

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 18, 2015: Commemoration of Sts. Athanasius & Cyril & Twelfth Sunday of Luke

Sunday, January 25, 2015: Commemoration of St. Gregory the Theologian & Fifteenth Sunday of Luke
5:00 p.m.– Vespers & Talk by Bishop JOHN on the “Sanctity of Life” at the Parish Center

Tuesday, January 27th, 2015: 7:30 P.M.-Fellowship Bible Study (held at 9 Eagle Way, Seekonk, MA)

Wednesday, January 28th, 2015: 7:00 P.M.– Conference Committee Meeting

Saturday, January 31st: Antiochian Women Membership Meeting at Bishop JOHN’s House

Upcoming events:

February 1st: Annual Meeting at Parish Center following Liturgy
Extra Tray Collection for “Souper Bowl”

February 14th: 5:00 PM- Arabic Liturgy
Family Retreat at St. John of Damascus, Dedham

February 28th: Antiochian Women Diocese Meeting at St. John of Damascus, Dedham

March 8th: Dinner at Parish Center to benefit NAB Project

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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



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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

Christians

Christians: in the primitive Church, those who followed Christ and who “were of one heart and soul” (Acts 4:32) were called disciples, believers, saints, brethren. It seems that it was from non-Christian surroundings that the term “Christian” originated: it meant a partisan, a follower of Christ (from the Greek *christos*, “Christ”, “anointed”).

In the Acts of the Apostles, St. Luke writes: “*And it was at Antioch that, for the first time, the name of ‘Christians’ was first given to the disciples.*”

At the end of our every petition, we should say: “Not as I will, but as you will” (Matthew 26:39). There is only one petition where we do not need to add this: in that petition for our salvation, because God “wishes all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:4).

~ Father Epiphanius Theodoropoulos



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 call the church office and speak with Sheryl.

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>
<u>2015</u>		
January 18th	The Kilsey Children Fred Kilsey & Family	Fred Kilsey (20 years) Michele Kilsey (4 years)
January 25th	Dr. Zeyad Morcos & Family	Memory of Elias Morcos (24 years)
February 1st	Ayoub Family	Naseem Ayoub (1 year)
February 8th*	Catherine Wason	Health of Family
February 15th	Fatat Elkhoul	
February 22nd*	Edward & Mona Bakleh	Health of Family
March 1st	Massiwer Family	John Massiwer (15years)
March 8th	Antiochian Women	NAB Project Luncheon
March 15th	Antiochian Women	Metropolitan PHILIP (1 year)
March 22nd	William Salhany & Family	Ruth Salhany (5 years)
March 29th	Open for sponsorship	
April 5th	No Coffee Hour	Palm Sunday
April 12th	No Coffee Hour	Pascha
April 19th	Nora Abelahad & Family	Charles Abdelahad (1 year)
April 26th	Fred Hallal & Family	Sophie Hallal
May 3rd	Open for sponsorship	
May 10th	Mother’s Day	
May 17th	Open for sponsorship	
May 24th	Open for sponsorship	
May 31st	Open for sponsorship	
June 7th	Open for sponsorship	
June 14th	Open for sponsorship	

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Tone: 7 Eothinon: 10

Troparion of the Resurrection: Tone 7

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

Troparion of SS. Athanasius and Cyril: Tone 3

(**Thy confession**)
With work of Orthodoxy, ye shone forth and extinguished wicked opinion, becoming triumphant and clothed with victory. And having enriched all with true worship, and adorned the Church with great adornment, Athanasius and wise Cyril, ye worthily found Christ God, granting to all through your prayers, the Great Mercy.

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 Presentation of Christ: Tone 1

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin’s womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon’s arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of man-kind.

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THE EPISTLE

*Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.
For Thou are justified in all that Thou hast done for us.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (13:7-16)

Brethren, remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the Word of God; consider the outcome of their life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings; for it is well that the heart be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited their adherents. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through His own blood. Therefore, let us go forth to Him outside the camp and bear the abuse He endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city, which is to come. Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His Name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

THE GOSPEL

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (17:12-19)

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” When He saw them He said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus said, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” And He said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

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 director Dawn Boukari @ (401) 465-8909 or email her: daboukari@gmail.com

2015 Church Calendars

We have beautiful Church Calendars now available for sale for the 2015 year. Please participate in this worthwhile fundraiser for our Church, give as a gift– or for your own use. The calendars are \$10. If you wish to purchase a calendar, please see Fr. Elie.

Antiochian Village Summer Camp

Camp Registration is open! Come make friendships that will last a lifetime and make memories you will never forget!! Most New England campers attend the 2nd session, which is [from June 28th to July 10th](#). Our campers will travel with a contingent from Boston and Worcester with at least [one chaperone from St. Mary](#). The local chapter of the Order of St. Ignatius helps defray transportation costs. Camp Scholarships are available, please see Father Elie if you would like to apply. Visit www.avcamp.org to register today! Volunteers that are interested may also apply through the website. Last year most spots were filled before the end of February so don't delay. Following is a list of all the camp sessions for 2015:



Session 1 (2 weeks) - [June 14 - 26](#)

Session 1 (1 week) - [June 14 - 21](#)

Session 2 (2 weeks) - [June 28 - July 10](#)

Session 3 (2 weeks) - [July 12 - 24](#)

Session 4 (2 weeks) - [July 26 - Aug 7](#)

Mailings

Several mailings are being processed from our office.

- 2014 Quarter 4 Pledge Statements are currently being sent out.
- Annual Donation records for tax purposes will be send out shortly.
- 2015 Pledge Cards are being sent out to pledging members and are due by the annual meeting. If you do not receive one please contact the office for a blank one.

ONLINE BULLETIN

The Bulletin is available online on our website at:
<http://stmarypawtucket.org>

Fellowship Bible Study

Our next Bible Study is scheduled for Tuesday January 27th at 7:30 PM hosted by Phil Ayoub at his parents house (9 Eagle Way, Seekonk MA 02771). I hope many of you can attend. Please let me know if you can attend so we have a count going into the meeting.

~Joe Samra



Valentine Hafle

St. Mary Parish Center
Tickets: \$50/Adult ~ \$25/ under 12
Saturday, February 7th



Enjoy an evening of music, dabke, and enchanting voice of Salah Kurdi & his band
Doors open @ 7:30pm ~ Dinner @ 8:00pm

Tickets and Reservations- contact Fr. Elie (240) 205-9079 / Tony Kabak (401) 744-6317

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

April Gentes Robert
Fred Kilsey & Family
Offered by: George & Sandra Matook

Sandra & George Matook
Offered by: Charles & Elaine Agaty
Nora Abdelahad

Melanie Kilsey & Patrick Merner
(On the occasion of their engagement)
Renda Hawwa & John Ferruri
(On the occasion of their engagement)

Jacob Khoury
Samy Morcos
Ray Trabulsi
Joe & Marlene Samra
Offered by: Steve & Patricia Kilsey & Family

Mary Al-Amir
Elaine Gauthier & Family
Elaine Swistak & Family
Mark Hashway & Family
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

The Kilsey Family
Fred Kilsey & Family
Mary Massiwer & Family
Jacob Khoury
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Fred Kilsey
Kilsey Family
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Michele Kilsey
Offered by: George & Sandra Matook

Margaret Tager
Offered by: Charles & Elaine Agaty
Nora Abdelahad

Michelle Kilsey
Frederick L. Kilsey
Houda Gammal
Offered by: Steve & Patricia Kilsey & Family

Houda Gammal
Fred Hashway
Christopher Gauthier
John Swistak
Florence David
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Margaret Tager
Fred Kilsey
Michelle Kilsey
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Michelle Kilsey
Fred Kilsey
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Frederick L. Kilsey
Offered by: Ethel, Audrey & Wayne Kilsey
George, Lois, Mary & Christopher
Kilsey
Deborah Kilsey & Victoria Azar
Fred G. Kilsey
Lisa & Michael Andrews & Children
Todd & Jennifer Kilsey & Children

Michelle Y. Kilsey
Offered by: Ethel, Audrey & Wayne Kilsey
George, Lois, Mary & Christopher
Kilsey
Deborah Kilsey & Victoria Azar
Fred G. Kilsey
Lisa & Michael Andrews & Children
Todd & Jennifer Kilsey & Children

Houda Gammal
Offered by: Lorice Hallal & Family



2015 Parish Council

There are 3 open seats for the 2015 Parish Council. The election is to be held during the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 1st after Divine Liturgy at the Parish Center. If you are interested in running, please contact Fr. Elie, Ed Ayoub or Joe Samra III as soon as possible.

Fee schedule for the use of the Sanctuary for the following services:

Baptism: Member- \$100
Non-Member- \$200

Wedding: Member- \$300
Non-Member- \$600

(Plus offering to clergy & cost of choir)



Date Change:

Arabic Liturgy will be held on February 14th.



Coffee Hour

Coffee hour today is being offered in memory of *Fred Kilsey* (20 years) offered by The Kilsey Children. and *Michelle Kilsey* (4 years) offered by Fred Kilsey & Family. Coffee Hour will be held at the Parish Center after Liturgy.



Epiphany 2015- Blessing of Homes

With the up-coming celebration of The Feast of Epiphany and the Great Sanctification of the Water, house blessings are starting for the new year. If you would like to have your house blessed, please contact Fr. Elie and schedule an appropriate time. While it is traditional to begin house blessings following Epiphany, homes may be blessed throughout the year. May the Blessing of the Jordan River sanctify and protect each and every home and family in our community.



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Diocese of N.E. upcoming events

Visitations

Please contact Fr. Elie with any names of parishioners that are in need of visitation either at home, in hospital or nursing homes.

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.

- ♦ **January 25th at 5:00 P.M.–** St. Mary Church, Pawtucket: Hosting Vespers and talk given by Bishop JOHN on the “Sanctity of Life” at the Parish Center
- ♦ **Sunday, March 1st at 5:00 P.M.–** St. Mary Church, Pawtucket: Hosting Sunday of Orthodoxy -Vespers and refreshments following Liturgy at the Parish Center
- ♦ **April 22nd at 10:30 A.M.–** St. Mary Church, Pawtucket: Hosting RI Clergy Meeting/Luncheon