

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

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

Sunday, November 29th: Twenty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Saturday, December 5th: 6:00 P.M.– Diocesan Christmas Concert (St. George, Worcester)

Sunday, December 6th: Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia

Monday, December 7th: 6:00 P.M. Ladies Society Christmas Party at the Old Grist Mill

Saturday, December 12th: 6:00 P.M.– Pan-Orthodox Great Vespers held at Assumption of the Virgin Mary, Greek Orthodox Church, Pawtucket with Dinner to follow at 7pm

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)

Happy
Thanksgiving



Christmas Liturgy

Christmas Liturgy this year will be on December 24th at 5:00 P.M.



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, November 22, 2015

Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

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**His Grace Bishop JOHN, Auxiliary and Bishop of the
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

Redemption

Redemption: from a Latin word meaning “ransom.” Through the fall, humanity became enslaved to sin and death. In order to restore human liberty, God himself became incarnate and saved all men by his passion and resurrection. St Paul expresses this: “*You were bought with a price* [the blood of Christ]” (1 Cor 6:20).

When you hear the songs of birds in the trees in springtime, or other sweet singing, raise your mind to the sweetest songs of paradise and think how the heavens echo forever with Alleluia and other angelic praises, and pray God to let you sing His praises forever, in company with those heavenly spirits, of whom Revelation says: “And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God” .

~St. Theophan the Recluse



St. Mary's Ladies Society Annual Christmas Party

Monday, December 7th at the Old Grist Mill
Fall River Avenue, Seekonk, MA
6:00PM, Dinner served at 7:00PM



Menu: Choice of Roasted Chicken, Baked Scrod or Broil Steak
Cost: \$40 per person ~ Bring a \$10 gift for Santa's Swap
Make Check Payable to St. Mary's Ladies Society
Call (401) 231-6411 ~ Nora Matook for more information.

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 29th	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	Walid & Mirna Nakhoul	
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	The Salhany Family	Ida Lavin (1 year memorial)
February 28, 2016	Elaine Agaty	Charles Agaty (1 year memorial)
March 6, 2016	Open for sponsorship	
March 13, 2016	Open for sponsorship	

Sunday, November 22, 2015

Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Tone: 8 Eothinon: 3

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 the Entrance of the Theotokos: Tone 4

Today the Virgin is the foreshadowing of the pleasure of God, and the beginning of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. Thou hast appeared in the Temple of God openly and hast gone before, preaching Christ to all. Let us shout with one thrilling voice, saying: Rejoice, O thou who art the fulfillment of the Creator’s dispensation.

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

*Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.
God is known in Judah; His Name is great in Israel.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (4:1-7)

Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, Who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (12:16-21)

The Lord spoke this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As He said this, Jesus called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."



ARABIC CLASSES

Our idea is to offer Arabic Classes to perpetuate our wonderful heritage before it is lost!

There are great opportunities developing in the world today for people who can speak, write and read Arabic. Arabic classes will be offered to anyone 8 years of age or older. **We strongly encourage children and teens to attend!**

This questionnaire is to determine whether or not there is any interest in pursuing these classes.

1. Do you have an interest? ____Yes ____No
2. Do you know of anyone else who may have an interest? ____Yes ____N
3. Which day (s) of the week would be most convenient for you _____

4. Which hour do you prefer? _____

Name (s) and Age (s): _____

Phone number: _____Email address: _____

If you have any questions please call Barbara Samra @ 401 465-7493 or email at saltydog6@cox.net or Khouria Ruba @ 1 240 595-2668 or email rubaelie@hotmail.com.

Please fill out this short questionnaire and give it to Barbara Samra or Khouria Ruba or place it in the back of the church with either of our names.

Attention All Teens

(12 years and older)

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

The Teens would like to thank everyone for their generosity with the Thanksgiving Food Drive. With the help of the Sunday School can drive and the money received we were able to distribute **27 Thanksgiving Baskets** to help people in our community have a nice Thanksgiving. Each basket contained fresh fruits, vegetables and a turkey.

Prayers of Thanksgiving- Before and After every meal.

Before the meal: “Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the Evil one.”

~ “Bless O Lord, this the food & drink of thy servants for thou art holy, unto ages of ages, Amen.

Or ~ “The poor shall eat and be satisfied. Those who seek the Lord shall find Him. Their hearts shall live forever.”

After the meal: “We thank You, O Christ our God , that You have satisfied us with Your earthly blessings; Do not deprive us of Your heavenly kingdom; But, as You came in the midst of Your disciples, O Saviour, and gave them peace, So come and save us.” Amen.

Best Wishes & Farewell

St. Mary parish would like to wish Cathy Wason best wishes and farewell in her move to Needham, MA so she may be closer to her family. May God bless her and light the way in her new future endeavors.



PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

April Gentes Robert
Offered by: George & Sandra Matook

Edward & Lillian Betor
Paul & Kerrie Betor
Thomas & Lynn Marcotte
Matthew & Adrienne Dykstra
Peter Marcotte
Laurice Zambie
William & LaVerne Ameen
Great-Granddaughters Joelle & Rose Dykstra
Newborn Great-Grandson, Daniel Thomas
Dykstra (Born 11-11-15)
Offered by: Edward & Lillian Betor

Leila Trabulsi
Offered by: Ray, Tom, Dave & Families

Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurchigian
Offered by: The Hawwa Family

Fred & Adele Shwaery
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Fred & Adele Shwaery
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

George Tager
Elaine Gauthier & Family
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Fred & Adele Shwaery
Offered by: Elaine Gauthier

Health of all our Family Members
Our Children & Grandchildren
Robin Carlone
Offered by: Flo & Phil Spenard

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

Josephine (Shwaery) Yaghoobian
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Elaine Gauthier
Samy & Helen Morcos

Anthony Agaty
Charles Agaty
Offered by: Elaine Agaty

Ronald Gauthier
Christopher Gauthier
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Scott Bleasdale
Offered by: Flo and Phil Spenard
Bria
Beth, Sheri & Families
Alan Matook

Ronald Gauthier
Offered by: Flo & Phil Spenard

Nellie Hallal
Frederick & Sophie Hallal
Gloria Lefoley
Offered by: Holly Lazieh & Sons and
Bob Dessaint

Prayers of Good Health and Blessing are being offered for Elaine Wilbur in observance of her 85th Birthday. May God bless her with many more!
Offered by: Her Loving Family



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