

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**Sunday, May 10th:** Sunday of the Samaritan Woman  
Mother's Day

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

**Wednesday, May 13th:** 7:00 P.M.– PLC Meeting in the Church Hall

**Sunday, May 17th:** Sunday of the Blind Man  
Church School Graduation

**Tuesday, May 20th:** 7:00 P.M.-Liturgy– Feast of the Ascension of our Lord

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

**Monday, May 25th:** Memorial Day  
9:00 A.M.– Memorial Day Prayers at Walnut Hill Cemetery

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

**Sunday, June 7th:** All Saints Sunday: First Sunday after Pentecost

**Tuesday, June 9th:** 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

**Sunday, June 14th:** Second Sunday after Pentecost

**Monday, June 15th:** 6:30 P.M.– Ladies Society Dinner Meeting at the Grist Mill

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

**Sunday, June 21st:** Third Sunday after Pentecost– Liturgy held at the Marriott Hotel (PLC)  
*(No Church Services at St. Mary)*  
Father's Day

**Sunday, June 28th:** Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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

## SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



*Sunday, May 10, 2015*

*Sunday of the Samaritan Woman*

**CHRIST IS RISEN, TRULY HE IS RISEN!**

## ***Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church***

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Diocese of Worcester and New England**

**V. Rev. Father Elie Estephan**  
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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*)

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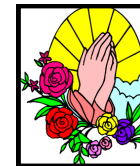
## ***Orthodox Vocabulary***

### **Ascension**

The feast of the Ascension commemorates the ascending of Christ into heaven witnessed by His Apostles. It took place on the Mount of Olives the fortieth day after the Resurrection. It marks the triumphant close of the post-Resurrection period during which Christ repeatedly appeared to His Disciples and spoke to them of 'the things concerning the kingdom of God'. Thus, Christ's human nature was taken into Heaven, wherefrom 'He now exercises all power in Heaven and on earth'. The Ascension is one of the principal feasts of the Christian year irrespective of denominations. It falls on the 6th Thursday after the day of Easter. St. John Chrysostom gives indisputable evidence of its celebration in the later years of the 4th century.

It is impossible for the mind not to be troubled by wicked thoughts. But if we exert ourselves it is within our power either to accept them and give them our attention, or to expel them. Their coming is not within our power to control, but their expulsion is.

~Abba Moses of Scetis



### **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.

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.

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

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

**\*\* ALL Coffee hour’s will now be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.\*\***

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Sponsored by:</u>	<u>Sponsored for:</u>
May 10th*	Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos	Marie Haddad (80th Birthday)
May 17th*	Samy & Helen Morcos	Their Continued Health
May 24th	Open for sponsorship	
May 31st	The Hallal Family	John Hallal (40 day)
June 7th	Open for sponsorship	
June 14th	Open for sponsorship	
June 21st	No Coffee Hour	Parish Life Conference
June 28th	The Samra Family	Joseph Samra Sr. (50 years)
July 5th	Open for sponsorship	
July 12th	Open for sponsorship	
July 19th	Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos	Elias Morcos (son)
July 26th	Walid & Mirna Nakhoul	Salim Audi (3 years)
August 2nd	The David Family	George “Sippi” David (5 years)
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	



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Sunday, May 10, 2015

Sunday

Tone: 4 Eothinon: 7

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 Mid-Pentecost, Tone 8

In the midst of this Feast, O Savior, give Thou my thirsty soul to drink of the waters of true worship; for Thou didst call out to all, saying: Whosoever is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. Wherefore, O Christ our God, Fountain of life, glory to Thee.

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 intercession from death Thou dost redeem our souls.

Kontakion of Pascha, 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 Epistle Acts 11:19-30

Prokeimenon: O Lord, how magnificent are your works. You have made all things in wisdom.  
Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles.

In those days, those apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none expect Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabos stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine all over the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea, and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

## The Gospel John 4:5-42

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Every one who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst forever; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband;' for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain; and you say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her. "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking to her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city, and said to the people, "Come, see a man who said to me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to him. Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has any one brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest?' I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for the harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He said to me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Any many more believed because of his words. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."



*May God bless our Mothers*

*Today, May 10th is Mother's Day on our secular calendar. May God bless each and every Mother and Grandmother to whom he has given the great Grace of childbearing and the nurturement of children in the Christian Family. The vocation of the Mother is a Holy, Sacred and Sacrificial one and it is foundational to the Christian Life. May God bless and strengthen our Holy Mothers and may their children learn to say "Thank You" to them on this day.*

*Please help support our fundraising efforts*

**\*\*\*\*\*2015 RAFFLE/ 20 WEEK CLUB\*\*\*\*\***

Raffle tickets are still available for purchase- \$25.00 each.

(1) \$50.00 Prize each week

(1) Grand Prize of \$1,000 to be drawn on September 13th during Coffee Hour.

If you haven't already bought a ticket, please see Ed Ayoub or a Parish Council member.

## **Charitable Gift Program Annual Memorial Service ~ Sunday, May 24th**

This is the twentieth-first year that Memorial Trisagion services are offered for those deceased parishioners in our Charitable Gift Program who have made their contribution to the fund.

The Trisagion service will be offered this year in memory of: Assad Ayoub, Mary Ayoub, Naseem Ayoub, Joseph Bowab, Linda Salhany Bowab, Alice David, Florence David, George David, Mary Elizabeth David, Nora David, Christopher Gauthier, Ronald Gauthier, Esma Gorab, Jacqueline Gorab, John Gorab, Edward J. Hallal, Sr., Sophie Hallal, Donald Hayes, Matilda Josephs, Theodore Juczyk, Michelle Kilsey, Ida Lavin, Theodore Lavin, John Massiwer, Sarah Massiwer, Esma Matook, Wadi Matook, Kamal Nassif, Ruth Ganim Salhany, Joseph Samra, Mary Samra, Jameela Tahmoush and Nora Walker. May their Memory Be Eternal!

### **Parish Life Conference - 2015**

Sponsorship forms are available in the Church Hall. The deadline for participation is May 25, 2015. For further information, please contact Dr. Nabil Khoury at (401) 434-8877 or Dr. Joseph J. Samra at (401) 334-2465 or Fr. Elie.

- ♦ The next PLC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13th at 7pm in the Church Hall....hope to see you there!

# Diocese of N.E. upcoming events

- ♦ **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

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

April Gentes Robert  
Offered by: George & Sandra Matook

Mark Hashway  
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Reyna Chamoun (happy birthday)  
Jacob Khoury  
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Ed & Lillian Betor Family  
Paul Betor  
Offered by: Ed & Lillian Betor

Marie Haddad (80th Birthday)  
Offered by: Dr. Zeyad, Norma & Elias Morcos

Philip & Bette Ayoub  
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Nora Abdelahad  
George & Sandra Matook  
Offered by: Elaine Agaty

George & Sandra Matook  
Offered by: Nora Abdelahad

Nora Abdelahad  
Offered by: George & Sandra Matook & Family

Lily Massiwer  
Diana Hashway  
Cheryl Nassaney  
Nancy Sterpis  
Norman Tashash  
Offered by: Holly Lazieh & Sons & Bob Dessaint



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

Fred Hashway Jr.  
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Mary Agaty  
Jeannette Swistak  
John Swistak  
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Charles Agaty  
Mary Agaty  
Offered by: Elaine Agaty

Sophie Hallal  
Sarah Massiwer  
Nellie Hallal  
Offered by: Holly Lazieh & Sons & Bob Dessaint

### **Memorial Day Prayers**

This year Memorial Day falls on May 25th. Prayers for the deceased will be held at Walnut Hill Cemetery starting at 9am on Monday, May 25th.

Please bring a list of the names of your beloved deceased and give them to Fr. Elie at the central cross for the offering of the Trisagion Prayers.(9am).

May God grant peace and repose to the beloved deceased and may their memories be eternal!



### Coffee Hour

Today, Coffee Hour is offered for Marie Haddad on the occasion of her 80th Birthday by her son Dr. Zeyad & Morcos & Family. Coffee hour will be held at the Parish Center after Liturgy.



### Congratulations

St. Mary Church offers its congratulations to all of our young men and women who are or will be graduating from both High School and College in the next few weeks. May God bless them as they continue their education and pursue new work and careers. And may God bless their parents and families for nurturing and supporting them.



### Parish Directory Updates

We are updating our church directory. This will be a bound copy for all parishioners. Please take a few moments to check that your information is correct before it goes to print. See Samy Morcos to update your address, email address, telephone numbers, childrens names...etc. Thank you !

### 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.

## 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

### Ladies Society News

- ♦ The Ladies Society Dinner meeting will be held June 15th at the Grist Mill in Seekonk, MA at 6:30pm. Please call Nora Matook for more information.

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**Teen SOYO will be having a BOWLING outing soon...more info 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).

- ♦ Sunday, May 17th– Church School Graduation