**Church Calendar**

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

**Wednesday, September 24th:** 7:00 P.M. - 2015 Parish Life Conference Committee Meeting

**Saturday, September 27th:** 9:30 A.M. - Ladies Cooking at Parish Center (Sfeeha)

**Saturday, October 4th:** 9:30 A.M. - Ladies Baking (Date Fingers)
5:00 P.M. - Arabic Liturgy

**Sunday, October 5th:**Kick-Off Dinner at the Parish Center following Liturgy

**Wednesday, October 8th:** 7:00 P.M. - Bazaar Meeting

**Saturday, October 11th:** 9:30 A.M. - Ladies Baking (Nut Mamoul)

**Tuesday, October 13th:** 7:00 P.M. - Bible Study in Church Hall

**Wednesday, October 15th:** 9:30 A.M. - Ladies Baking (Braided & Round Kaik)

**Saturday, October 18th:** 9:30 A.M. - Ladies Baking (Birds Nest & Mamoura)

**Wednesday, October 22nd:** 9:30 A.M. - Ladies Baking (Graybee)

**Saturday, October 25th:** 9:30 A.M. - Ladies Baking (Rolled & Date Baklova)

**Saturday, November 1st:** 9:30 A.M. - Braided Cheese

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**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.

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**Arabic Liturgy**

Arabic Liturgy is being offered the first Saturday of each month at 5:00 P.M. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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**Sunday, September 21, 2014**

**Leave-Taking & Sunday after the Elevation of the Cross**
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.

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.

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.

Orthodox Vocabulary

Parousia

Parousia: from a Greek word meaning “presence.” This is the term used to refer to the second coming of the Lord. On that day, all persons will arise, their bodies transfigured, and all creation will be transformed: new earth and new heavens. This will also be the day of judgment, when the Lord “will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead” (Creed; Mt 25:31; Rom 2:5-11).

God has a Divine plan for each one of us, and we must submit to His plan. We must accept life as it is given to us, without asking “Why me?” We must know that nothing on earth or in heaven ever happens without the will of God or His permission.

~Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica
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

Family Night
Will be rescheduled to a new date...info to follow soon.

Fellowship Bible Study
Will be rescheduled to a new date...info to follow soon.

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 Bazaar 2014
The Bazaar Committee has started its preparations for the 2014 Bazaar to be held at the Parish Center November 7th, 8th, 9th. Your generous support and participation are needed to help ensure the success of this annual event for our church and community. Please contact the chair Salwa Khoury for information.

Sunday, September 21, 2014
Leave-Taking & Sunday after the Elevation of the Cross
Tone: 6  Eothinon: 4

Troparion of the Resurrection: Tone 6
When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Troparion of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross: Tone 1
O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thy commonwealth.

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."

(**Thou Who wast raised up**)
Do Thou, Who of Thine own good will was lifted up upon the Cross, O Christ our God, bestow Thy bounties upon the new Nation which is called by Thy Name; make glad in Thy might those who lawfully govern, that with them we may be led to victory over our adversaries, having in Thine aid a weapon of peace and a trophy invincible.
The Epistle
Galatians 2:16-20

Prokeimenon: O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance.
Verse: To You, O Lord, have I cried, O my God.
The reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Galatians.

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

The Gospel
Mark 8:34-9:1

The Lord said, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see that the kingdom of God has come with power."
Greetings! Fall 2014

I hope this letter finds you well. St. Mary is busy preparing for its 34th annual bazaar. As in previous years we are assembling the BEST holiday bazaar in the area, which will include our delicious Middle Eastern food and pastries for all to enjoy. **St. Mary Holiday Bazaar will be held November 7, 8 and 9th, 2014.** We anticipate over 1000 visitors over these three days.

We hope you would consider sponsoring this fantastic event. It is a wonderful and rewarding way to show your support for St. Mary’s. For businesses it is a great opportunity to display your support of a local event and receive excellent recognition.

The tax-deductible sponsorships are divided into two tiers, friend and premium. Please be generous in your consideration.

Complete your sponsorship as soon as possible using the form below. **We are counting on your help to make this event a success!** Please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you!

Fr. Elie Estephan, Pastor  Dr. Joseph J. Samra  Joseph J. Samra, III
240-205-9079  401-334-2465  401-440-0029

**St. Mary’s Holiday Bazaar Sponsorship Form**

Yes! I/we wish to sponsor the November 7, 8 & 9th, St. Mary’s Holiday Bazaar as follows:

- [ ] $175 Premium Sponsor
- [ ] $125 Friend Sponsor

Listing for sponsorship recognition:

Contact Person: __________________________

Phone: __________________________

Email: __________________________

Please make your tax-deductible donation to: St. Mary’s Bazaar, earmarked “bazaar sponsorship” and send it with this form to:

St. Mary’s Church
249 High Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860

Thank you!

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
- Mark Hashway, offered by Steve & Patricia Kilsey

**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
- Maria Santos, offered by Emad Amirhom
- Nora Abdelahad, offered by Charles and Elaine Agaty
- The Ganim Family, offered by Charles and Elaine Agaty
- Charles & Brittany Abdelahad, offered by Charles and Elaine Agaty
- The Spenard Family, offered by Charles and Elaine Agaty
- The Ganim Family, offered by Nora Abdelahad
- The Spenard Family, offered by Nora Abdelahad
- Charles & Brittany Abdelahad, offered by Nora Abdelahad
- 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
- Phil & Flo Spenard, offered by George & Sandra Matook
- Bria Bleasdale, offered by George & Sandra Matook
- Doug & Beth McGrath & Family, offered by George & Sandra Matook
- The Ganim Family, offered by George & Sandra Matook
- Mark Hashway, offered by George & Sandra Matook
- Fred and Michelle Smith & Family, offered by Philip & Bette Ayoub
- Samy and Helen Morcos, offered by Philip & Bette Ayoub
- Stephanie and Bryan Chowning & Children, offered by Albert & Victoria Hallal
- Elaine Swistak, offered by Albert & Victoria 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
- Labsha Nicola Hanna, offered by Magdy Guirguis
- Charles Abdelahad, offered by Charles and Elaine Agaty
- Scott Bleasdale, offered by Charles and Elaine Agaty
- George Ganim, offered by Charles and Elaine Agaty

*PLEASE NOTE*...
SOYO LASER TAG!!!

St. Mary’s SOYO Laser Tag
Please join us for a fun filled evening of Laser tag, Arcade games, and fellowship. Pizza afterwards!!!!!!

SEPT, 27th 2014
5:00 Pm

BattleGroundz
466 Washington St, South Attleboro, MA 02703
The cost: $4.00 a person per round.
Please contact Emile Sarkis if you have any questions or need a ride we will arrange to meet at the church before.
401-486-1633
St. Mary's Famous Annual Bazaar

Friday, November 7th, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Saturday, November 8th, 11:00 am - 8:00 pm
Sunday, November 9th, 11:30 am - 3:00 pm

FEATUREING
Arabic Food & Pastry
American Foods
Village Market
Christmas Booth
St. Mary's Famous Cashews
Christmas Crafts
Beer & Wine
Famous Homemade Chocolate
Cash Raffle & Grand Raffle

St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church | St. Mary Parish Center
60 Saint Mary Way | Pawtucket, RI
For more information please call 726-1202 or view our website at www.stmarypawtucket.org

Diocese of Worcester and New England
Teen SOYO

Upcoming Diocesan Events

1. Fall Meeting: Teens from across the Diocese will be gathering for our annual Fall Meeting on Saturday, October 4th at the Emmanuel Church in Warren, MA. Meetings allow us to advertise upcoming events, debrief on past events, discuss new ideas, and enjoy fellowship together. Afterwards, we will prepare hygiene kits for the IOCC, which distributes them to people in need worldwide.

   - 10 am | Morning Prayer
   - 10:30 am | SOYO Meeting
   - Noon | Lunch
   - 1 pm | Hygiene Kit Assembly
   - 2 pm | Departure

2. Youth Month: Our Father in Christ, Metropolitan Philip of thrice-blessed memory dedicated every October to be Youth Month to honor the teens of our Archdiocese. SOYO members in each parish are encouraged to read the epistles, hold the communion clothes, take the collection, and sing in the choir. Youth Month is our opportunity to become more involved in our church’s liturgical life and raise awareness of SOYO. Additionally, as part of Youth Month, October 19th is Special Olympics Awareness Sunday. One of Teen SOYO’s national projects is the support of the Special Olympics Multi-Sports Training Camp at the Antiochian Village in Bolivar, PA. We take this Sunday as an opportunity to collect donations to Special Olympics and inform people about the Sports Camp we support. Please refer to the Special Olympics mailing that has been sent to your priest for bulletin inserts and other materials.

3. Mini-Golf: On Saturday, October 25, we will enjoy an afternoon of mini-golfing at the McGolf range in Dedham. After we have conquered all 18 holes, we will celebrate Great Vespers for the feast of St. Demetrios the Myrrh-Streaming together at St. George Church in West Roxbury. Times will be announced later.

4. Village at Home: On December 13th, we will bring a day at the Antiochian Village to New England. Village at Home gives our teens and children time to experience or re-experience the typical routine of a camper. We will celebrate Orthodox Vespers together, share meals, play sports, and learn about the faith. Time and location to be announced.

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America
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.

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”.

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Coffee Hour

The Coffee Hour today is offered by the Ganim Family in memory of George Ganim (15 years). Coffee hour will be held in the Church Hall following Liturgy.

St. Mary Church School New Year

Attention All Parents: Please bring your children to the Liturgy before Church School. Church School starts every Sunday following communion (Approx. 11:15am).