

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, August 24th: Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, August 31st: Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Saturday, September 6th: 5:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy

Sunday, September 7th: The Sunday Before the Elevation of the Holy Cross and the
Prefeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos
Church School Year begins

Monday, September 8th: 7:00 P.M.– Bible Study in the Church Hall
7:00 P.M.– Ladies Society Meeting

Tuesday, September 9th: 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, September 14th: The Feast of the Elevation of the Cross

Wednesday, September 17th: 7:00 P.M.- 2015 Parish Life Conference Committee Meeting

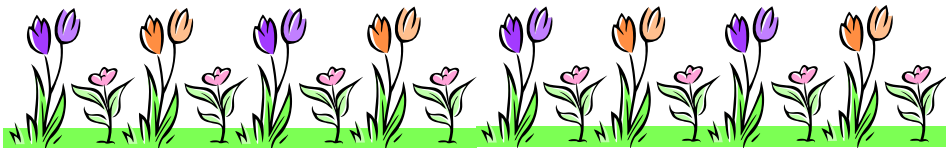
Saturday, September 20th: 4:00 P.M.- Wedding of Steven Kilsey & Melissa St. Martin

Sunday, September 21st: Leave-Taking & Sunday After the Elevation of the Cross

Wednesday, September 24th: 7:00 P.M.– Bazaar Committee Meeting

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.



CHURCH EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGE

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

SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, August 24, 2014

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

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**His Grace Bishop JOHN, Auxiliary and Bishop of the
Diocese of Worcester and New England**

V. Rev. Father Elie Estephan
70 Davis St., Seekonk, MA 02771
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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

Charismata

Charismata signify a Christian's blessings from above, spiritual and temporal, enabling him to fulfill his vocation in life. In a more Biblical sense, the term is used specifically for the supernatural gifts Christians need to carry out the specific tasks expected of them in promoting the spiritual welfare and advancement of their fellow-Christians. In his I Epistle to the Corinthians (12:8-11), St. Paul gives a list of these charismata that include wisdom, knowledge, prophesy, discerning of spirits, tongues, and the interpretation of tongues, as also the charismata given to Apostles, prophets, teachers, and those to whom the government of the Church is entrusted.

When the burden of the righteous is too heavy, their ship will sink, while if it is moderate, it floats and sails safely. Indeed, our life is similar to sailing, the world-to a sea, the body-to a ship; the soul within the body is like a man inside the ship, and a man's deeds are the freight. If the ship is empty, the wind will cause it to capsize. If it is overloaded, it can easily sink even if there are no waves and no wind-and if waves and wind arouse, it will soon sink. It is only by moderate loading it that you will be able to sail safely

St. John Chrysostom



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.

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>
August 24th	Ed & Sue Ayoub	
August 31st	Tony Kabak	Ramez Kabak (40 day)
September 7th	Nora Matook	Memory of Leon Matook
September 14th	Jim & Beth Schillawski	Michael & Tanya Schillawski
September 21st	The Ganim Family	George Ganim (15 years)
September 28th	The Samra Family	Mary Samra (10 years)
October 5th	Bazaar Kick-off Luncheon	
October 12th	Open for sponsorship	
October 19th	Open for sponsorship	
October 26th	Open for sponsorship	
November 2nd	Open for sponsorship	
November 9th	No Coffee Hour	St. Mary Annual Bazaar
November 16th	The Maurice Family	Alice Maurice (10 years)
November 23rd	Open for sponsorship	
November 30th	Open for sponsorship	
December 7th	Open for sponsorship	
December 14th	Open for sponsorship	
December 21st	Open for sponsorship	
December 28th	Open for sponsorship	
<u>2015</u>		
January 4th	Open for sponsorship	
January 11th	Open for sponsorship	
January 18th	Open for sponsorship	
January 25th	Open for sponsorship	

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Tone: 2 Eothinon: 11

Troparion of the Resurrection: Tone 2

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

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 for the Nativity of the Theotokos: Tone 4

By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life.



THE EPISTLE

The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me severely.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (9:2-12)

Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the Law of Moses, “You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain.” Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the Gospel of Christ.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (18:23-35)

The Lord spoke this parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also My heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

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.

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.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

It is decreed that all noble women and noble men who are parishioners of St. Mary’s be advised that they are being summoned to the kitchen on Saturday, September 6th at 9:30am to roll, count and package grape leaves for our annual Feast! If you decline you will be sent to the gallows!

Please call the Dutchess of the Grape Leaf Harvest, also known as Barbara Samra at (401) 465-7493.



THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!!

ST. MARY FEAST DAY EVENT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS: SOCIALLY, DELICIOUS DINNER, WONDERFUL ENTERTAINMENT--WHAT MORE COULD YOU ASK FOR!!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU FOR ALL THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED FOR THIS FEAST ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO PREPARED THE FOOD, THE ENTERTAINMENT, AND DONATIONS.

WE WERE ABLE TO RAISE OVER \$2800!!!



Volunteer needed for Coffee Hour Sponsorships

We are still in need of a volunteer to coordinate the Coffee Hour. Please consider taking charge of this important endeavor. Please see Fr. Elie if you are interested. Thank you!!

St. Mary Church School New Year

On Sunday, September 7th, the 2014-2015 St. Mary Church School year will begin with the blessing of the children at Divine Liturgy and the first class of the new year. All parents of Church School aged children are encouraged to sign up their children immediately. Registration forms are available at the church office.

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 Slemmon
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
Nora Abdelahad, offered by Charles and Elaine Agaty
Elaine Wilbur, offered by Charles and Elaine Agaty
Mark Hashway, offered by Charles and Elaine Agaty
Lorice Hallal, offered by Charles and Elaine Agaty
Stephanie Chowning, offered by Charles and Elaine Agaty
Elaine Wilbur, offered by Nora Abdelahad
Mark Hashway, offered by Nora Abdelahad
Lorice Hallal, offered by Nora Abdelahad
Stephanie Chowning, offered by Nora Abdelahad
Mark Hashway, offered by Elaine Wilbur
Kevin Hashway, offered by Elaine Wilbur
April Gentes Robert, offered by George & Sandra Matook
Mark Hashway, offered by George & Sandra Matook
Charles Slemmon, offered by George & Sandra Matook
Elaine Wilbur, offered by George & Sandra Matook
Lorice Hallal, offered by George & Sandra Matook
Emile Iavazzo, offered by George & Sandra Matook
Stephanie Chowning, offered by George & Sandra Matook
Nabil Khoury, offered by Salwa Khoury
Stephanie Chowning, offered by Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Mark Hashway, offered by Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Elaine Wilbur, offered by Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Emile Iavazzo, offered by Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Mark Hashway, offered by Joe & Marlene Samra
Elaine Wilbur, offered by Joe & Marlene Samra
Charles & Elaine Agaty, offered by Elaine Swistak
Stephanie Chowning, offered by Elaine Swistak
Mark Hashway, offered by Elaine Swistak
Elaine Wilbur, offered by Elaine Swistak
Grace Baron, offered by Samy & Helen Morcos
Elaine Wilbur, offered by Samy & Helen Morcos
Fred, Michelle, Charlotte and Estelle Smith, offered by Samy & Helen Morcos
Richard Spratt, offered by Samy & Helen Morcos



Special prayers of Good Health and Blessing are being offered for Ronald & Janice Hallal on the occasion of their 50th Anniversary.

These prayers are offered by:
Albert & Victoria Hallal
Karen, Linus, Katie & Lauren
James, Paula & Joshua
David, Terrie, Jonathan, Nicholas & Jack



PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

John and Lorna Hallal, offered by Albert & Victoria Hallal
Stephanie Chowning, offered by Elaine Gauthier
Elaine Wilbur, offered by Elaine Gauthier
Mark Hashway, offered by Samy & Helen Morcos
Mark Hashway, offered by Philip & Bette Ayoub

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
Charles Abdelahad, offered by Charles and Elaine Agaty
Charles Abdelahad, offered by Nora Abdelahad
Fred Hashway, offered by Elaine Wilbur
Abraham George, offered by The George Family
Ramez Kabak, offered by Roland and Micheline Ghanem
Mary Agaty, offered by Elaine Swistak
Raif and Mary Saati, offered by Samy & Helen Morcos



Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour today is offered by Ed and Sue Ayoub. The coffee hour will be held in the Church hall following Liturgy.



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

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Church School Student Registration
* (Including Pre-K)
2014-2015

Church School Starts on Sunday, September 7th

***Begins immediately after students receive Communion. Students will then be escorted to the Church School. Dismissal is promptly at 12:00**

Family Name: _____

Name of Parents: _____

Address: Street: _____

Town: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: Home _____ **Cell** _____

Email: _____

Children who are in or entering Church School

Name	D.O.B	Grade in Public School

Attendance Pledge

In Consideration of my child's acceptance into the Church School Program, I hereby acknowledge the importance of my child attending all classes. I pledge to insure my child's attendance. I also realize that failure to honor this obligation would undervalue my child's religious education.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

(Please fill out and return to the Church Office)
St. Mary Church School 249 High Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860
Any question please email Stephanie Chowning schowning@verizon.net (401)333-5323