

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, October 25th: Twenty First Sunday After Pentecost

Tuesday, October 27th: 7:00 P.M.– Bazaar Meeting in Church Hall

Wednesday, October 28th: 9:30am Ladies Cooking– Graybee

Saturday, October 31st: 9:30am Ladies Cooking– Sfeeha

Sunday, November 1st: Holy Unmercenaries Cosmas & Damian of Asia

Friday, November 6th– Sunday, November 8th: St. Mary Annual Holiday Bazaar



November 6th, 7th, 8th: St. Mary Annual Holiday Bazaar

Sunday, November 8th: Seventh Sunday of Luke

Sunday, November 15th: Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Friday, November 20th: 7:00P.M.– The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

Sunday, November 22nd: Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

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.

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

Baptism: Member- \$100 *(Plus offering to clergy & cost of choir)*
Non-Member- \$200

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



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, October 25, 2015

*Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost &
Sixth Sunday of Luke*

Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

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**His Grace Bishop JOHN, Auxiliary and Bishop of the
Diocese of Worcester and New England**

V. Rev. Father Elie Estephan
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.

Parish Council 2015:

President: Joe Samra III (*Fellowship*)

Vice-President: Salwa Khoury (*Ladies Society*)

Secretary: Cindy Hayes

Treasurer: Fadia Kabak

Council Members: Charles Abosamra, Emad Amirhom, Edward Ayoub, Scott Barnes, Cory Dupont, Janice Hallal (*Choir*), Lorice Hallal, Steven Kilsey Jr., Holly Lazieh, Jamie Mitri, Walid Nakhoul, Elmer Stanley (*Church School*)

****Please feel free to contact Joe Samra III (401) 334-0310 / joesamra@gmail.com or any member of the Parish Council with any questions or concerns****



St. Mary Church School News

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

- ♦ Thank you St. Mary Church School for the wonderful Fall Harvest Party.

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.

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL ORTHODOX CHURCH CONSECRATION

On Sunday, November 1, 2015 the consecration of St. Michael the Archangel Church, Cotuit, MA will be celebrated by Bishop John Abdalah. Orthros is scheduled at 9:00 a.m. followed by the consecration of the church and a Hierarchal Divine Liturgy. A complementary celebratory brunch will be held in Manikas Hall following the Liturgy. Parishioners and friends of St. Michael's Church will also celebrate at a banquet following Vespers on Saturday, October 31, 2015. Vespers is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. Cocktail hour begins at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will follow at The Cape Club (formerly Ballymeade), 125 Falmouth Woods Road, East Falmouth, MA 02536 (off Rte. 151).

Tickets for the banquet may be purchased from Elaine Savas, 508-548-9311 at \$50 per person for adults and \$10 per person for children. Dinner offerings include Lemon Balsamic Statler Chicken or Crab Stuffed Baked Flounder for adults and chicken fingers with French fries and vegetable for children.

We invite all to come and share this special and important event.

Orthodox Vocabulary

Alleluia

Alleluia— It occurs in the Psalms and was chanted an antiphon by the choir. Otherwise, it is rarely used in the Old Testament but it was taken very early in the Liturgy of the Christian Church. Its use in the Roman Church has been rather definitely regulated. However, in the Orthodox Church the Alleluia has remained part of all services, usually at the end of readings and hymns. Actually, one of the grievances of the Eastern Church against the Western was the latter's infrequent use of the Alleluia. In the Eastern Church an important hymn, called the Cherubic Hymn or Cherubikon ends with the Alleluia. The Alleluia is also sung at the important juncture of the liturgy just before the reading of the gospel. The great frequency of the 'Alleluia in the entire Orthodox liturgical life demonstrates the special significance ascribed to the Church to this worshipful exhortation, so much so that it has been allowed to gradually enter the most sacred poems of the Orthodox hymnography. One of the most popular and appealing services, the Akathist Hymn is adorned by the use of the Alleluia as a refrain to the Salutations of Mary, a well known evening service on Fridays of the Great Lent. Thus, the Alleluia has been, from the beginning, used in the Orthodox Church as a festive refrain to Psalmic verses and other hymns or as a doxology and thanksgiving to God.

CHARITABLE GIFT PROGRAM

It is with appreciation and gratitude that we announce the participation of Margaret "Peggy" Ganim in our Charitable Gift Program. Peggy's commitment to our Church is an inspiration to us all.

May God Grant Her Many Years of Good Health & Happiness.

Sunday, October 25, 2015

Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost & Sixth Sunday of Luke

Tone: 4 Eothinon: 10

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 SS. Marcian & Martyrios The Notaries: Tone 4

(**Be quick to anticipate**)

Thy Martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee, * received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. * For since they possessed Thy strength, they cast down the tyrants * and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. * O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

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 intercession from death Thou dost redeem our souls.

Kontakion for Ordinary Sundays: Tone 2

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

THE EPISTLE

*O Lord, how magnified are Thy works. In wisdom hast Thou made them all.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (2:16-20)

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 Christ Jesus, 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

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:26-39)

At that time, Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as He stepped out on land, there met Him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What hast Thou to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech Thee, do not torment me." For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man [For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.] Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged Jesus not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged Jesus to let them enter these. So He gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked Jesus to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so He got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Jesus; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare all that God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.

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.

Please make check to St. Mary Church for coffee sponsorship and earmark "Coffee Hour".

If you would like to sponsor a coffee hour, please call the church office and speak with Sheryl.

**** ALL Coffee hour's will now be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.****

****THERE ARE MANY COFFEE HOURS OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP****

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Sponsored by:</u>	<u>Sponsored for:</u>
October 25th	Dr. Tawfik & Olga Hawwa	Health of Hawwa, Khoury & Chamoun Families
November 1st	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
November 8th	No Coffee Hour	2015 Holiday Bazaar
November 15th	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
November 22nd	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
December 6th	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
December 13th	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
December 20th	Dr. Tawfik & Olga Hawwa	Health of Hawwa, Khoury & Chamoun Families
December 27th	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
January 3, 2016	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
January 10, 2016	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
January 17, 2016	Fred Kilsey	<i>Michelle Kilsey (5 year memorial)</i>
January 24, 2016	Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos	Elias Morcos (Memory)
January 31, 2016	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
February 7, 2016	St. Mary Church	Annual Meeting
February 14, 2016	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	

Coffee Hour

Coffee hour today is being sponsored by Dr. Tawfik and Olga Hawwa for the Health of the Hawwa, Khoury and Chamoun Families.



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.

ONLINE BULLETIN

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

Ladies Society News

Schedule for Bazaar Cooking:

Wednesday, October 28th: 9:30– Graybee
Saturday, October 31st: 9:30– Sfeeha



Three Year Memorial Service



Today, a Three Year Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the soul of *Alice Kilsey*. The Memorial Service is being offered by Amen, Steve & Patricia, Joyce and Jeffrey Kilsey.

May God grant her peace and repose and may her memory be eternal.

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

April Gentes Robert
Offered by: George & Sandra Matook

Adib Mechrefe
Matook Family
Kilsey Family
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Edward & Lillian Betor
Paul & Kerrie Betor
Thomas & Lynn Marcotte
Matthew & Adrienne Dykstra
Peter Marcotte
Laurice Zambie
William & LaVerne Ameen
Great-Granddaughters Joelle & Rose Dykstra
Offered by: Edward & Lillian Betor

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

George Matook (1 year)
Offered by: Loving wife Connie
Son George
Daughter Deb & Son-in-law Murat

Ameen & Nayfey Sabath
Petros & Afife Betor
Helen Betor
Fred Sabath
Fred “Fritzie” & Jimmy Sabath
Offered by: Ed & Lillian Betor

George Matook
Alice Kilsey
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury



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.

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

Christmas Concert

A Diocesan Christmas Concert, sung by the combined choirs and chanters of Worcester and New England, will be held on Saturday, December 5th at 6PM at St. George Orthodox Cathedral in Worcester immediately following Vespers, and on Sunday, December 6th at 3PM at Church of St. John of Damascus in Dedham. Mark Haddad, choir director at St. John's, will be conducting the Diocesan Choir with Charles Marge of St. Mary's conducting the Diocesan Chanters. This will be a beautiful event open to parishioners, families, and friends as well as the public. Please plan on joining us!

For more information or questions, please contact:
Mark Haddad at mhh42@me.com or Charlie Marge at marge@alum.mit.edu

Bazaar Sponsorships

For those of you who have sent in their sponsorships, we are grateful. For those of you who have not as yet, the deadline for sponsorships is **November 2, 2015**.

Please help us reach our goal of \$11,000!! Thank you.



~October is Youth Month~

Attention All Teens

(12 years and older)

****** Come and join The St. Mary Teen SOYO Youth Group ******

Canned Food Drive

The Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of North America is one of the sponsoring organizations for the National Committee for World Food Day. Please bring your canned goods (and non-perishables) to the church between Sunday, October 4th–Sunday, December 5th and place them in the box in the church hall. The food will be distributed by TEEN SOYO to help others in our community (Thanksgiving & Christmas Baskets). The total weight of the food collected will be included in “THE WORD” magazine. Please help our Teens with this project.

ATTENTION TEEN SOYO

On Saturday, October 31st, the Teen SOYO Youth Group will be visiting the Museum of Russian Icons in Clinton, Massachusetts. We will depart from the church at 10AM. Arrival will be 11AM. The group will receive a guided tour of the museum, and then have the freedom to browse the museum at their leisure. Admission for each person attending is \$5.00. It is also advisable that the young people have enough spending money for lunch, as there are several opportunities for dining in the Clinton area. Of course, adults are also encouraged to join us. *This will be a great opportunity for our young people and others involved to experience one of the most important, most beautiful aspects of our Orthodox faith: the Iconography of the Church!*

Any and all questions or concerns should be brought to our Youth Director's attention. Cory Dupont can be reached via email: cory_dupont78@yahoo.com or phone: 401-749-9406

St. Mary's Famous Annual Bazaar

Friday, November 6th, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Saturday, November 7th, 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

Sunday, November 8th, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

FEATURING

Arabic Food & Pastry

American Foods

Village Market

Bargain Basement

Christmas Booth

St. Mary's Famous Cashews

Silent Auctions

Face Painting

Cash Raffle & Grand Raffle

Santa Claus



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Greetings!

Fall 2015

I hope this letter finds you well. St. Mary is busy preparing for its 35th 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 6, 7 and 8th, 2015.** 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 2015 Sponsorship Form

Yes! I/We wish to sponsor the November 6, 7 & 8th, 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!

"Let us not, O Lord, be strangers outside your house" (Early Syrian Liturgy)

St. Mary Annual Bazaar

~2015~

The Bazaar Committee has started its preparations for the 2015 Bazaar to be held at the Parish Center November 6th, 7th, 8th. 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 Charlotte Mitri (401) 651-9295.

Flyers are available. We need help with distributing flyers and yard signs—please contact Charlotte.

The next Bazaar Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 27th at 7pm in the Church Hall.

*****The Bazaar Committee is looking for new items for the Penny Social table. Please give items to Charlotte or drop off at the Church Office.*****



ANGEL RAFFLE



“Only 100 Tickets being sold!”

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!!

First Prize: \$2,500 * Second Prize: \$1,500 * Third Prize: \$1,000

***Drawing will be held at the Bazaar on Friday, November 6th.
Thank you for your support!***

St. Mary Annual Bazaar

~2015~

Bazaar Booth Set-up

Booth set-up for the bazaar will begin Monday, November 2nd. The parish center will be open from 6pm-10pm Monday, Nov. 2nd - Thursday, Nov. 5th for all booth set-ups. Please have all booth set-ups complete by Thursday night.

Leg of Lamb

The St. Mary Bazaar Committee is still taking donations for the Leg of Lamb Drive Program to help defray the kitchen costs of our annual Bazaar. Everyone has an opportunity to donate Legs of lamb at a cost of \$30 each. Thank you for your generosity and support.

The Rhode Show

The Rhode Show will be taping at the Parish Center on Friday, November 6th at 9am. Charlotte Mitri and Marlene Samra will be promoting our Holiday Bazaar being held on November 6th, 7th and 8th. They will be demonstrating how to make some of the delicious Arabic food that our wonderful Ladies have volunteered their many hours and talents to make for the Bazaar. Be sure to tune in to see our “celebrities” in action!!

