Sunday, February 8th: Sunday of the Prodigal Son & the Sunday after the Presentation of our Lord into the Temple
Saturday, February 14th: 5:00 PM - Arabic Liturgy
Family Retreat at St. John of Damascus, Dedham
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: the Sunday of Orthodoxy
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
Sunday, March 15th: Third Sunday of Lent: Veneration of the Holy Cross
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

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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.

View our website — http://stmarypawtucket.org
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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Troparion of the Resurrection: Tone 3
When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

Troparion of the Presentation of Christ: 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 Resurrection.

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 Presentation: Tone 1
Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin’s womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon’s arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.
Epistle
I Corinthians 6:12-20

Prokeimenon: Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.
Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.

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

Brethren, "all things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food" - and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body and in your spirit which belongs to God.

The Gospel
Luke 15:11-32

The Lord spoke this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided hid living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his right hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. "Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But the son was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost and is found.'

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.

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**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.

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

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*(Plus offering to clergy & cost of choir)*

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**Date Change:**

Arabic Liturgy will be held on February 14th.

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**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

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**PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:**

- April Gentes Robert
- Offered by: George & Sandra Matook
- Anthony Nassaney
- Nancy Sterpis
- Cheryl Nassaney
- Holly Lazieh
- Offered by: Fred M. Hallal
- Elaine Wilbur
- Charles & Elaine Agaty
- Offered by: Elaine Swistak
- Amelia Belle Marshall
- Keith, Marlene & Madelyn Marshall
- Offered by: Joe and Marlene Samra

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**PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

- Sophie Hallal
- Leo Hallal
- Nellie & Mitchell Hallal
- Offered by: Fred M. Hallal
- Naseem Ayoub
- Offered by: A Family Friend
- George & Jeanette Arees
- Richard Arees
- Rebecca Wylie
- Abdo and Hysna Haddad
- Mary Haddad
- Lucy Haddad
- Antonio Haddad
- Offered by: George A. Arees
- Eveline Engelhardt
- Offered by: Elaine Swistak

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**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.

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**Epiphany 2015- Blessing of Homes**

With the up-coming celebration of The Feast of Epiphany and the Great Sanctification of the Water, house blessings are starting for the new year. If you would like to have your house blessed, please contact Fr. Elie and schedule an appropriate time. While it is traditional to begin house blessings following Epiphany, homes may be blessed throughout the year. May the Blessing of the Jordan River sanctify and protect each and every home and family in our community.
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)

Attention All Parents: Please bring your children to the Liturgy before Church School. Church School starts every Sunday following communion (Approx. 11:15am).