

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**Sunday, April 12th: Great and Holy Pascha**

**12:00A.M.– Divine Liturgy followed by Agape Breakfast**

**12:00 P.M. (Noon)– Agape Vespers *\*\*Please note time change\*\****

**Sunday, April 19th:** Sunday of St. Thomas (New Sunday)

Walk-A-Thon

Church School Easter Egg Hunt



**Monday, April 20th:** 7:00 P.M.– Ladies Meeting

**Tuesday, April 21st:** 7:00-10:00P.M.- Parish Council Meeting at the Parish Center

**Sunday, April 26th:** Sunday of the Myrrh Bearing Women & Sts. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus

40 Day Memorial Service for Ida Lavin

5 Year Memorial Service for Sophie Hallal

**Saturday, May 2nd:** 8:00 P.M.-1:00A.M.-Spring Haffle (see Fr. Elie for tickets)

**Sunday, May 3rd:** Sunday of the Paralytic

The Antiochian Women NAB Project Luncheon at the Parish Center following Liturgy

**Monday, May 4th:** 7:00 P.M.– Ladies Meeting

**Sunday, May 10th:** Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

**Tuesday, May 12th:** 7:00-10:00P.M.- Parish Council Meeting at the Parish Center

**Sunday, May 17th:** Sunday of the Blind Man

**Sunday, May 24th:** Holy Fathers of the First Council of Nicaea & After-feast of the Ascension of Christ

**Sunday, May 31st:** Sunday of PENTECOST

**17th Parish Life Conference**  
**June 18th-21st**

## SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



*Sunday, April 12, 2015*

*Great and Holy PASCHA*

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## *Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church*

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**His Grace Bishop JOHN, Auxiliary and Bishop of the  
Diocese of Worcester and New England**

**V. Rev. Father Elie Estephan**  
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**Cell- 1-(240) 205-9079**

### **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](mailto:joesamra@gmail.com) or any member of the Parish Council with any questions or concerns\*\***

## *Orthodox Vocabulary*

### **Paschal Lamb**

This was the lamb eaten at the Jewish Passover. The lambs were sacrificed in the Temple on the afternoon of 14 Nisan. Then they were taken by the people to their homes and eaten during the night. In the New Testament, the Jewish Passover found its fulfillment in Christ. St. Paul, in his I Epistle to the Corinthians (5:7) says, 'Christ our Paschal Lamb has been sacrificed' When John the Baptist saw Christ coming, he said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world!', St. John's Gospel (1:29). The lamb eaten by the Orthodox on Easter signifies more the Resurrected Christ who by His sacrifice redeemed man, and may be taken as a faint echo of His call during the Last Supper for His followers to partake of His Body and Blood. The Orthodox Paschal lamb bears no affinity to the Hebrew Paschal lamb and should not be confused with it.

Today is the day of salvation for the world ... Christ is risen from the dead: arise with him. Christ returns to himself: you also must return to him. Christ has come forth from the tomb: free yourselves from the fetters of evil. The gates of hell are open and the power of death is destroyed. The old Adam is superseded, the new perfected. In Christ a new creation is coming to birth: renew yourselves.

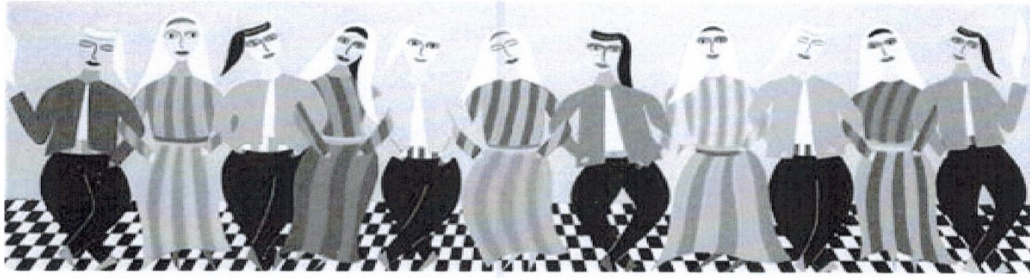
GREGORY NAZIANZEN *Oration 45, For Easter*, I,I (PG 36,624)



### **ONLINE BULLETIN**

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





YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE

*Arabic Educational Foundation's*

*4th Annual* MEET AND GREET Event

HONORING THREE FORMER *AEF* RECIPIENTS

*Mary Anne Kanakry Clarke*

*Ashley De Simone*

*Keith Hallal*

HONORING 1966 *AEF* FOUNDER

*Dr. Joseph Samra*



*Bella's Restaurant*

*FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2015 @ 6:30 PM*

1992 Victory Highway (Rte. 102) – Glendale, RI

Sit down dinner ♦ Ticket donation: \$35 pp

Seating 8-10 per table @ reservations

Contact *George T. Matook* for tickets 401.231.8377

For your listening and dancing enjoyment the music of

♪ MITCHELL KALTSUNAS ♪



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**Troparion of Easter, Tone 5**

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

**Hypakoe of Easter, Tone 4**

They who were with Mary came before dawn, found the stone rolled away from the sepulcher, and heard the angels say unto them, why seek ye him as man with the dead, who dwells in light eternal? Behold the grave wrappings; make haste and declare to the world that the Lord is risen, and hath caused death to die; for He is the son of God, the Savior of mankind.

**Kontakion of Easter, Tone 8**

O Immortal One, when Thou didst descend into the tomb, Thou didst destroy the power of Hades; and Thou didst rise victorious, O Christ God. Thou hast said to the ointment-bearing women: Rejoice! And Thou gavest peace to Thy Disciples, O Bestower of Resurrection to those Who had fallen.

**The Anti-Trisagion Hymn**

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia. (THRICE)

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Have put on Christ. Alleluia.

Dynamis!

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

The Epistle

Acts 1:1-8

Prokeimenon: This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Verse: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endures forever.

The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles.

In the first book, O Theophilos, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

So when they had come together, they asked him, Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

The Gospel

John 1:1-17

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light.

The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.'") And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

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”.

Date:

Sponsored by:

Sponsored for:

|                |                          |                              |
|----------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| April 12th     | Teen SOYO Breakfast      | Pascha                       |
| April 19th*    | Fadi & Hadeel Samaan     | Health of Family             |
| April 26th     | Fred Hallal & Family     | Sophie Hallal (5 years)      |
| May 3rd        | NAB Project Luncheon     | Ladies Society               |
| May 10th       | Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos | Marie Haddad (80th Birthday) |
| May 17th       | Open for sponsorship     |                              |
| May 24th       | The Hallal Family        | John Hallal (40 day)         |
| May 31st       | Open for sponsorship     |                              |
| June 7th       | The Samra Family         | Joseph Samra Sr. (50 years)  |
| June 14th      | Open for sponsorship     |                              |
| June 21st      | No Coffee Hour           | Parish Life Conference       |
| June 28th      | Open for sponsorship     |                              |
| July 5th       | Open for sponsorship     |                              |
| July 12th      | Open for sponsorship     |                              |
| July 19th      | Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos | Elias Morcos (son)           |
| July 26th      | Open for sponsorship     |                              |
| August 2nd     | Open for sponsorship     |                              |
| August 9th     | Open for sponsorship     |                              |
| August 16th    | Open for sponsorship     |                              |
| August 23rd    | Open for sponsorship     |                              |
| August 30th    | Open for sponsorship     |                              |
| September 6th  | Open for sponsorship     |                              |
| September 13th | Open for sponsorship     |                              |
| September 20th | Open for sponsorship     |                              |

## 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

### 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.

### 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](http://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](#)

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

April Gentes Robert  
Offered by: George & Sandra Matook

Mark Hashway  
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Jacob Khoury  
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Fred Hallal  
Albert & Vicki Hallal & Family  
Ronald & Janice Hallal & Family  
James Hallal  
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Albert & Vickie Hallal  
Ron & Janice Hallal  
James Hallal  
Fred, Adele & Robert Shwaery  
Offered by: Mary Lou & Bill Catelli

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

Fred Hashway Jr.  
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

John Hallal  
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Charles & Victoria Daghir  
George Matook  
Offered by: George & Sandra Matook & Family

John Hallal  
Offered by: Mary Lou & Bill Catelli



### 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.

### Assessment Fee

The St. Mary Parish Council wishes to kindly remind the Faithful to send in their Archdiocese Assessment of \$125 made out to St. Mary Church. Please help us to be able to meet our obligations to the Archdiocese.



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HOLY PASCHA 2015

### Offer of Gratitude

Fr. Elie and the St. Mary Parish Council would like to offer thanks and gratitude to all the faithful who participated, assisted and supported the Church during the Lenten Season, Holy Week and Pascha. May God bless those who gave of their time, energy, resources and love, to celebrate and to offer sacrifices during this special time and make possible our witness to the Resurrection- The Feast of Feasts.

### Easter Egg Donation

The Paschal Easter Eggs are being donated this year by Scott & Nora Barnes in loving memory of *George Ganim*. May God keep him in The Resurrection and may his memory be eternal.

### Holy Pascha 2015

*This year Pascha (Easter) falls on April 12th*

Please note that on Saturday, April 11th, (Great and Holy Saturday) the Easter Service begins at 10:00pm followed by the complete Orthros of Pascha (the paschal Cannon). Which is itself followed by the Divine Liturgy of the Feast. At the conclusion of the Liturgy, the Easter eggs will be blessed. It is the custom in many Orthodox cultures for many families to prepare a Paschal basket of Easter foods such as eggs, meats, cheeses, sausages, sweet breads, etc. If you would like to bring your own Pascha basket to church, please do so, place it next to the Easter eggs at the front of the Church, to be blessed at the end of Liturgy. Following the service, the traditional Agape (love) breakfast will be served at the Parish Center sponsored by St. Mary Teen SOYO.

GREAT LENT 2015

February 23rd ~ April 12th (Holy Pascha)



What is Lent?

Prayer † Fasting † Acts of Mercy



### Sacrament of Confessions

Great Lent is the season to "Open the Gates of Repentance". The faithful are encouraged to enter into the sacrament of confession during the Forty-Day Fast. Confessions can be made before or after Divine Services, or by special appointment with the Priest.

### Liturgical Supplies and Offerings for Lent

During Great Lent the Church offers an intensified schedule of Divine Services and Prayers. Donations are being sought from the faithful for the many extra Liturgical Supplies needed for the Holy Season. These offerings include candles, wine, oil, incense, bread, service books, music and printed materials. Please earmark your donations and offerings "Liturgical Supplies." Along with these offerings, bring also yourselves to pray the beautiful Lenten Services.

### Food For Hungry People Collection (F.F.H.P.)

"When you see a poor person, remember the words of our Lord Jesus Christ by which He declared that it is He Himself who is fed. For through that which appears to be not Christ, yet in that person's form, it is Christ Himself who receives and begs."

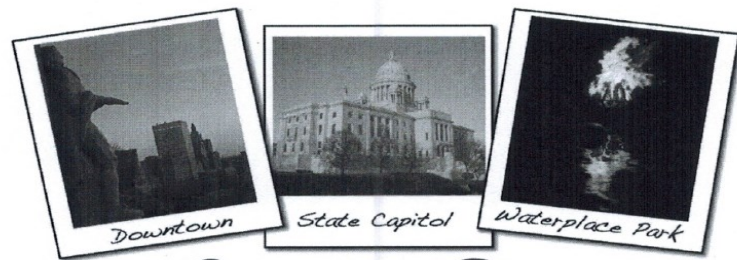
~St. John Chrysostom

During the Holy Season of Lent, we collect alms to feed the hungry, as an act of Christian Mercy. Food for Hungry People collection boxes are available in the Vestibule & Church Hall. Take one home, fill it with coins during Lent and return it at Holy Pascha (Easter). Donations will also be accepted. To: St. Mary Orthodox Church earmarked "F.F.H.P."

May we be generous to reach out to those who hunger and who are in need.  
This "reaching out" and caring will help us to witness the resurrection.



*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](http://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:**

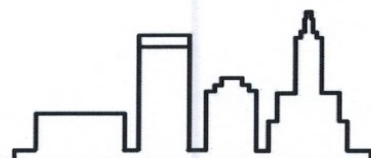
Bible bowl • Oratorical Contest • Game Night • Grand Huffli  
Home of Multisensory Majesty of WaterFire • Low Ticket Rates & much more!

**Registration Giveaway!**

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



*Holy Thursday Wreath  
Donated by Sam & Kay Matook & Family*

**For the Health & Safety of:**

Sam & Kay Matook  
Mark A. Matook  
Bob & Sherry Matook  
Our Grandchildren:  
Mackenzie and Mason Matook  
The Matook Family  
The Bicki Family  
Maureen Allen  
The Bellas Family  
Fred, Adele & Bobby Shwaery  
Fr. Elie & Family  
Abdelahad Family  
Agaty Family

**In Loving Memory Of:**

Wadi & Esma Matook  
James & Helen Bellas  
Rose Affsa  
George Matook  
Fred Matook  
Emily Albert  
Departed Matook Family  
Departed Bellas Family  
Olga Bicki  
Christy Bicki  
Departed Allen Family  
Charles Abdelahad  
Charles Agaty



*May they rest in peace  
and may their memory be eternal.*

# Diocese of N.E. upcoming events

- ♦ **April 22nd at 10:30 A.M.**— St. Mary Church, Pawtucket: Hosting RI Clergy Meeting/Luncheon
- ♦ **June 18th-21st**— St. Mary Church, Pawtucket: Hosting 2015 Parish Life Conference
- ♦ **July 20th-26th**— St. Mary Church, Cambridge, MA: Hosting 52nd Archdiocesan Convention, Boston, MA



St. Mary Teen SOYO News and Events

Teen SOYO Invites You ~ to join all of us for  
*PASCHAL BREAKFAST*

**After Easter Liturgy- Sunday, APRIL 12th**  
In the early morning hours at the Parish Center

Breakfast is complimentary, your donation is welcome.  
Menu will include: breakfast pastry, scrambled eggs, bacon, French toast,  
fresh fruit, coffee, tea, juice.

Hope you will join us as we proclaim, "Christ is Risen!"



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).

Sunday, April 12th (PASCHA)- *NO CLASS*  
Sunday, April 19th- Easter Egg Hunt  
Walk-A-Thon



*It is Spring!*  
*It is celebration Time!*



**St. Mary's Orthodox Church**

*cordially invites you to a Lovely Spring Haffle. Come enjoy an evening of  
music, dabke, and enchanting voice of the renown singer*

**Soumaya Aziz**

*& her band*

- ♦ *Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. 2015*
- ♦ *St. Mary Parish Center at:*  
*60 St. Mary's Way, Pawtucket, RI 02860.*
- ♦ *Doors open @ 7:30 pm.*
- ♦ *Dinner @ 8:00 pm.*

*Tickets: \$60.00 per Adult*  
*\$25.00 (under 12)*

*All proceeds go to St. Mary's Church*

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*For Tickets and Reservations, please contact:*

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*Tony Kabak: (401) 744-6317, (401) 769-4915, [fadiakabak@verizon.net](mailto:fadiakabak@verizon.net)*