

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**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.– 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

**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

#### Date:

#### Sponsored by:

#### Sponsored for:

February 2, 2014	General Assembly	Elias & Samar Baalbaki
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, February 2, 2014*

*Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord*

## *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*

### **Sign of the Cross**

Sign of the Cross- Orthodox Christians, from the very first days of the faith, have used the Sign of Christ's Cross as a blessing. We make the Sign of the Cross by joining our thumb and first two fingers, touching our forehead, right shoulder, and then the left. The three fingers that we touch together represent the Holy Trinity and the two fingers we touch to the palm of our hand represent the divine and human natures of Christ, in that He was both God and man. Bishops and priests bless others with the "Christogram" making the sign of Christ with their right hands. It is customary for any Orthodox Christian to bless children, food, or oneself placing the person or object in the "Sign of Our Lord." A traditional Orthodox practice is when parents make the Sign of the Cross (often with an icon or Handcross) over a child, particularly if the child is about to take a journey, go off to college, or get married.

Pray like a child, in simplicity of heart, concerning all your needs and sorrows. And entrust yourself to God's will. For the Lord arranges our salvation.

~Saint Nikon



### **CHURCH EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGE**

Please use our new email address **[office@stmarypawtucket.org](mailto:office@stmarypawtucket.org)** for all church correspondence. Please be aware that if you use our old email address, I will not be able to access it.

Thank you, Sheryl



## **Annual Parish Meeting**

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

- \* 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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord**

**Sunday, February 2, 2014**

**Tone:10**

**Eothinon:7**

### **Troparion for the Presentation of Our Lord: Tone 1**

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace, for from thee arose the Sun of justice, Christ our God, lighting those who are in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous elder, carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, Who granteth us Resurrection.

### **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.



## THE EPISTLE

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.  
For He hath regarded the humility of His servant.

*The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (7:17-17)*

Brethren, it is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. Here tithes are received by mortal men; there, by one of whom it is testified that he lives. One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him. Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become a priest, not according to a legal requirement concerning bodily descent but by the power of an indestructible life. For it is witnessed of him, “Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.”

## THE GOSPEL

*The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (2:22-40)*

In those days, the parents of Jesus brought Him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”), and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. And inspired by the Spirit he came into the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said, “Lord, now lettest thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word; for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Thy people Israel.” And His father and his mother marveled at what was said about Him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, “Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed.” And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher; she was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her virginity, and as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to God, and spoke of Him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon Him.

## **St. Mary Ladies Society News**

Our regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 3, 2014 at 7 PM in the Church Hall. The hostess for the evening is Janice Hallal. Agenda items include

- Retreat February, 1, 2014
- Pre-Lenten Dinner March 2, 2014 following Divine Liturgy
- Return to Book Club discussion –Meditations for the Busy Orthodox Woman
- March is Ladies’ Month throughout the Archdiocese
  - o Sticker Campaign
  - o Epistle Readers
  - o Ushers
  - o Preparation for Pascha
  - o Pot-Luck Dinner following Atkathist Service
  - o Services
  - o Decorating

Remember every woman is a member of Antiochian Women!!!



Due to the generosity of our Parish, we have shipped to IOCC 30 Health Kits and 10 Baby Kits. Thank you to those you donated, shopped, assembled, shipped, and supported this project. This will be an on-going activity and will be repeated in the next few months. All are welcomed to join this Humanitarian Project. Thank you.

*Mary Lou Catelli*



### Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour today (at the General Assembly) is being offered by Elias & Samar Baalbaki at the Parish Center after Liturgy.

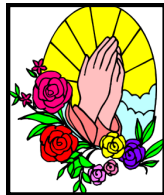


### Assessment Fee

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.

### ONLINE BULLETIN

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



## 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).

\*\*\*Prepare Creative Arts Projects



### Memorial Service



A Seven Year Memorial Service is offered by Evanthia Theodoridis for the repose of the soul of her beloved father Christos Theodoridis,

*May God grant him peace and may his 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

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Maria Santos, offered by Emad Amirhom

Charles and Nora Abdelahad, offered by Charles and Elaine Agaty

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

Philip Spenard, offered by Nabil and Salwa

Joseph, Rebecca, and Ellianna Samra, offered by Joseph and Marlene Samra

Keith, Marlene, and Madelyn Marshall, offered by Joseph and Marlene Samra

Father Harry, Kerry Pappas & Family, offered by Joseph and Marlene Samra

Joe Karneeb, offered by George and Sandra Matook

Bryan and Stephanie Chowning & Family, offered by Elaine Gauthier

Barbara Aubin & Family, offered by Elaine Gauthier

Charles Slemon, offered by Elaine Gauthier

Antwanet Kasatli, offered by Elias & Samar Baalbaki

Mary Shaghouri, offered by Elias & Samar Baalbaki

Raymode Haress, offered by Elias & Samar Baalbaki

Nabil & Nicole Baalbaki, offered by Elias & Samar Baalbaki

Ken & Rania Salhany & Family, offered by Elias & Samar Baalbaki

Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki & Family, offered by Elias & Samar Baalbaki

Janice & Ron Hallal & Family, offered by Charles Slemon

Fred Kilsey & Family, offered by Charles Slemon

The David Children & Grandchildren, offered by Charles Slemon

Barbara Aubin & Family offered by offered by Charles Slemon



**PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:**

Janice & Ron Hallal & Family, offered by Cindy, George & Michael Antypas  
Fred Kilsey & Family, offered by Cindy, George & Michael Antypas  
The David Children & Grandchildren, offered by Cindy, George & Michael Antypas  
Barbara Aubin & Family, offered by offered by Cindy, George & Michael Antypas  
Barbara Aubin & Family, offered by Leila & Ray Trabulsi  
Phil Spenard, offered by Elaine Swistak  
Barbara Aubin, offered by Elaine Swistak  
Leslie & Stephen Pryor & Family, offered by Elaine Swistak  
Jody & Aaron Weardon & Family, offered by Elaine Swistak  
George & Connie Matook & Family, offered by Sam & Kay Matook  
Viola Floru & Family, offered by Sam & Kay Matook  
Bishop JOHN Abdalah & Family, offered by Sam & Kay Matook  
Richard Bicki & Family, offered by Sam & Kay Matook  
Lewis Bellas & Family, offered by Sam & Kay Matook  
Phillip Spenard & Family, offered by Sam & Kay Matook  
Patricia Juber, offered by Sam & Kay Matook  
Naseem & Ann Ayoub, offered by Ed & Sue Ayoub  
Barbara Aubin, offered by Ed & Sue Ayoub  
George Matook, offered by Ed & Sue Ayoub  
Greg Nasrey, offered by Ed & Sue Ayoub  
Barbara Aubin, offered by Lorice Hallal



**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  
Donald Aubin, offered by Elaine Swistak  
Ron Gauthier, offered by His Loving Wife  
Christopher Gauthier, offered by His Mom  
Fred Hashway, offered by Elaine Wilbur  
Abraham George, offered by The George Family  
MaryBeth Ronayne, offered by Jim and Beth Schillawski  
John and Esma Gorab, offered by Joseph and Marlene Samra  
Joseph and Mary Samra, offered by Joseph and Marlene Samra  
Jacqueline Gorab, offered by Joseph and Marlene Samra  
Don Aubin, offered by Elaine Gauthier  
George Baalbaki, offered by Elias & Samar Baalbaki  
Abdallah Shaghouri, offered by Elias & Samar Baalbaki  
Antoun Kozah, offered by Elias & Samar Baalbaki  
Elia Haress, offered by Elias & Samar Baalbaki  
Fouad & Abdel Mashih Shoua, offered by Elias & Samar Baalbaki  
Linda Bowab, offered by Charles Slemon  
Michelle Kilsey, offered by Charles Slemon  
Nora David, offered by Charles Slemon  
Don Aubin, offered by Charles Slemon

**PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

Steve Floru, offered by Sam & Kay Matook  
John Swistak, offered by Sam & Kay Matook  
Ronald Gauthier, offered by Sam & Kay Matook  
Joanne Abdalah, offered by Sam & Kay Matook  
Matilda Josephs, offered by Sam & Kay Matook  
Don Aubin, offered by Leila & Ray Trabulsi  
Donald Aubin, offered by Nancy Penta & Family  
Donald Aubin, George & Donna David & Family  
Don Aubin, offered by Ed & Sue Ayoub  
Fred Affsa, offered by Ed & Sue Ayoub  
Nicole Arruda, offered by Ed & Sue Ayoub  
Mitch Homsey, offered by Ed & Sue Ayoub  
George Turk, offered by Ed & Sue Ayoub  
John Swistak, offered by Ed & Sue Ayoub  
Ron Gauthier, offered by Ed & Sue Ayoub  
Linda Bowab, offered by Cindy, George & Michael Antypas  
Michelle Kilsey, offered by Cindy, George & Michael Antypas  
Nora David, offered by Cindy, George & Michael Antypas  
Don Aubin, offered by Cindy, George & Michael Antypas  
Donald Aubin, offered by Philip, Bette and Philip G. Ayoub  
Donald Aubin, offered by Susan Warzycha & Al Delpape & Family  
Donald Aubin, offered by Lorice Hallal



**Attention All Campers**

Registration for the 2014 Antiochian Village Summer Camp season is now available on-line.  
Please register early if you are planning to attend the camp this summer. Please see Fr. Elie or Stephanie Chowning for scholarships to camp by the February 25th deadline.

*Go to: [www.antiochianvillage.org/camp](http://www.antiochianvillage.org/camp)*



Session 1 (2 weeks) June 15-27

Session 1 (1 week) June 15-22

Session 4 (2 weeks) July 27– August 8

Session 2 (2 weeks) June 29-July 11

Session 3 (2 weeks) July 13-25

Chanting Camp June 15-27

Chanting Camp II June 29-July 11

Iconography Camp July 13-21