Those things we don’t have the strength to perform on our own, we can accomplish easily through persevering prayer. For we have the duty to pray without ceasing. Those in pain and those spared from pain must pray. So must those in danger and those in prosperity. For those who have ease and wealth must pray that these things may never change. Those in pain and in danger must pray that some favorable change will come to them, so that they may move into a comfortable, calm state.

~ Saint John Chrysostom

Arabic Pastry for Sale

A limited amount of Mamoul nuts, Date fingers, Graybee and Kaik will be available for sale at the Coffee Hour in the Parish Center after Liturgy on Sunday.

Sunday, November 15th: Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
Friday, November 20th: 7:00 P.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)

Upcoming events:
Wednesday, December 24th: 5:00 P.M.– Christmas Liturgy
Thursday, December 25th: Christmas Day (church office closed)
Wednesday, December 31st: 6:00 P.M.– Liturgy
Thursday, January 1st, 2016: New Year’s Day (church office closed)
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:
Presidential: 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**
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~

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**Thou who wast raised up**

The all-pure temple of the Savior, the most precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the treasure-house of the glory of God, today enters the Temple of the Lord, bringing with her the grace which is in the divine Spirit: whom also the angels of God do celebrate in song; for she is the heavenly tabernacle.
THE EPISTLE

The Lord will give strength to His people.
Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (2:14-22)
Brethren, Christ is our peace, Who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in His flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the Cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And He came and preached peace to you, who were far off, and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in Whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in Whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (10:25-37)
At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read?” And the lawyer answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” And Jesus said to him, “You have answered right; do this, and you will live.” But the lawyer, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” The lawyer said, “The one who showed mercy on him.” And Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

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.
Thank you Teen SOYO for all your help during our Bazaar weekend!

Teen SOYO Meeting ~ TODAY

There will be a Special Teen SOYO Meeting today following Liturgy for parents, teens and anyone interested in attending- (at the Parish Center) to discuss the future of Teen SOYO. Please make every effort to attend this special meeting. Our young people are an important part of both our Church and the Orthodox Faith.

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. Baskets will be distributed on November 21st- so please send in your food donations to the church office before November 19th.

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.

Please bring donations by November 17th. Thank you for all your support!!!

ONLINE BULLETIN

The Bulletin is available online on our website at:

http://stmarypawtucket.org

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR
GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

April Gentes Robert
Offered by: George & Sandra Matook

Nabil Khoury
Offered by: 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

Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

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

George & Jeannette Arees
Richard Arees
Rebecca Wylie
Abdo & Hysna Haddad
Mary Haddad
Lucy Haddad
Antonio Haddad
Offered by: George A. Arees

Change of Address

All the faithful who have a recent or future change of address, phone number or email address please remember to inform the church office at (401) 726-1202.
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

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.

Diocese of N.E. upcoming events

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

2015 Parish Christmas Poinsettia Fund

In anticipation of Christmas, we present our very important “Poinsettia Fund” Project

Please accept my donation of $________ to be used in decorating the Church for Christmas. This donation is made with the following intentions.

For the Good Health and Blessing of: In Loving Memory of:

| From: |                                                                 |

Please remember to return the form to the Parish Office by Sunday, Dec. 13th.