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)

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: 9:30 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.
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
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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Sunday, September 7, 2014

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

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 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
**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 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
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
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 Slemon & 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 Laziieh & Sons & Bob Dessaint
Mark Hashway, offered by Holly Laziieh & Sons & Bob Dessaint
Mary Kandalaft, offered by Holly Laziieh & 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
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.

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. Ellie.

*The cost will be determined based on amount of parishioners attending event.

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 Afise 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
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