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: 6:45 P.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

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Sunday, May 24, 2015

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

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.

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 Noon on Wednesdays. Any requests received after this time will be in the following week’s bulletin. Thank you for your cooperation.
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

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


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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. And now 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.

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

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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
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 Tannahmoush 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.

Fr. Leonard Faris
Fr. Timothy Ferguson
Anonymous--Four
Cindy Antypas
Bette Ayoub
Edward Ayoub
Philip Ayoub
Philip G. Ayoub
Suzanne Ayoub
Janet Bowab
Christine Briggs
Liam Burke
Mary Lou Catelli
William Catelli
Bryan Chowning
Stephanie Chowning
Linda Dvelis
Fred Elliott
Elaine Gauthier
Maureen Gathigian
Paul Gathigian
Fred Hallal
Janice Bowab Hallal
Keith Hallal
Lorice Hallal

Maria Hallal
Ronald Hallal
Dianna Hashway
Fareed Hawwa
Olga Hawwa
Renda Hawwa
Tawfik Hawwa
Cindy Hayes
Daniel Hayes
Donald Hayes, Jr.
Sarah Hayes
Hilda Jarjoura Juczyk
Eli Karam
Julia Karam
Naji Karam
Nabil Khoury
Salwa Khoury
Audrey Kilsey
Fred Kilsey
George Kilsey
Lois Kilsey
Melanie Ann Kilsey
Melissa Ann Kilsey
Patricia A. Kilsey
Steven G. Kilsey
Steven W. Kilsey
Robert Laffey
Holly Laziez
Lily Massiwer
Mary Massiwer
Keith Marshall
Marlene Marshall
Donna Maurice
Glen Maurice
Mary Mecheffre
Louise Megalli
William Salhany
Barbara M. Samra
Joseph J. Samra
Joseph J. Samra III
Marlene Samra
Rebecca Samra
Rita Sayehg
Florence Spenard
Phil Spenard
Carol Wartenburg
Susan Warzycha
Mary Jane Webbe
Elaine Wilbur
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.
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
BISHOP JOHN and Clergy Meeting
Federal Hill Experience
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Friday, June 19, 2015
Registration
Orthros
Apostolic Women Meeting
Organizations Luncheon
Fellowship of St. John the Divine Meeting
Choir rehearsal
Vespers
Teen SOYO Meeting
Dinner at your Leisure
Bible Bowl
Bishop JOHN - Supplication Service
Game Night
9:00 am - 8:30 pm
9:00 am - 10:00 am
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
12:00 pm - 2:30 pm
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
9:30 pm - 10:00 pm

Saturday, June 20, 2015
Registration
Orthros
Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
Oratorical Festival
Awards Brunch
Youth and Teen SOYO Field Trip
Praying with Icons with Khi Erin Kimmett
Servant Leadership in the Life of the Orthodox Christian - Anthony S. Bashir
& Richard Robblat, Department of Lay Ministry
Christian Education Workshop with Carole Buleza
Theosis: Your Life with God
The Intersection of Technology and Faith: Implications for the Modern Family with Janani Sarana
Open Choir Rehearsal / Spectators Welcome
Vespers
St. Ignatius/ Parish Council Dinner
Grand Hotel
10:00 am - 10:00 pm
7:30 am
8:30 am
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8:30 pm - 1:00 am

Sunday, June 21, 2015
Orthros
Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
Farewell Complimentary Coffee Reception
9:00 am
10:00 am
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm