Sunday, February 1st: Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican & Pre-Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord into the Temple
Extra Tray Collection for “Souper Bowl”
12:00 P.M.– Parish General Assembly at the Parish Center

Monday, February 2nd: 7:00 P.M.– Ladies Society Meeting

Sunday, February 7th: 10:30 A.M.- Baptism of Amelia Belle Marshall

Saturday, February 14th: 5:00 PM - Arabic Liturgy
Family Retreat at St. John of Damascus, Dedham

Saturday, February 28th: Antiochian Women Diocese Meeting at St. John of Damascus, Dedham

Saturday, March 7th: 5:00 PM- Arabic Liturgy

Sunday, March 8th: Dinner at Parish Center to benefit NAB Project

Tuesday, March 24th: 7:00 P.M.– Vespers & Liturgy: Annunciation of The Theotokos

ONLINE BULLETIN
The Bulletin is available online on our website at:
http://stmarypawtucket.org

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.

Sunday, February 1, 2015
Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican & Pre-Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord into the Temple
**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.

**Prayer Requests and Bulletin News:** All prayer requests and articles for the weekly bulletin must be submitted each week by noon Wednesday otherwise the requests and articles will be published the following week. Please use the envelopes provided when requesting prayers. Envelopes are available at the entrance of the Church, downstairs in the Church Hall, or in the Church Office.

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**Orthodox Vocabulary**

**Sign of the Cross**

Sign of the Cross- Orthodox Christians, from the very first days of the faith, have used the Sign of Christ’s Cross as a blessing. We make the Sign of the Cross by joining our thumb and first two fingers, touching our forehead, right shoulder, and then the left. The three fingers that we touch together represent the Holy Trinity and the two fingers we touch to the palm of our hand represent the divine and human natures of Christ, in that He was both God and man. Bishops and priests bless others with the “Christogram” making the sign of Christ with their right hands. It is customary for any Orthodox Christian to bless children, food, or oneself placing the person or object in the “Sign of Our Lord.” A traditional Orthodox practice is when parents make the Sign of the Cross (often with an icon or Handcross) over a child, particularly if the child is about to take a journey, go off to college, or get married.

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**2015 Church Calendars**

We have beautiful Church Calendars now available for sale for the 2015 year. Please participate in this worthwhile fundraiser for our Church, give as a gift— or for your own use. The calendars are $10. If you wish to purchase a calendar, please see Fr. Elie.

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**Arabic Educational Foundation Scholarship**

The Arabic Educational Foundation is now taking applications for the 2015 school year. Applicants of Arabic descent that are enrolled full-time as an undergraduate student are eligible to apply. Applications and Scholarship Eligibility Requirements may be picked up at the Church Office or see Fr. Elie for an application.
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.

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

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

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Sunday, February 1, 2015

Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican & Pre-Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord into the Temple

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Troparion of the Resurrection: Tone 1

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

Troparion of the Forefeast of the Presentation: Tone 1

(**The soldiers standing guard**) The Heavens’ choir looked down from the vaults of the Heavens, and gazing on the earth, they beheld with amazement the First-born of all creation brought forth as a suckling babe to the Temple by a pure and virginal mother; and with us, they now do sing a hymn for the Forefeast, astonished and full of awe.

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 intercessions from death Thou dost redeem our souls.”

Kontakion of the Forefeast of the Presentation: Tone 4

(**On this day Thou hast appeared**) On this day in purest thought with hearts embrace Him as in arms receive the Lord, as He maketh now His sojourn, O ye the faithful and bring to Him in songs your offerings of prefestal praises.
THE EPISTLE

Make vows to the Lord thy God, and perform them. In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (3:10-15)
Timothy my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, and my sufferings; and what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. What persecutions I endured; yet from them all, the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:10-14)
The Lord spoke this parable: “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank Thee that I am not like other men, extortionists, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to Heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

TEEN SOYO NEWS

♦ The Antiochian Women of our diocese have organized the 2nd Annual Family Day, which will occur on February 14th at St. John’s Church in Dedham (300 West St). This day is dedicated to the edification and teaching of our families with age-based sessions, services, and fellowship.

♦ We teens will have our own workshops, where we will talk about how to develop romantic relationships. These sessions will mirror our traditional diocesan Youth Day. It will be a relaxing day of learning, fellowship, and fun, so we hope to see many of you there.

♦ Attending Family Day is free if you are under 18, but we do need a head count for the sake of food preparation. Please RSVP to this event by emailing us at newenglandteensoyo@gmail.com, so we can ensure you are fed. We hope to see many of you there. Also, be sure to encourage your parents and relatives to attend for their own adult workshops.

♦ On another note, save the date for our Winter Diocesan Meeting on Saturday, February 28th. We’ll send you more details about the event soon, so add it to your calendars!

Antiochian Village Summer Camp
Camp Registration is open! Come make friendships that will last a lifetime and make memories you will never forget!! Most New England campers attend the 2nd session, which is from June 28th to July 10th. Our campers will travel with a contingent from Boston and Worcester with at least one chaperone from St. Mary. The local chapter of the Order of St. Ignatius helps defray transportation costs. Camp Scholarships are available, please see Father Elie if you would like to apply. Visit www.avcamp.org to register today! Volunteers that are interested may also apply through the website. Last year most spots were filled before the end of February so don't delay. Following is a list of all the camp sessions for 2015:

Session 1 (2 weeks) - June 14 - 26
Session 1 (1 week) - June 14 - 21
Session 2 (2 weeks) - June 28 - July 10
Session 3 (2 weeks) - July 12 - 24
Session 4 (2 weeks) - July 26 - Aug 7
Parish Center

Effective immediately:
The Parish Center building is now alarmed. Do NOT enter the building if you do not know the access code. Alarm will sound. If anyone is still in possession of a key to the Parish Center, please see Ed Ayoub or Scott Barnes.

Ladies Society Meeting

The next Ladies Society Meeting will be held Monday, February 2nd at 7:00pm.
(weather permitting)

Diocese of N.E. upcoming events

♦ Sunday, March 1st at 5:00 P.M.—St. Mary Church, Pawtucket: Hosting Sunday of Orthodoxy - Vespers and refreshments following Liturgy at the Parish Center

♦ April 22nd at 10:30 A.M.—St. Mary Church, Pawtucket: Hosting RI Clergy Meeting/Luncheon

Valentine Hafle

St. Mary Parish Center
Tickets: $50/Adult ~ $25/under 12
Saturday, February 7th

Enjoy an evening of music, dabke, and enchanting voice of Salah Kurdi & his band
Doors open @ 7:30pm ~ Dinner @ 8:00pm

Tickets and Reservations- contact Fr. Elie (240) 205-9079 / Tony Kabak (401) 744-6317

One-Year Memorial Service

Today, a One Year Memorial Service is being offered by The Ayoub Family for the repose of the soul of Naseem Ayoub. Following the service, a Memorial Luncheon will be offered by the Ayoub Family at the Parish Center.

May God grant him peace and may his memory be eternal!

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR
GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

April Gentes Robert
Offered by: George & Sandra Matook

Jacob Khoury
Offered by: Mr. & Mrs. Faraj Freij

Ayoub Family
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Elaine Gauthier

Ann Ayoub
Offered by: Charles & Elaine Agaty
Nora Abdelahad

Geoffrey Ayoub
Offered by: George & Sandra Matook

Melanie Kilsey & Patrick Merner
Steve & Patricia Kilsey
Elaine Wilbur
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

Elaine Wilbur
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

Marc & Lisa Parent
Offered by: Ed & Sue Ayoub

Charles Agaty
Offered by: Victoria Hammond

Raymond Trabulsi
Offered by: Leila, Tom & David & Families

Ann & Geoffrey Ayoub
Philip, Bette & Philip G. Ayoub

Edward, Sue & Lisa Ayoub
David Trabulsi
Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi

Robert Shwaery
Alexander Silva
Lily & Violet Dvelis
Layla & Lucas Melcher
Mark Hashway
Sam & Kay Matook
Offered by: Fred, Adele & Robert Shwaery

Ann, Geoffrey & Michael Ayoub
Philip, Bette & Philip G. Ayoub
Ed and Sue Ayoub & Family
Offered by: Cindy, George & Michael Antypas

Philip, Bette & Philip G. Ayoub
Ed and Sue Ayoub
Lisa and Marc Parent
Ann, Geoff & Michael Ayoub
Offered by: Samy & Helen Ayoub

Ann Ayoub & Family
Philip & Bette Ayoub & Family
Edward & Suzanne Ayoub
Barbara Aubin & Family
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Edward & Lillian Betor
Peter Marcotte
Thomas & Lynn Marcotte
Paul & Kerrie Betor
Matthew & Adrienne Dykstra
Laurice Zambie
William & LaVerne Ameen
Great-Granddaughters Joelle & Rose Dykstra
Offered by: Ed & Lillian Betor
PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Michelle Kilsey
Fred Kilsey
Offered by: John Salhany

Houda Gammal
George Capaldi
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

Naseem Ayoub
Offered by: Ed & Sue Ayoub
Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Nancy Penta & Family
Charles & Elaine Agaty
Nora Abdelahad
George & Sandra Matook
Elaine Gauthier
Joe & Marlene Sama
Susan Warzycha, Al Delpape & Family
Samy & Helen Morcos

George Matook
Offered by: Victoria Hammond
Ameen and Nayfey Sabath
Petros and Affie Betor
Helen Betor
Fred Sabath
Fred “Fritzie” and Jimmy Sabath
Offered by: Ed and Lillian Betor

Naseem Ayoub
Assad & Mary Ayoub
Offered by: Cindy, George & Michael Antypas

The 40 Day Memorial Service for Houda Gammal will be held on Sunday, February 8, 2015 at Sts. Anargyroi Greek Orthodox Church, 9 Central Street, Marlborough, MA.

Feast of The Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ in The Temple

Troparion of the Feast, Tone:1

“Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace; for from Thee arose the sun of justice, Christ our God, lighting those who are in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous elder, carrying in thine arms the deliverer of our souls, who granteth us the resurrection.”

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE. Presenting a child to God forty days after its birth originated in the Jewish faith and continues to this day in Orthodox. John the Baptist’s father, Zacharias, was the chief priest of the temple and he had the Theotokos stand in the place of the maids in the temple and not in the area of the married women. A man named Symeon was directed by the Holy Spirit to go and see Jesus in the temple that day. The Holy Spirit told him, “That he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ.” And Symeon said, “Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word for my eyes have seen Your salvation.” It was said that he was about 250 years old. Then Anna, who was a prophetess and a widow of about eighty-four years of age, saw Jesus, “and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem.” Soon after, an angel of God directed Joseph to take Jesus and the Theotokos into Egypt to escape Herod’s soldiers who were sent to kill the baby Jesus.

The 2015 St. Mary Parish General Assembly

Today, following Liturgy, our Parish General Assembly will be held at the St. Mary Parish Center.

Please remember that only those who are in “Good Standing” may attend and be full voting members. Membership in “good standing” refers to those faithful who are supporting the Church through their regular Christian Stewardship Pledges and who are regular and consistent in their sacramental participation in the life of the Church (this includes their attendance at Divine Liturgy). Please consult Fr. Isaac if you have any questions concerning the criteria of “membership in good standing”.

During the meeting, the 2015 budget will be presented, along with our church organizations reports and election of our new Council Members.

May God Bless and Preserve St. Mary Church.

Nora David
Leon Hattab
Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi

Donald Aubin
Naseem Ayoub
Assad & Mary Ayoub
Offered by: Philip, Bette & Phil G. Ayoub

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Donald Aubin
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

We would like to thank all of you– our St. Mary’s Family– for all your prayers, thoughts and well wishes during my surgery. Thanks to the Lord and all of you as my recovery continues to go well.

Warmly,
Samy & Helen Morcos

Thank You

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