

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**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

**Monday, January 26th:** 7P.M.– Midnight: Vigil (Services of Vespers, Matins & Divine Liturgy)- Translation of The Relics of St. John Chrysostom

**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

**February 1st:** Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican & Pre-Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord into the Temple  
Extra Tray Collection for “Souper Bowl”  
12:00 P.M.– Parish General Assembly at the Parish Center

**February 7th:** 10:30 A.M.- Baptism of Amelia Belle Marshall

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

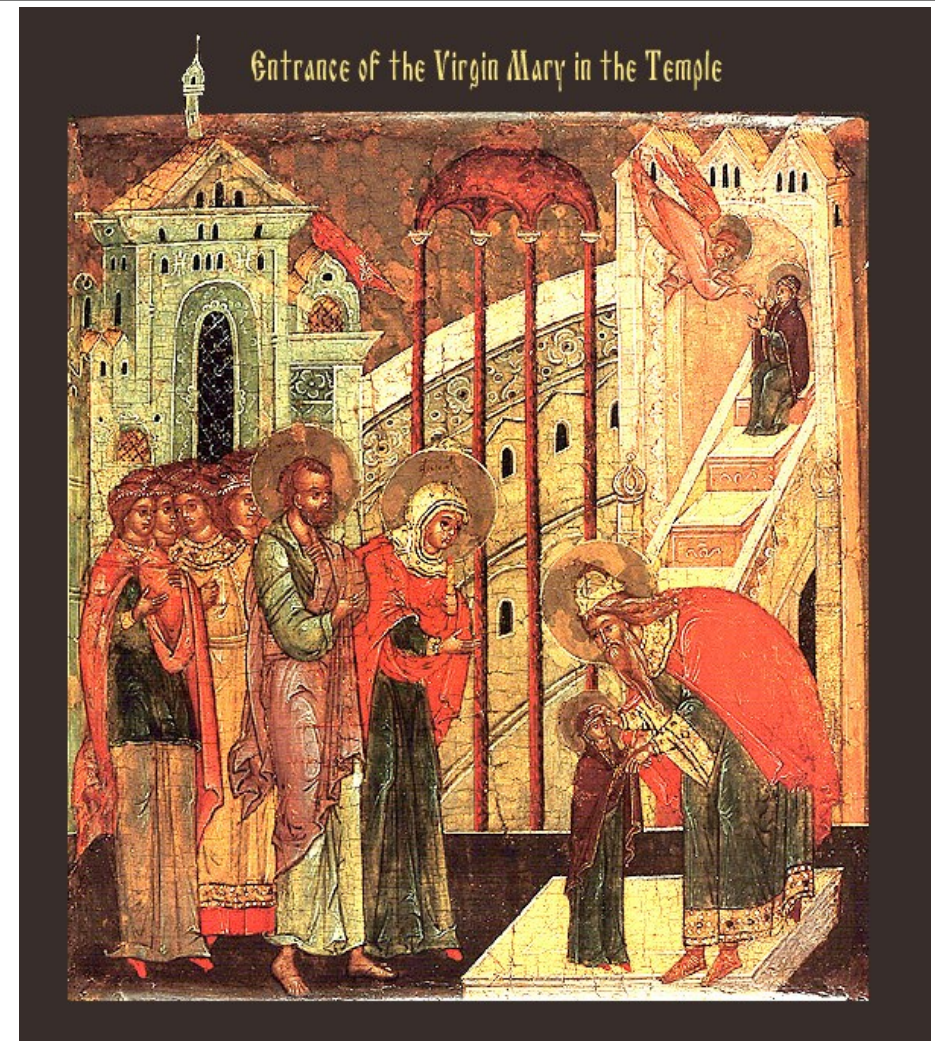
**February 28th:** Antiochian Women Diocese Meeting at St. John of Damascus, Dedham

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

**March 24th:** 7:00 P.M.– Vespers & Liturgy: Annunciation of The Theotokos

*77th Parish Life Conference*  
*June 18th-21st*

## SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



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Commemoration of St. Gregory the Theologian & Fifteenth Sunday of Luke

*Christ is Born, Glorify Him !*

## *Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church*

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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*

**Paraclete:** from the *Greek parakletos*, "the one called (to help)," that is: the supporter, comforter, intercessor, advocate.

Jesus Christ himself is our advocate before the Father (1 Jn 2:1), but he announces that *another Paraclete will come who "will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you"* (Jn 14:26). *"When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth"* (Jn 16:13).

This second Paraclete, "who proceeds from the Father" (Jn 15:26), is the Holy Spirit—the third person of the Holy Trinity—who is sent to the disciples to console them because of the visible absence of Jesus Christ, and to be "beside them," as well as "beside" all of us faithful in order that we may participate in the very life of the Holy Trinity: "I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Counselor [Paraclete], to be with you forever" (Jn 14:16).

A child should be taught obedience especially before the *fifth* year, because that is the period in which a child's character develops. In this manner, learned character traits remain for the rest of the child's life. Parents should teach their children absolute obedience during that period.

+Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica



### **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

### **Arabic Educational Foundation Scholarship**

The Arabic Educational Foundation is now taking applications for the 2015 school year. Applicants of Arabic descent that are enrolled full-time as an undergraduate student are eligible to apply. Applications and Scholarship Eligibility Requirements may be picked up at the Church Office or see Fr. Elie for an application.

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>
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 (5 years)
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	
June 21st	Father’s Day	
June 28th	Open for sponsorship	
July 5th	Open for sponsorship	
July 12th	Open for sponsorship	

Sunday, January 25, 2015

Commemoration of St. Gregorgy the Theologian  
& Fifteenth Sunday of Luke

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Troparion of the Resurrection: Tone 8

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Troparion of St. Gregory the Theologian: Tone 1

The pastoral psalter of thy discourse in theology triumphed over the trumpets of orators and overcame it; for having sought the depth of the Spirit, there was also vouchsafed to thee excellence of speech, O Father Gregory. Wherefore, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

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 mankind.

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## THE EPISTLE

*My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding. Hear this, all ye people.*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (7:26-8:2)**

Brethren, it was fitting that we should have such a High Priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; He did this once for all when He offered up Himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son Who has been made perfect forever. Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a High Priest, one Who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man but by the Lord.

## THE GOSPEL

### **The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (19:1-10)**

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see Who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, for He was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today.” So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.” And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost.

## TEEN SOYO NEWS

- ♦ The Antiochian Women of our diocese have organized the 2nd Annual Family Day, which will occur on February 14th at St. John’s Church in Dedham (300 West St). This day is dedicated to the edification and teaching of our families with age-based sessions, services, and fellowship.
- ♦ We teens will have our own workshops, where we will talk about how to develop romantic relationships. These sessions will mirror our traditional diocesan Youth Day. It will be a relaxing day of learning, fellowship, and fun, so we hope to see many of you there.
- ♦ Attending Family Day is free if you are under 18, but we do need a head count for the sake of food preparation. Please RSVP to this event by emailing us at [newenglandteen-soyo@gmail.com](mailto:newenglandteen-soyo@gmail.com), so we can ensure you are fed. We hope to see many of you there. Also, be sure to encourage your parents and relatives to attend for their own adult workshops.
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- ♦ On another note, save the date for our Winter Diocesan Meeting on Saturday, February 28th.

### 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](http://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](#)

## **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.

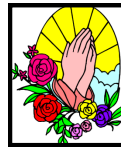
### **Parish Life Conference Committee Meeting**

The next PLC committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 28th at 7:30pm in the Church Hall. Many important decisions regarding the PLC will be discussed at the meeting. Please try to attend.

77th Parish Life Conference

### **Date Change:**

Arabic Liturgy will be held on February 14th.



### **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.

### **PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:**

April Gentes Robert  
Offered by: George & Sandra Matook

Ethel Kilsey  
Mary Kilsey  
Christopher Kilsey  
Offered by: George & Lois Kilsey & Family

Charles & Elaine Agaty  
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Samy Morcos  
The David Children & Grandchildren  
The Briggs & Wehbe Families  
Offered by:  
Very Rev. Constantine & Sharon Nasr  
Cindy, George & Michael Antypas

### **PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

Elias Morcos (24 years)  
Offered by: Dr. Zeyad, Norma & Elias Morcos

Houda Al-Amir Gammal  
Offered by: Julia & Iman Al-Amir



Frederick L. Kilsey  
Michele Kilsey  
Houda Al-Amir Gammal  
Offered by: George & Lois Kilsey & Family  
Houda Al-Amir & Family  
Offered by: Marwan Al-Amir & Family

Nora & George David  
Florence David  
Offered by:  
Very Rev. Constantine & Sharon Nasr  
Cindy, George & Michael Antypas

Donald Aubin  
Offered by: Nancy Penta & Family

Don Aubin  
Nora David  
George David  
Offered by: Barbara Aubin & Family

Sophie Hallal  
Michelle Kilsey  
Houda Gammal  
Offered by: Holly Lazieh & Sons & Bob Dessaint

George & Nora David  
Offered by: Their Children & Grandchildren

Donald Aubin  
Offered by: Susan Warzycha, Al Delpape & Family

## **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.



### Coffee Hour

Coffee hour today is being offered in memory of *Elias Morcos* (24 years) by his son Dr. Zeyad Morcos & Family. Coffee Hour will be held in the Church Hall after Liturgy.



### Valentine Haffle

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***

### Sanctity of Life

A Lecture presented by: His Grace Bishop JOHN

Date: **Today, January 25th**

Schedule:

5:00 P.M.– Vespers (Church)

6:00 P.M.– Lecture by His Grace Bishop JOHN  
(Parish Center)

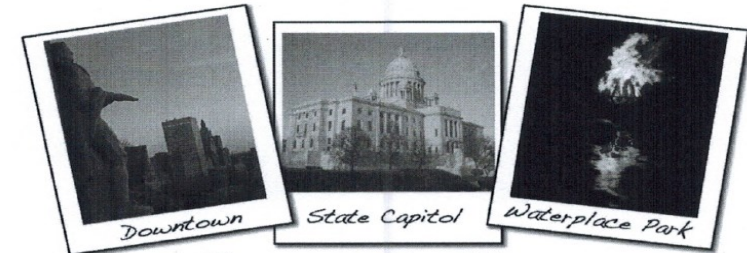


### Parish Center

Effective immediately:

The Parish Center building is now alarmed. Do NOT enter the building if you do not know the access code—*Alarm will sound.* If anyone is still in possession of a key to the Parish Center, please see Ed Ayoub or Scott Barnes.

*Come to our kind of town... come to Providence!*  
*Come to the 77th Annual Parish Life Conference!*  
*June 18-21, 2015*  
*His Grace Bishop JOHN, Presiding*



*Save the Date!*

*Go to [www.stmarypawtucket.org](http://www.stmarypawtucket.org)  
for registration & more information!*

Join us for family fun, heart-warming fellowship and  
wonderful opportunities for spiritual growth in the "Creative Capital"!

#### **Highlights include:**

Bible bowl • Oratorical Contest • Game Night • Grand Hufli  
Home of Multisensory Majesty of WaterFire • Low Ticket Rates & much more!

#### **Registration Giveaway!**

Register for the conference before May 1st, 2015 to be entered into a  
drawing to win two Hufli tickets at the 2015 National Convention in Boston!

#### **Book your room:**

There are a limited number of rooms, so book early!  
The Providence Marriott  
1 Orms Street, Providence, RI

Special Conference Rate of **\$159** a night  
For reservations call: 866-807-2171 &  
Reference "Parish Life Conference"

