CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Wednesday, May 27th: 7:00– PLC Meeting in Church Hall

Friday, May 29th: 6:45P.M.- 8:30 P.M Choir Practice

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)

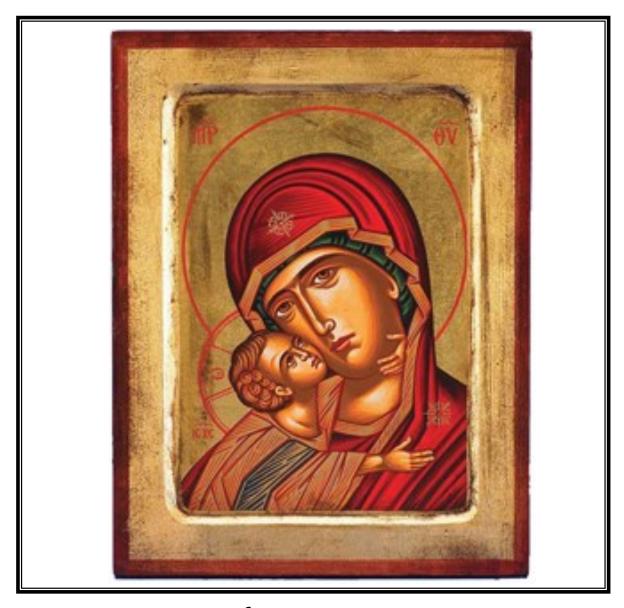
(No Church Services at St. Mary)

Father's Day

Sunday, June 28th: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, May 24, 2015

Holy Fathers of the First Council of Nicaea

& After-feast of the Ascension of Christ

Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

249 High Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860 Phone (401) 726-1202 Fax: (401) 729-1203 Web site: http://stmarypawtucket.org Email: office@stmarypawtucket.org

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

V. Rev. Father Elie Estephan 395 Brown St.-Unit 2, Attleboro, MA 02703 Cell- 1-(240) 205-9079

Schedule of Services

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

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*)

Orthodox Vocabulary

Oktoechos

Oktoechos: Book of The Eight Tones: In Greek, 'eight tones': either the system of eight tones which are the basis of the liturgical music of Byzantine, Roman, Syrian, and Armenian rites, or a Byzantine rite liturgical book, the Parakletike, containing the texts for each day's services for all eight tones, or a Troparion which makes use of all eight tones in the course of its melody.

A tree is known by its fruit, a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love.

~St. Basil the Great





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.

Bulletin Submissions

Please help us provide a quality weekly bulletin by submitting all prayer requests and announcements to the church office by <u>Noon on Wednesdays</u>. Any requests received after this time will be in the following week's bulletin. Thank you for your cooperation.

^{**}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**

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.

WINNERS:

Week - Scott Barnes \$50

Week 2- Steven Kilsey \$50

Week 3– Rebecca Samra \$50



St. Marv Teen SOYO News and Events

Teen SOYO will be having a BOWLING outing soon...more info to follow.

Sunday, May 24, 2015

Holy Fathers of the First Council of Nicaea & After-feast of the Ascension of Christ

Tone: 6 Eothinon: 10

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 6

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb. And the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Apolytikion of the Ascension, Tone 4

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Thy Disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit, having become confident of the blessing. Verily, Thou art the Son of God, and Deliverer of the world.

Apolytikion of the Holy Fathers, Tone 8

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, 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 the Ascension, Tone 6

When Thou didst fulfill Thy dispensation for our sakes, uniting the terrestrials with the celestials, Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, inseparable in space, but constant without separation, and crying unto Thy beloved: I am with you, and no one shall be against you.

THE EPISTLE

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers. For Thou art just in all Thou hast done.

The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (20:16-18, 28-36)

In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (17:1-13)

At that time, Jesus lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son that the Son may glorify Thee, since Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom Thou hast given Him. And this is eternal life, that they know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ Whom Thou hast sent. I glorified Thee on earth, having accomplished the work which Thou gavest Me to do; and now, Father, glorify Thou Me in Thy own presence with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was made. I have manifested Thy Name to the men whom Thou gavest Me out of the world; Thine they were, and Thou gavest them to Me, and they have kept Thy word. Now they know that everything that Thou hast given Me is from Thee; for I have given them the words which Thou gavest Me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from Thee; and they have believed that Thou didst send Me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom Thou hast given Me, for they are Thine; all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to Thee. Holy Father, keep them in Thy Name, which Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one. While I was with them, I kept them in Thy Name, which Thou have given Me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to Thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy ful-

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.

** <u>ALL</u> Coffee hour's will now be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.**

Sponsored by:	Sponsored for:
Amirhom Family	Atallah Amirhom(5 years)
The Hallal Family	John Hallal (40 day)
Open for sponsorship	
not available	
No Coffee Hour	Parish Life Conference
The Samra Family	Joseph Samra Sr. (50 years)
Open for sponsorship	
Open for sponsorship	
Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos	Elias Morcos (son)
Walid & Mirna Nakhoul	Salim Audi (3 years)
The David Family	George "Sippi" David (5 years)
Open for sponsorship	
	Amirhom Family The Hallal Family Open for sponsorship not available No Coffee Hour The Samra Family Open for sponsorship Open for sponsorship Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos Walid & Mirna Nakhoul The David Family Open for sponsorship

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

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 27th at 7pm in the Church Hall.

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.

ONLINE BULLETIN

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

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

April Gentes Robert
Offered by: George & Sandra Matook

Mark Hashway Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Samy & Helen Morcos Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Marc & Lisa Parent
Ed Ayoub & Pumpkinz
Joe Jackson
Kathy Jackson
Offered by: Ed & Sue Ayoub



PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr.

Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Donald Aubin George & Nora David Vincent Penta John Swistak Ron Gauthier Naseem Ayoub

Offered by: Barbara Aubin

Atallah Amirhom

Offered by: The Amirhom Family

John Hallal

Offered by: Nora Matook & Family

Chloe

Edward Maloof

Offered by: Ed & Sue Ayoub

Isabella Salib

Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

Ray & Leila Trabulsi Philip & Bette Ayoub Nabil & Salwa Khoury

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!

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!

We would also like to offer prayers for the health and safety of the following individuals who have committed to the Charitable Gift Program.

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Fr. Leonard Faris	Maria Hallal	Steven W. Kilsey
Fr. Timothy Ferguson	Ronald Hallal	Robert Laffey
AnonymousFour	Dianna Hashway	Holly Lazieh
Cindy Antypas	Fareed Hawwa	Lily Massiwer
Bette Ayoub	Olga Hawwa	Mary Massiwer
Edward Ayoub	Renda Hawwa	Keith Marshall
Philip Ayoub	Tawfik Hawwa	Marlene Marshall
Philip G. Ayoub	Cindy Hayes	Donna Maurice
Suzanne Ayoub	Daniel Hayes	Glen Maurice
Janet Bowab	Donald Hayes, Jr.	Mary Mechrefe
Christine Briggs	Sarah Hayes	Louise Megalli
Liam Burke	Hilda Jarjoura Juczyk	William Salhany
Mary Lou Catelli	Eli Karam	Barbara M. Samra
William Catelli	Julia Karam	Joseph J. Samra
Bryan Chowning	Naji Karam	Joseph J. Samra III
Stephanie Chowning	Nabil Khoury	Marlene Samra
Linda Dvelis	Salwa Khoury	Rebecca Samra
Fred Elliott	Audrey Kilsey	Rita Sayegh
Elaine Gauthier	Fred Kilsey	Florence Spenard
Maureen Gurghigian	George Kilsey	Phil Spenard
Paul Gurghigian	Lois Kilsey	Carol Wartenburg
Fred Hallal	Melanie Ann Kilsey	Susan Warzycha
Janice Bowab Hallal	Melissa Ann Kilsey	Mary Jane Wehbe
Keith Hallal	Patricia A. Kilsey	Elaine Wilbur
Lorice Hallal	Steven G. Kilsey	Our Teens

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

Upcoming Choir Practice:

Friday, May 29th: 6:45-8:30pm



Everyone is welcome to join!

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.

Coffee Hour

A Memorial Coffee Hour is offered for Atallah Amirhom (5 years) by the Amirhom Family. Coffee hour will be held at the Parish Center after Liturgy.



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Sponsorship Form

Diocese of Worcester Parish Life Conference June 18-21, 2015 June 18-21, 2015 Hosted by St. Mary Church 249 High Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860 (401) 726-1202 ~ (401) 726-1203 (Fax

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Come to the 77th Annual Parish Life Conference.

June 18-21, 2015

Come to Grace Bishop 90491, 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!

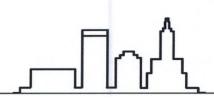
Register for the conference before May 1st, 2015 to be entered into a drawing to win two Hufli tickets at the 2015 National Convention in Boston!

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"





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77th Annual Diocese of Worcester & New England Parish Life Conference

June 18-21,2015 | Marriott Hotel, Providence, RI Hosted by St. Mary Pawtucket



Conference Schedule

	Thursday, June 18, 2015	
	Registration	4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
	BISHOP JOHN and Clergy Meeting	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
	Federal Hill Experience	6:30 pm - 9:00 pm
	Friday, June 19, 2015	
	Registration	9:00 am - 8:00 pm
	Orthros	9:00 am - 10:00 am
	Antiochian Women Meeting	10:00 am - 12:00 pm
	Organizations Luncheon	12:00 pm - 2:30 pm
	Fellowship of St. John the Divine Meeting	2:30 pm - 4:00 pm
	Choir rehearsal	4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
	Vespers	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
	Teen SOYO Meeting	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
	Dinner at your Leisure	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
	Bible Bowl	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
	Bishop JOHN- Supplication Service	9:30 pm - 10:00 pm
	Game Night	10 pm
	Saturday, June 20, 2015	
	Registration	10:00 am - 10:00 pm
	Orthros	7:30 am
	Hierarchical Divine Liturgy	8:30 am
	Oratorical Festival	10:00 am - 11:00 am
	Awards Brunch	11:30 am - 1:00 pm
٠	Youth and Teen SOYO Field Trip	1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
	Praying with Icons with Kh Erin Kimmett	1:30 - 2:30 pm & 2:30- 3:30 pm
	Servant Leadership in the Life of the Orthodox Christian - A	Anthony S. Bashir
	& Richard Robbat, Department of Lay Ministry	1:30 - 2:30 pm & 2:30 - 3:30 pm
	Christian Education Workshop with Carole Buleza	
	Theosis: Your Life with God	1:30-2:30 pm & 2:30-3:30 pm
	The Intersection of Technology and Faith: Implications	
	. for the Modern Family with Jamil Samara	1:30 - 2:30 pm & 2:30 - 3:30 pm
	Open Choir Rehearsal /Spectators Welcome	3:30 pm - 5:00 pm
	Vespers	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
	St. Ignatius/ Parish Council Dinner	6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
	Grand Hafleh	8:30 pm - 1:00 am
	Sunday, June 21, 2015	
	Orthros	9:00 am
	Hierarchical Divine Liturgy	10:00 am
	Farewell Complimentary Coffee Reception •	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm



• **Conference** ~ June 18-21, 2015

Registration Form

Register On-line: www.stmarypawtucket.org/conference

									Please write your name as you would like it to appear on your badge. Anyone under the age of 18 MUST submit completed and signed Parent Consent Form and Teen Code of Conduct (Teens only) in order to receive their Badge. Place an X in the appropriate boxes for each listed person. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.		
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