

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, November 30th: The Holy Apostle Andrew the First-Called

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 Service for George Matook

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

Sunday, December 14th: Twenty Ninth Sunday After Pentecost & Sunday of the
Forefathers
40 Day Memorial Service for James Karneeb

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

Wednesday, December 24th: 6:00 P.M.– Christmas Liturgy

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



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SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, November 30, 2014

The Holy Apostle Andrew the First-Called

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 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

There are four different liturgies in the Orthodox church:

- 1.) **The Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom** which is the most common liturgy celebrated on Sundays and weekdays.
- 2.) **The Liturgy of St. Basil the Great** which is celebrated only ten times a year, mainly during the Sundays of Lent. St. Basil's liturgy is very much like that of St. John Chrysostom with the exception of the prayers offered privately by the priest. These are much longer.
- 3.) **The Liturgy of St. James, the Brother of the Lord**, which is celebrated only once a year on the Feast Day of St. James, October 23, and only in certain places such as Jerusalem..
- 4.) **The Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts** which is used only on Wednesdays and Fridays of Lent and on the first three days of Holy Week.. It is called pre-sanctified because no consecration takes place. The communion elements distributed are reserved from the Eucharist of the previous Sunday. Thus, the Pre-Sanctified is not a Eucharistic liturgy but rather an evening Vesper Service that includes the distribution of pre-consecrated elements of Holy Communion. Its purpose is to offer its more frequent opportunity during Lent to receive Holy Communion. It is used during Lent because the normal liturgy is an extremely joyful expression of the Resurrection and is considered to be inappropriate to the deeply penitential season of Lent.



Our Creator already rules, at the beginning and the end of our lives; why not allow Him to rule our entire lives from start to end? He is the Master of birth and death; may He rule over all the time between birth and death.

~St. Nikolai Velimorvich



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 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	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 & Family	Fred Kilsey (20 years) 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	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	William Salhany & Family	Ruth Salhany (5 years)
March 29th	Open for sponsorship	
April 5th	No Coffee Hour	Palm Sunday
April 12th	No Coffee Hour	Pascha
April 19th	Open for sponsorship	

Sunday, November 30, 2014

The Holy Apostle Andrew the First-Called

Tone: 8 Eothinon: 3

Troparion of the Resurrection: Tone 8

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 St. Andrew the Apostle: Tone 4

Since thou art, O Andrew, the first-called of the Apostles and brother of the leader, intercede with the Master of all that he may grant peace to the world and Great Mercy to 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 of the Preparation of Christ’s Nativity: Tone 3

(**The Original Melody**)

Today the Virgin cometh to the cave where she will give birth in an ineffable manner to the Word Who is before all the ages. Rejoice, therefore, O universe, when thou hearest it heralded: Glorify Him, with the angels and the shepherds, Who chose to be seen as a new-born babe, the God Who is before all the ages.



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. John. (1:35-51)

At that time John was standing with two of his disciples; and he looked at Jesus as He walked, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned, and saw them following, and said to them, "What do you seek?" And they said to Him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where art Thou staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where He was staying; and they stayed with Him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him, and said, "So you are Simon the son of Jonah? You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter). The next day, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathaniel, and said to him, "We have found Him of Whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathaniel said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathaniel said to Him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathaniel answered Him, "Rabbi, Thou art the Son of God! Thou art the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And He said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

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.

ANY QUESTIONS? Please contact Katrina Bitar, YES Program Director, Kbitar@focusna.org or at (602) 790-7900

THANK YOU to everyone that donated food or money for the Thanksgiving Baskets. With your generosity we were able to help over 25 Families have a wonderful Thanksgiving this year.

✳ Dec. 20th the SOYO will be attending a Prov. Friar game with the Annunciation GOYA, We are trying to get a group of 20 in order to get discount of ticket prices. If interested please contact Emile Sarkis, via email at esarkis@hchc.edu, or phone 401-486-1633.

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

December is the month of The Order of St. Ignatius

During the month of December, in our Antiochian Archdiocese we commemorate the role of The Order of St. Ignatius in The Life of the Church and it's Ministry. Members of The Order will be reading the Epistle, taking the collection, and assisting in the Vespers. May God bless all the members of our parish chapter of The Order and guide them to fulfill their Ministry.

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.

The Parish Council has adopted a Fee schedule for the use of the Sanctuary for the following services:

Baptism: Member- \$100
Non-Member- \$200

Wedding: Member- \$300
Non-Member- \$600



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
Mark Hashway, offered by Elaine Wilbur
April Gentes Robert, offered by George & Sandra Matook
Nabil Khoury, offered by Salwa Khoury
Jacob, Maria, Sofia, & Amelia Khoury, offered by Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Joe & Marlene Samra, offered by Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Samy Morcos, offered by Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Dr. Joseph Samra, offered by Fred, Adele & Robert Shwaery
Marlene Samra, offered by Fred, Adele & Robert Shwaery
Sam Morcos, offered by Fred, Adele & Robert Shwaery
Helen Morcos, offered by Fred, Adele & Robert Shwaery
Kay Matook, offered by Fred, Adele & Robert Shwaery
Sam Matook, offered by Fred, Adele & Robert Shwaery
Ray Trabulsi, offered by Ron & Janice Hallal
Dr. Joe & Marlene Samra, offered by Ron & Janice Hallal
Samy Morcos, offered by Ron & Janice Hallal
Joe Samra, offered by Philip & Bette Ayoub
Samy Morcos, offered by Philip & Bette Ayoub
Ray Trabulsi, offered by Philip & Bette Ayoub
Joe Samra, offered by Pat Nazarian
Samy Morcos, offered by Pat Nazarian
Ray Trabulsi, offered by Pat Nazarian
Joe Samra, offered by Susan Warzycha & Family
Samy Morcos, offered by Susan Warzycha & Family
Ray Trabulsi, offered by Susan Warzycha & Family
Joseph Samra, offered by Holly Lazieh and Sons & Bob Dessaint
Samy Morcos, offered by Holly Lazieh and Sons & Bob Dessaint
Ray Trabulsi, offered by Ed & Sue Ayoub
Joseph Samra, offered by Ed & Sue Ayoub
Samy Morcos, offered by Ed & Sue Ayoub
Phil, Bette & Philip G. Ayoub, offered by Ed & Sue Ayoub
Marc & Lisa Parent, offered by Ed & Sue Ayoub
Fr. Elie Estephan, offered by Ed & Sue Ayoub
Joe & Marlene Samra, offered by Barbara
Joe & Marlene Samra, offered by Sandra
Elaine Wilbur, offered by Barbara
Lorice Hallal, offered by Barbara
Mark Hashway, offered by Barbara
Dr. Joe Samra, offered by Charles & Angela Abosamra
Sam Morcos, offered by Charles & Angela Abosamra
Ray Trabulsi, offered by Ray & Leila Trabulsi
Joe Samra, offered by Ray & Leila Trabulsi
Mark Hashway, offered by Ray & Leila Trabulsi



PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

Edward and Lillian Betor, offered by Edward & Lillian Betor
Peter Marcotte, offered by Edward & Lillian Betor
Thomas & Lynn Marcotte, offered by Edward & Lillian Betor
Paul & Kerrie Betor, offered by Edward & Lillian Betor
Matthew & Adrienne Dykstra, offered by Edward & Lillian Betor
Laurice Zambie, offered by Edward & Lillian Betor
William & LaVerne Ameen, offered by Edward & Lillian Betor
Great-Granddaughters Joelle, and Rose Dykstra, offered by Edward & Lillian Betor
Andrea Swistak, offered by Elaine Swistak
Stephanie & Jeff Caplan, offered by Elaine Swistak
Charles & Elaine Agaty, offered by Elaine Swistak
Dr. Joseph & Marlene Samra, offered by Elaine Swistak
Samy Morcos, offered by Elaine Swistak
Ray Trabulsi, offered by Elaine Swistak
Nicholas Chowning, offered by Elaine Gauthier
Joseph and Marlene Samra, offered by Elaine Gauthier
Sam Morcos, offered by Elaine Gauthier
Joseph and Marlene Samra, offered by Albert & Victoria Hallal
Leo Saidnaway, offered by Albert & Victoria Hallal
John & Lorna Hallal, offered by Albert & Victoria Hallal
Joseph and Marlene Samra, offered by Elaine Wilbur
Sam & Helen Morcos & Family, offered by Elaine Wilbur
Ray Trabulsi, offered by Elaine Wilbur
Joseph & Marlene Samra, offered by Nora Matook & Family
Maria B. Matook, offered by Nora Matook & Family
Joe Samra, offered by Steve & Patricia Kilsey
Uncle Joe Samra, Love Melissa Kilsey
Uncle Joe Samra, Love, Steven & Missy Kilsey
Uncle Joe Samra, Love Melanie Kilsey & Patrick Merner



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
George Matook, offered by Ron & Janice Hallal
Sophie Hallal, offered by Holly Lazieh and Sons & Bob Dessaint
George Hallal, offered by Holly Lazieh and Sons & Bob Dessaint
Ameen & 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
John Swistak, offered by Elaine Swistak
Anthony Agaty, offered by Elaine Swistak
Charles Slemon, offered by Albert & Victoria Hallal
Leon T. Matook, offered by Nora Matook & Family
Naseem Ayoub, offered by Ed & Sue Ayoub
George Matook, offered by Ed & Sue Ayoub



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 6:00 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:

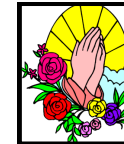
- Sunday, Nov 30, 7pm – 9pm @ St. Johns' in Dedham
- Sunday, Dec 7, 4pm – 6pm @ St. Mary's in Cambridge DRESS REHEARSAL with brass quintet @ St. Mary's

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



Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour today is being sponsored by Mirna Nakhoul & Charlotte Mitri for the health of the Nakhoul & Mitri Families. Coffee hour will be held in the Church Hall after Liturgy.



ONLINE BULLETIN

The Bulletin is available online on our website at:
<http://stmarypawtucket.org>

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.

REMINDER– New Church Email Address

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

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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.