

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Thursday, November 26th: Thanksgiving Day (church office closed)



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.



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.

SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, November 1, 2015

*Holy Unmercenaries Cosmas & Damian of Asia
& Fifth 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
Cell- 1-(240) 205-9079

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).

♦ **Sunday, November 8th**— no class (Bazaar weekend)

****Each child is asked to bring in donations for the Thanksgiving baskets. These items can be brought down to Sunday School. Items needed are stuffing, cranberry sauce, instant mashed potatoes, peas, corn, fruit cocktail, jello, and soup...etc.****

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>

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.

Orthodox Vocabulary

Forerunner

The one who “proceeds” who comes before to “announce.” John The Baptist is called the forerunner of the Lord, because he was the prophet who announced to humanity the appearance of the Messiah, our Lord Jesus Christ.

“In the Orthodox Faith, everything is an “*Experience*” before it is an “*Explanation*.”

~Bishop Anthony (Michaels)



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, November 1, 2015

Holy Unmercenaries Cosmas & Damian of Asia & Fifth Sunday of Luke

Tone: 5 Eothinon: 11

Troparion of the Resurrection: Tone 5

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion of SS. Cosmas & Damian of Asia: Tone 8

O ye silver-hating, wonderworking saints, Cosmas and Damian, visit our sicknesses. Freely ye received, freely give unto us.

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

*In the saints that are in His earth hath the Lord been wondrous.
I beheld the Lord ever before me.*

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (12:27-13:8)

Brethren, you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the Church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, then healers, helpers, administrators, speakers in various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (16:19-31)

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

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.****

~Please consider sponsoring a Coffee Hour~

Date:

Sponsored by:

Sponsored for:

November 8th

No Coffee Hour

2015 Holiday Bazaar

November 15th

Open for sponsorship

November 22nd

Open for sponsorship

December 6th

Open for sponsorship

December 13th

Open for sponsorship

December 20th

Dr. Tawfik & Olga Hawwa

Health of Hawwa, Khoury
& Chamoun Families

December 27th

Open for sponsorship

January 3, 2016

Fatat El-Khaouli

Nicholas El-Khaouli

January 10, 2016

Open for sponsorship

January 17, 2016

Fred Kilsey

Michelle Kilsey (5 year memorial)

January 24, 2016

Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos

Elias Morcos (Memory)

January 31, 2016

Open for sponsorship

February 7, 2016

St. Mary Church

Annual Meeting

February 14, 2016

Open for sponsorship

February 21, 2016

Open for sponsorship

February 28, 2016

Open for sponsorship

March 6, 2016

Open for sponsorship

March 13, 2016

Open for sponsorship

ATTENTION: TEEN SOYO PARENTS

What is your hope for St. Mary's SOYO Program?

Why is a robust spiritual life important for your son or daughter?

What level of faith commitment would you like to see your son or daughter take with them when they leave home?

On Sunday, November 15th, following the Divine Liturgy, both Cory Dupont, Saint Mary's Youth Director, and Father Elie respectfully request the attendance of the parents of our teens at a meeting to be held in the Parish Center to discuss these questions and more. All others with an interest and concern in this regard are also encouraged to attend.

The importance of this meeting cannot be overstated. Our young people are the future of not only St. Mary's, but of the Orthodox Faith. Their commitment to a life of faith is the best bulwark against so many of the challenges faced by young people in America today.

Please, for the good of both St. Mary's SOYO program and its young people, make your presence at this meeting a priority.

Any and all questions, concerns, or ideas can be brought to either Fr. Elie or to Cory Dupont.

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

April Gentes Robert
Albert Hallal
The Shwaery Family
Offered by: George & Sandra Matook

Nabil Khoury
Offered by: Salwa Khoury

Fred, Adele & Bobby Shwaery
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

Al & Vicki Hallal
Fred & Adele Shwaery
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Fred, Adele & Bobby Shwaery
Sandra Conca
Joseph & Marlene Samra
Barbara Samra
Lorice Hallal
Albert Hallal
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Adele Shwaery
Offered by: Fred & Bobby Shwaery

Fred & Adele Shwaery

Offered by: Linda Dvelis
Kristen, Robert, Alex & Jack Silva
Jason, Stephanie, Lily & Violet Dvelis

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



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.



Museum of Russian Icons Fieldtrip

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!*

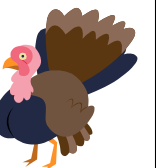
Any and all questions or concerns should be brought to our Youth Director's attention. Cory Dupont can be reached via email: cory_dupont78@yahoo.com or phone: 401-749-9406

- ♦ **Teen SOYO will be working the American Food Booth at the Bazaar. All teens are encouraged to spare a few hours throughout the weekend to help at this booth.**

Thanksgiving Baskets

The Teens are beginning the food drive to pass out Thanksgiving baskets to families in need this holiday season. Please help Teen SOYO with this project of helping the less fortunate celebrate Thanksgiving by bringing in can-goods/non-perishables to help fill the baskets.

We are also in need of money to purchase fresh turkeys and vegetables for all the baskets. These donations can be brought to church and given to Cory Dupont.



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~

Our 2015 Bazaar will 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 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 Tuesday, November 3rd. The parish center will be open from 6pm-10pm Monday, Nov. 3rd - 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

Watch The Rhode Show on Friday, November 6th at 9am where St. Mary Church Bazaar will be highlighted. 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!!

