

CHURCH CALENDAR

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)

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)

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.

SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, November 15, 2015

*Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
& Eighth Sunday of Luke*

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.

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****



Orthodox Vocabulary

Iconostasis

Screen of ICONS separating the ALTAR from the NAOS in Byzantine rite churches. The haikal screen dividing the sanctuary or haikal from the nave of a Coptic church may be of carved wood or may take the form of an iconostasis. In Byzantine churches, larger screens usually have three doors: a northern leading to the PROTHESIS, a southern to the DIAKONIKON, and the central holy doors, the gates leading into the sanctuary. Small chapels, as in Athonite monasteries, often have only a central and a north door. Small, low screens may have just the central doors, or a hanging curtain. (ROYAL DOORS). Icons were being hung on the sanctuary barrier by the sixth century and on the VLADIMIR Dormition cathedral of 1408 Andrei RUBLEV and Daniil Cherny added a tier of prophets. In the seventeenth century another two rows were added. Only ordained clergy may use the holy doors. In the case of a Byzantine rite priest he must be wearing at least EPITRACHELION and PHELONION, a deacon the STICHARI ON and ORARION. Coptic Orthodox clergy entering the haikal remove their shoes before doing so. The word iconostasis has a second use to describe the domestic icon stand used in many private houses.



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).

****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.****

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~

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Sponsored by:</u>	<u>Sponsored for:</u>
November 15th	Mazen Roumia	Health of Family
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	Family of Matilda Josephs	Matilda Josephs (5 year memorial)
January 17, 2016	Fred Kilsey	Michelle Kilsey (5 year memorial)
January 24, 2016	Dr. Zeyad &Norma Morcos	Elias Morcos (Memory)
January 31, 2016	The Ayoub Family	Naseem Ayoub (2 year memorial)
February 7, 2016	St. Mary Church	Annual Meeting
February 14, 2016	Open for sponsorship	
February 21, 2016	Open for sponsorship	
February 28, 2016	Elaine Agaty	Charles Agaty (1 year memorial)
March 6, 2016	Open for sponsorship	

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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 for SS. Guria, Shamuna & Habib: Tone 5

Since Thou hast given us the miracles of Thy holy Martyrs Guria, Shamuna and Habib as an invincible battlement, by their entreaties scatter the counsels of the heathen, O Christ our God, and strengthen the faith of Orthodox Christians, since Thou art good and the Lover of mankind.

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 of the Entrance of The Theotokos: Tone 4

(**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 on 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!**

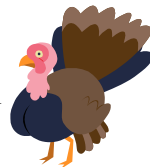
Teen SOYO Meeting ~ TODAY

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



Prayers are being offered for the health and safety of the newly married couple John & Renda Ferrari.

Offered by:
Tawfik, Olga, & Fareed Hawwa



Prayers are being offered for the health and safety of the newly married couple John & Renda Ferrari. Congratulations!

Offered by:
Nabil & Salwa Khoury



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

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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