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

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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
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.

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 day and night. 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
  - Sticker Campaign
  - Epistle Readers
  - Ushers
  - Preparation for Pascha
  - Pot-Luck Dinner following Atkathist Service
  - Services
  - 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
**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.

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

**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***

**ONLINE BULLETIN**
The Bulletin is available online on our website at: http://stmarypawtucket.org

**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
Emad Amirhom, offered by Emad Amirhom
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
Maria Shaghouri, offered by Elias & Samar Baalbaki
Raymoele 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 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 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
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- Philipp 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 Wilbar
- 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 Mashihi 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

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**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

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