

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: : 9:30A.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

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.

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.

SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, September 21, 2014

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

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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395 Brown St.-Unit 2, Attleboro, MA 02703
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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

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



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.

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.”

Kontakion of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross : Tone 4.

*(**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."



Leg of Lamb Drive

ST. MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
ANNUAL BAZAAR

NOVEMBER 7th, 8th and 9th, 2014

The Bazaar Committee is establishing a
Leg of Lamb Drive Program
To help defray the kitchen costs of our annual event.

Everyone has an opportunity to donate
Legs of lamb at a cost of \$30 each.
You simply make your donation,
And the committee will purchase the lamb.

Just fill out the donation form below and return it to the church with
your check. We'll do the rest!

Thanks for your generosity and support.
Bazaar Committee

Lamb Drive Donation Form

Quantity _____ @ \$30 each Total enclosed: _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Payable to: *St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church*
Attention: Bazaar Committee
249 High Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860
Phone: (401) 726-1202

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
240-205-9079

Dr. Joseph J. Samra
401-334-2465

Joseph J. Samra, III
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 Slemmon
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
Emad 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 offered by George & Sandra Matook
Milad & Danielle Nasr & Family, offered by Philip & Bette Ayoub
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 Slemmon, offered by Louis Slemmon
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
Scott Bleasdale, offered by Charles and Elaine Agaty
George Ganim, offered by Charles and Elaine Agaty

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Scott Bleasdale, offered by Nora Abdelahad
George Ganim, offered by Nora Abdelahad
Charles Abdelahad, offered by Nora Abdelahad
Fred Hashway, offered by Elaine Wilbur
Abraham George, offered by The George Family
Scott Bleasdale, offered by Alan E. Matook
Scott Bleasdale, offered by Nora Matook & Family
Scott Bleasdale, offered by George & Sandra Matook
George Ganim, offered by George & Sandra Matook
Naseem Ayoub (76th Birthday), offered by Marc & Lisa Parent
George Ganim (our dear brother), offered by Albert & Victoria Hallal
George Gamin (our dear uncle), offered by James and David Hallal & Families



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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 Bazaar 2014
Kick-Off Dinner ~Sunday, October 5th

You are cordially invited on Sunday, October 5th to the St. Mary Bazaar Kick-Off Dinner at 12:00pm at the Parish Center. A full course Turkey Dinner with dessert will be served. All proceeds will support the cost of undertaking the annual bazaar.

Donation: Adults: \$15/ Children: \$7

Hope to see everyone at the Kick-off Dinner on Sunday, October 5th!
Please bring shower gifts (new items for the bazaar penny social).

Menu: Roasted Farm Fresh Turkey, Giblet Gravy, Arabic Stuffing, Fresh Whipped Potatoes, Roasted Sweet Potatoes, Peas, Oven Fresh Dinner Rolls Coffee, Tea & Decaf, Desserts

Cooking Schedule for our St. Mary Holiday Bazaar

Looking forward to our yearly cooking sessions. The schedule is published below. PLEASE mark your calendars now! Please check your bulletin every week for updates.

Cooking:

Saturday, September 27th: 9:30 am –Sfeeha

Baking:

Saturday, October 4th: 9:30am-Date Fingers
Saturday, October 11th: 9:30am-Nut Mamoul
Wednesday, October 15th: 9:30am -Braided & Round Kaik
Saturday, October 18th: 9:30am -Birds nest,& Mamoura
Wednesday, October 22nd: 9:30am– Graybee
Saturday, October 25th: 9:30am– Rolled and Date Baklova

Cheese:

Saturday, November 1st: 9:30am-Braided Cheese



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



FEATURING

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

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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. Afterward, 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 cloths, 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 Orthros and Vespers together, share meals, play sports, and learn about the faith. Time and location to be announced.

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.



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.

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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).

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>
September 21st September 28th	The Ganim Family The Samra Family	George Ganim (15 years) Mary Samra (10 years)/ Edward Hallal (13 years)
October 5th October 12th* October 19th* October 26th November 2nd November 9th November 16th November 23rd* November 30th December 7th December 14th December 21st December 28th	Bazaar Kick-off Luncheon Dr. & Mrs. Fadi Samaan Mirna Nakhoul & Charlotte Mitri <i>Open for sponsorship</i> <i>Open for sponsorship</i> <i>No Coffee Hour</i> The Maurice Family Tony & Fadia Kabak <i>Open for sponsorship</i> <i>Open for sponsorship</i> <i>Open for sponsorship</i> <i>Open for sponsorship</i> <i>Open for sponsorship</i>	Their Health Nakhoul & Mitri Families St. Mary Annual Bazaar Alice Maurice (10 years) Their Health
2015 January 4th January 11th January 18th January 25th February 1st February 8th February 15th	<i>Open for sponsorship</i> <i>Open for sponsorship</i> <i>Open for sponsorship</i> Dr. Zeyad Morcos & Family Ayoub Family <i>Open for sponsorship</i> <i>Open for sponsorship</i>	Memory of Elias Morcos Naseem Ayoub (1 year)