoub (1 year)
February 8th*	Catherine Wason	Health of Family
February 15th	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
February 22nd	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
February 29th	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
March 1st	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
March 8th	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
March 15th	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
March 22nd	William Salhany & Family	Ruth Salhany (5 years)
March 29th	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
April 5th	<i>No Coffee Hour</i>	Palm Sunday

Sunday, November 23, 2014

Twenty Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Tone: 7 Eothinon: 2

Troparion of the Resurrection: Tone 7

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

Troparion of the Entrance of the Theotokos: Tone 4

Today the Virgin is the foreshadowing of the pleasure of God, and the beginning of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. Thou hast appeared in the Temple of God openly and hast gone before, preaching Christ to all. Let us shout with one thrilling voice, saying, Rejoice, O thou who art the fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation.

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

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

The Lord will give strength to His people.

Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (2:14-22)

Brethren, Christ is our peace, Who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in His flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the Cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And He came and preached peace to you, who were far off, and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in Whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in Whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (12:16-21)

The Lord spoke this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As He said this, Jesus called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

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.



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.

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

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.



Prayers of Thanksgiving- Before and After every meal

Before the meal: “Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the Evil one.”

~ “Bless O Lord, this the food & drink of thy servants for thou art holy, unto ages of ages, Amen.

Or ~ “The poor shall eat and be satisfied. Those who seek the Lord shall find Him. Their hearts shall live forever.”

After the meal: “We thank You, O Christ our God , that You have satisfied us with Your earthly blessings; Do not deprive us of Your heavenly kingdom; But, as You came in the midst of Your disciples, O Saviour, and gave them peace, So come and save us.” Amen.

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

Edward & Lillian Betor, offered by Charles & Elaine Agaty

Kay Matook, offered by Sam Matook



Special Prayers of Good Health and Blessing are being offered for Anthony Chamoun in celebration of his 15th Birthday.

Offered by:
John, Anita & Reyna Chamoun



Special Prayers of Good Health and Blessing are being offered for Anthony Chamoun in celebration of his 15th Birthday.

Offered by:
Nabil & Salwa Khoury



Special Prayers of Good Health and Blessing are being offered for Newborn Ella Ann Loomis born on November 12, 2014 to Dennis Loomis & Tatum Fontana.

Offered by:
Donna Slemmon
Allyson Loomis



PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Frances Slemmon, offered by Louis Slemmon

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

Anthony Agaty, offered by Charles & Elaine Agaty

Charles Slemmon, offered by Charles & Francine Robat

Charles Slemmon, offered by Louis Slemmon

Charles Slemmon, offered by Brian & Christine Gilmore

Charles Slemmon, offered by Julie & Marie Robat

Charles Slemmon, offered by Joe & Marlene Samra

St. Mary Annual Bazaar ~2014~

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We define success as follows:

Working as hard as you can, putting in your greatest effort, joining minds and hands to achieve your goal. This in itself is success whether you reached your goal or not. It is not the great income or the materialistic things that will define it. This is why I call this Bazaar a successful one!!!

I thank everyone who participated in this year's Bazaar and helped in any way, big or small, to make it a great success! I would like to personally congratulate and thank ALL Chairpersons of the Bazaar Booths for their dedication. I would also like to thank all those who helped setting up the tables, chairs, signsetc., those who helped by donating their time, everyone who helped financially, and all those who prepared and cooked the food and those who served the meals.

It is hard to thank everyone who worked for this successful Bazaar personally. If I missed thanking anybody, it is unintentional and please accept my apologies. I know that all these people mentioned above worked hard for the glory of God, and the solidarity and progress of St. Mary church. I know that they were not waiting for thanks, citations or medals from anybody.

Finally I want to tell all of you that I am so honored and humbled by taking on this wonderful Bazaar event. Thanks to you all.

It is with great pleasure and satisfaction that I report to you that the net income from this Bazaar is \$42,534.86. This number does not include the latest bulk food orders that will be delivered in December.

I wish you, and your loved ones a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Yours in Christ,

Salwa Khoury



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.



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, 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 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



Parish Meeting ~ TODAY

There will be a Special Parish Meeting today following Liturgy (during Coffee Hour at the Parish Center) to vote on the recommendations of the Finance Committee concerning the Rectory sale proceeds.



Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour today is being sponsored by Tony & Fadia Kabak. Coffee hour will be held at the Parish Center today after Liturgy.



REMINDER– New Church Email Address

Please use our new email address office@stmarypawtucket.org for all church correspondence.

Cemetery Plots

If you wish to purchase a cemetery plot at Walnut Hill Cemetery, the cost is \$1,000. Please contact Ed Ayoub for more information or to purchase a plot.

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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.