

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**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 and Luncheon at Parish Center

**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

**Saturday, September 13th:** 9:30 A.M.-Ladies Cooking at Parish Center (Sfeeha)

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

**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.- 2015 Parish Life Conference Committee Meeting

**Saturday, September 27th:** : 930 A.M.-Ladies Cooking at Parish Center (Sfeeha)

### 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.

### ONLINE BULLETIN

The Bulletin is available online on our website at:

<http://stmarypawtucket.org>

### Bulletin Submissions

*Please help us provide a quality weekly bulletin by submitting all prayer requests and announcements to the church office by Noon on Wednesdays. Any requests received after this time will be in the following week's bulletin. Thank you for your cooperation.*

## SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



*Sunday, September 7, 2014*

**Sunday Before the Elevation of the Cross and the Prefeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos**

## *Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church*

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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 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*

### **.Year, Liturgical**

**Year, Liturgical:** in contrast to the civil year, it begins on September 1. It is highlighted by various feasts. Each Sunday commemorates the resurrection of the Lord. Each day celebrates the memory of one or more saints.

Receive everyone who comes to you, especially with a spiritual purpose, with a kind and cheerful aspect, although he or she may be a beggar, and humble yourself inwardly before everybody, counting yourself lower than he or she, for you are placed by Christ Himself to be the servant of all, and all are His members, although like you they bear wounds of sin.

~St. John of Kronstadt



**W**e have the power of the Holy Cross, our holy symbol, the divine grace of Christ, only as long as we have the holy marking of the Holy Baptism, meaning we have denied the devil and sided with Christ, and received the Holy Marking, the seal of the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

~Elder Paisios of the Holy Mountain



### **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.

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 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)/ Edward Hallal (13 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	
2015		
January 4th	Open for sponsorship	
January 11th	Open for sponsorship	
January 18th	Open for sponsorship	
January 25th	Dr. Zeyad Morcos & Family	Memory of Elias Morcos
February 1st	Open for sponsorship	
February 8th		

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Tone: 4 Eothinon: 2

Troparion of the Resurrection: Tone 4

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

Troparion of Forefeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos: Tone 4

(\*\*Joseph was amazed\*\*) From the root of Jesse and the loins of David the great king, Mary, the child of God is born for our sake on this day. Hence, all creation exulteth on its renewal. Both Heaven and the earth rejoice together now. Praise her, O ye tribes of nations here below. The righteous Joachim rejoiceth, and Anna keepeth feast, crying out: The barren beareth the Theotokos, the nourisher of our life.

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 Forefeast of the Nativity: Tone 3

(\*\*On this day the Virgin\*\*) On this day the Virgin Maid, Mary the pure Theotokos, the unentered bride-chamber of the great Heavenly Bridegroom, now is born of barren Anna by the divine will, to be made ready for God the Word as His chariot: for which she was ordained as the gate of God and the very Mother of Life.

**Epistle**  
**Galatians 6:11-18**

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

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and not only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen

**The Gospel**  
**John 3:13-17**

The Lord said: "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life."

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

**St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church**

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

**Church School Starts on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**

**\*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
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**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](mailto:schowning@verizon.net) (401)333-5323**

### **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.



### **Church School Luncheon Donation**

The pastry for the Church School Luncheon is being offered by Nora Matook in memory of Leon Matook's 84th Birthday. The Church School Luncheon will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.

St. Mary Ladies Society  
Cordially invites you to:

### **The Sunday School Welcome Back Luncheon**

TODAY- Sunday September 7, 2014

Immediately following Liturgy and no cost...all are welcome!

Menu: Pasta, Meatballs, Pasta Primavera, Salad, and Dessert

***Join Us as we welcome back our Students  
and Teachers As we Thank them for their  
continued hard work and determination***



### **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

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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

Nora Matook & Family, offered by Charles and Elaine Agaty

Elaine Swistak, offered by Charles and Elaine Agaty

Elaine Wilbur, offered by Nora Abdelahad

Mark Hashway, offered by Nora Abdelahad

Nora Matook & Family, 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

Mark Hashway, offered by Ron & Janice Hallal

Elaine Wilbur, offered by Ron & Janice Hallal

Al & Vicki Hallal, offered by Ron & Janice Hallal

John & Lorna Hallal, offered by Ron & Janice Hallal

Edward & Lillian Betor, offered by Edward & Lillian Betor

Peter Marcotte, offered by Edward & Lillian Betor

Thomas & Lynn Marcotte, offered by Edward & Lillian Betor

Paul & Kerrie Betor, offered by Edward & Lillian Betor

Matthew & Adrienne Dykstra, offered by Edward & Lillian Betor

Laurice Zambie, offered by Edward & Lillian Betor

William & LaVerne Ameen, offered by Edward & Lillian Betor

Great–Granddaughters Joelle, and Rose Dykstra, offered by Edward & Lillian Betor

Charles Slemmon & Family, offered by Elaine Swistak

Mark Hashway, offered by Elaine Swistak

Mark Hashway, offered by Albert & Victoria Hallal

Elaine Wilbur, offered by Albert & Victoria Hallal

Lorice Hallal, offered by Albert & Victoria Hallal

Ron and Janice Hallal, offered by Holly Lazieh & Sons & Bob Dessaint

Mark Hashway, offered by Holly Lazieh & Sons & Bob Dessaint

Mary Kandalaf, offered by Holly Lazieh & Sons & Bob Dessaint

Mark Hashway, offered by George & Sandra Matook & Family

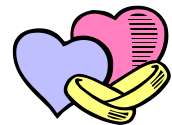
Elaine Wilbur, offered by George & Sandra Matook & Family

Nora Matook & Family, offered by George & Sandra Matook & Family



Prayers are being offered for the Good Health and Blessing of Karen Murphy and Tom Trabulsi on the occasion of their engagement.

Offered by:  
Leila & Ray Trabulsi





**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  
His Eminence Metropolitan PHILIP Saliba, offered by Edward & Lillian Betor  
Charles Abdelahad, offered by Edward & Lillian Betor  
Ameen & Nayfey Sabath, offered by Edward & Lillian Betor  
Petras and Afife Betor, offered by Edward & Lillian Betor  
Fred Sabath, offered by Edward & Lillian Betor  
Helen Betor, offered by Edward & Lillian Betor  
Fred "Fritzie" and Jimmy Sabath, offered by Edward & Lillian Betor  
John Swistal, offered by Elaine Swistak  
Sophie Hallal, offered by Holly Lazieh & Sons & Bob Dessaint  
Ramen Kabak, offered by Holly Lazieh & Sons & Bob Dessaint  
Leon Matook, offered by Charles & Elaine Agaty  
Leon Matook, offered by Nora Abdelahad  
Leon Matook, offered by George & Sandra Matook & Family  
Richard McNeal, offered by George & Sandra Matook & Family



**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 5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at St. Nicholas Cathedral in Brooklyn, New York.

The actual enthronement will take place in conjunction with Vespers on Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**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.



**St. Mary Church School News**

**St. Mary Church School New Year**

Today, 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.

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

**Today- September 7th:** Church School classes begin and Welcome Back Luncheon following Liturgy.