

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 15th: Sunday of the Last Judgment (Meat-Fare)

Sunday, February 22nd: Sunday of Forgiveness (Cheese-Fare)

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

Sunday, March 1st: First Sunday of Great Lent: Sunday of Orthodoxy
5:00 P.M.-St. Mary hosting: Vespers & refreshments following at
Parish Center

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

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

Sunday, March 8th: Second Sunday of Lent and the Commemoration of St. Gregory
Palamas, Bishop of Thessalonica
Dinner at Parish Center to benefit NAB Project

Monday, March 9th: 7:00 P.M.– Bible Study in the Church Hall

Tuesday, March 10th: 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, March 15th: Third Sunday of Lent: Veneration of the Holy Cross

Sunday, March 22nd: Fourth Sunday of Lent: The Commemoration of our Righteous
Father John of the Ladder

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

Sunday, March 29th: Fifth Sunday of Lent: The Commemoration of our Righteous Mother
Mary of Egypt

77th Parish Life Conference
June 18th-21st

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SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, February 15, 2015
Sunday of the Last Judgment
(Meat-Fare)

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

<i>Sunday: Orthros (Matins)</i>	<i>8:45 a.m.</i>
<i>Church School</i>	<i>11:15 a.m.</i>
<i>Sunday: Divine Liturgy</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>

*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

Worship

WORSHIP: the act of ascribing praise, glory and thanksgiving to God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. All humanity is called to worship God. Worship is more than being in the "great-out-of-doors" or listening to a sermon or singing a hymn. God can be known in His creation, but that doesn't constitute worship. And as helpful as sermons may be, they can never offer a proper substitute for worship. Most prominent in Orthodox worship is the corporate praise, thanksgiving and glory given to God by the Church. This worship consummates in intimate communion with God at His Holy Table. As is said in the Liturgy, "To You is due all glory, honor and worship, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen." In that worship we touch and experience His eternal Kingdom, the age to come, and join in adoration with the heavenly hosts. We experience the glory of the fulfillment of all things in Christ as truly all in all.

God is kind; He wants us all to be saved. If only a few were to be saved, why then was Christ crucified? The gate into Paradise is not narrow. There is room for all those who bow humbly, and are not puffed up with pride, as long as they repent and give the burden of their sins to Christ; then there is plenty of room to pass through the gate. Man can be saved with a single humble thought, or with a proud one lose everything.

+Elder Paisios of Mount Athos



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”.

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Sponsored by:</u>	<u>Sponsored for:</u>
February 15th*	Fatat Elkhoul	Sub-Deacon Nicholas Elkhoul
February 22nd*	Edward & Mona Bakleh	Health of Family
March 1st	Massiwer Family	John Massiwer (15years)
	The Kilsey Family	George Kilsey (30 years)
March 8th	Antiochian Women	NAB Project Luncheon
March 15th	Antiochian Women	Metropolitan PHILIP (1 year)
March 22nd	William Salhany & Family	Ruth Salhany (5 years)
March 29th	Fadi & Hadeel Samaan	Health of Family
April 5th	No Coffee Hour	Palm Sunday
April 12th	No Coffee Hour	Pascha
April 19th	Nora Abelahad & Family	Charles Abdelahad (1 year)
April 26th	Fred Hallal & Family	Sophie Hallal (5 years)
May 3rd	Open for sponsorship	
May 10th	Mother’s Day	
May 17th	Open for sponsorship	
May 24th	Open for sponsorship	
May 31st	Open for sponsorship	
June 7th	Open for sponsorship	
June 14th	Open for sponsorship	
June 21st	Father’s Day	
June 28th	Open for sponsorship	
July 5th	Open for sponsorship	
July 12th	Open for sponsorship	
July 19th	Elias Morcos (son)	Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos
July 26th	Open for sponsorship	

Sunday, February 15, 2015

Sunday of the Last Judgment
(Meat-Fare)

Tone: 3 Eothinon: 3

Troparion of the Resurrection: Tone 3

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and became the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

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 for Sunday of Last Judgment: Tone 1

When Thou comest, O God, to earth with glory, and all creatures tremble before Thee, and the river of fire floweth before the Altar, and the books are opened and sins revealed, deliver me then from that unquenchable fire, and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O righteous Judge.



Epistle

I Corinthians 8:8-9:2

Prokeimenon: The Lord is my strength and my song.

Verse: The Lord has chastened me sorely.

The reading is from Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow becomes a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

The Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

The Lord said, "When the son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at his left. Then the King will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and clothe thee? And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to thee?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

TEEN SOYO NEWS

- ♦ 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](#)

Coffee Hour

Coffee hour today is offered in memory of Sub-deacon Nicolas ElKhaouli by his loving wife Fatat ElKhaouli. Coffee hour will be held in the Church Hall following Liturgy.



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.

Fee schedule for the use of the Sanctuary for the following services:

Baptism: Member- \$100
Non-Member- \$200

Wedding: Member- \$300
Non-Member- \$600

(Plus offering to clergy & cost of choir)

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

April Gentes Robert
Elaine Wilbur
Offered by: George & Sandra Matook

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

Thomas Dolfner
Amelia Belle Marshall
Patricia Cioe
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

MaryLou Catelli & Family
Lois Kilsey & Family
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

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

Kamel & Ethel Salhany
Theodore Lavin
Naseem Ayoub
Offered by: John Salhany

Naseem Ayoub
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

Abraham Tahmoush
Offered by: Elaine Gauthier
Bryan & Stephanie Chowning & Family
Robert, Janet, Philip & Cara Laffey
Edward & Marcella Laffey & Family
William & MaryLou Catelli
George & Lois Kilsey & Family
Leon & Judy Josephs & Family



Bible Study

Come join us for Bible study, held every Second Monday at 7pm in the Church Hall. Remember to bring your copy of The Orthodox Study Bible for referencing during the Bible Study session.

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.

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

*Come to our kind of town... come to Providence!
Come to the 77th Annual Parish Life Conference!
June 18-21, 2015
His Grace Bishop JOHN, Presiding*



Save the Date!

*Go to www.stmarypawtucket.org
for registration & more information!*

Join us for family fun, heart-warming fellowship and
wonderful opportunities for spiritual growth in the "Creative Capital"!

Highlights include:

Bible bowl • Oratorical Contest • Game Night • Grand Huflī
Home of Multisensory Majesty of WaterFire • Low Ticket Rates & much more!

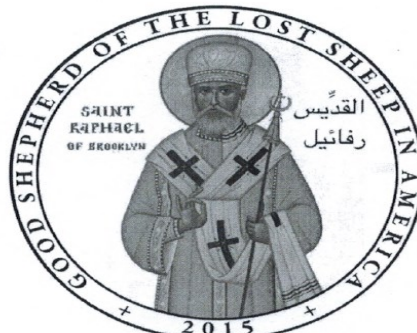
Registration Giveaway!

Register for the conference before May 1st, 2015 to be entered into a
drawing to win two Huflī tickets at the 2015 National Convention in Boston!

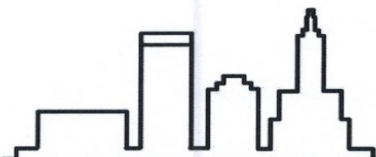
Book your room:

There are a limited number of rooms, so book early!
The Providence Marriott
1 Orms Street, Providence, RI

Special Conference Rate of **\$159** a night
For reservations call: 866-807-2171 &
Reference "Parish Life Conference"



100TH ANNIVERSARY of the
FALLING ASLEEP of SAINT RAPHAEL



St. Mary Parish Council ~ 2015

Congratulations to our new 2015 Parish Council

Joseph Samra- President (Fellowship)
Salwa Khoury- Vice President (Ladies Society)
Cindy Hayes- Secretary
Fadia Kabak- Treasurer

Elected members: Jamie Mitri, Steven W. Kilsey, Charlie Abosamra, Lorice Hallal, Holly Lazieh, Corey Dupont, Scott Barnes

Appointed members: Eddie Ayoub, Walid Nakhoul, Emad Amirhom

By Organization - Janice Hallal (Choir)
By Organization - Elmer Stanley (Sunday School)



****SAVE THE DATE****

Save the date...March 8th. The Antiochian Women are hosting luncheon following Liturgy on March 8th to benefit their NAB Project. More information to follow.



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).