

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

(5:00 P.M.– Start of Great Lent)

Tuesday, February 24th: 7:00 P.M.– Service of the Great Compline

Friday, February 27th: 7:00 P.M.- 1st Akathyst Hymn (Al-Madeeh)

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

Tuesday, March 3rd: 7:00 P.M.– Service of the Great Compline

Wednesday, March 4th: 7:00 P.M.– Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts

Friday, March 6th: 7:00 P.M.- 2nd Akathyst Hymn (Al-Madeeh)

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

Monday, March 9th: 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting (*please note date change)

Tuesday, March 10th: 7:00 P.M.– Service of the Great Compline

Wednesday, March 11th: 7:00 P.M.– Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts

Friday, March 13th: 7:00 P.M.– 3rd Akathyst Hymn (Al-Madeeh)

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

Tuesday, March 17th: 7:00 P.M.– Service of the Great Compline

Wednesday, March 18th: 7:00 P.M.– Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts

Friday, March 20th: 7:00 P.M.– 4th Akathyst Hymn (Al-Madeeh)

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: Feast of the Annunciation

Wednesday, March 25th: 7:00 P.M.– Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts

Friday, March 27th: 7:00 P.M.– 5th Akathyst Hymn (Al-Madeeh)

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

SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



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(Cheese-Fare)**

Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

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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

Hosanna

This is the Greek form for the Hebrew word for petition, 'save, we beseech Thee'. It was used by the people when they proclaimed Jesus to be their Messiah during His triumphant entry into Jerusalem, commemorated on Palm Sunday. It was introduced at a very early date into the Christian liturgies.

You should not wait until you are cleansed of wandering thoughts before you desire to pray; such distraction is not banished from the mind except by assiduous prayer requiring much labor. If you only begin to pray when you see that your mind has become perfect and exalted above all recollection of the world, then you will never pray.

~St. Isaac the Syrian



ONLINE BULLETIN

The Bulletin is available online on our website at:
<http://stmarypawtucket.org>

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 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	The Samra Family	Joseph Samra Sr. (50 years)
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	

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Tone: 4 Eothinon: 4

Troparion of the Resurrection: Tone 4

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world 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 Forgiveness Sunday: Tone 6

O Thou Who guidest to wisdom, and givest understanding and intelligence, the Instructor of the ignorant, and Helper of the poor, strengthen my heart and grant it understanding, O Master. Give me word, O Word of the Father; for behold, I shall not refrain my lips from crying to Thee, O merciful One, have mercy upon me who am fallen.



THE EPISTLE

*Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Sing praises to our King, sing praises.
O clap your hands, all ye nations.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (13:11-14:4)

Brethren, salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Master is able to make him stand.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (6:14-21)

The Lord said to His Disciples: If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father Who is in secret; and your Father Who sees in secret will reward you. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

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 by Edward and Mona Bakleh for their health of their Families.

Coffee hour is also 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.

St. Mary Parish Bookstore

Many beautiful Orthodox religious items are available from the St. Mary Parish bookstore and display case. These include a new collection of Icons, Christmas and greeting cards, Liturgical music CD's, prayer books, coloring books, Crosses and Orthodox Bibles. These make wonderful gifts and reflect the *Tradition of our Orthodox Faith*. All proceeds benefit the general fund of the Church. Please see Fr. Elie if you wish to purchase these gifts.

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

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

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

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

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

Herbert & Joyce Trabulsi
Dr. Mohammed Huseeb Majeed
Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi

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

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



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.

*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 Hufli
Home of Multisensory Majesty of WaterFire • Low Ticket Rates & much more!

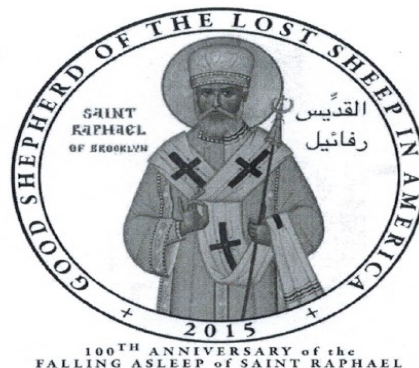
Registration Giveaway!

Register for the conference before May 1st, 2015 to be entered into a
drawing to win two Hufli 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"



St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, Pawtucket Schedule of Services: Great Lent 2015



Meat-fare Sunday is February 15th
Cheese-fare Sunday is February 22nd
Great Lent begins on Monday, February 23rd

The Service of Great Compline for the N.E. Region, with Bishop JOHN
presiding, will be held on Monday evenings (*see schedule below*).

- ~ February 23rd: 7:00pm- St. George Church, Norwood, MA
- ~ March 2nd: 7:00pm- St. Michael Church, Cotuit, MA
- ~ March 9th: 7:00pm- St. John of Damascus Church, Dedham, MA
- ~ March 16th: 7:00pm- St. George Church, Lowell, MA
- ~ March 23rd: 7:00pm- St. George Church, West Roxbury, MA
- ~ March 30th: 6:30pm- St. George Cathedral, Worcester, MA

St. Mary's Great Lent Prayer Schedule

The Service of Great Compline at St. Mary Church will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm.

The Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. Those wishing to partake of Holy Communion ought to be fasting from 12:00 noon on.

The service of the Akathyst Hymn or Madeeh (The Salutations to the Virgin Mary) will be held on the first five Friday evenings of Great Lent at 7:00 pm.

Sunday, March 1st: Special Vespers for Orthodoxy Sunday- 5:00pm at
St. Mary Church, Pawtucket, RI

*"May the Living God, the Fountain of Wisdom, enlighten our minds, strengthen our bodies,
and nourish our souls in the blessing of this holy season, the Lenten Spring."*