

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, May 3rd: Sunday of the Paralytic

2:30-5:30pm– St. John of Damascus Church, Dedham: Choir rehearsal for PLC

Saturday, May 9th: 5:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy (***note date change***)

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 3, 2015

Sunday of the Paralytic

CHRIST IS RISEN, TRULY HE IS RISEN!

Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

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

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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*)

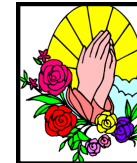
****Please feel free to contact Joe Samra III (401) 334-0310 / joesamra@gmail.com or any member of the Parish Council with any questions or concerns****



Orthodox Vocabulary

Canon

In Byzantine rite hymnography a Canon is a series of hymns divided into nine *ODES*, each linked to one of the nine biblical canticles, the last of which consists of the Magnificat and Benedictus. Outside monasteries the canticles, apart from the Magnificat, are normally omitted. Most canons actually contain eight odes, since Ode 2 is used only on Tuesdays in Lent, though acrostics often show that there were originally nine. Normally three (on Sundays four) canons are prescribed, so that each ode, including the Heirmos, consists of fourteen troparia. *ANDREW OF CRETE* is often accounted the originator of the canon. *JOHN OF DAMASCUS* wrote the famous Resurrection canon of Pascha. Three notable centres of canon composition were Mar Saba John of Damascus and his adopted brother Cosmas of Maiuma), the Studios monastery of *CONSTANTINOPLE (THEODORE THE STUDITE* and his brother Joseph) and Magna Graecia (Joseph the Hymnographer, d. 886, the most prolific author of canons). The Athonite monk Gerasimos, Hymnographer of the Great Church, was a major twentieth-century author, his output rivaling that of any of the early writers. Among his last works is a canon for the new feast of the environment on 1 September.



“Obedience responds to obedience. When someone obeys God, then God obeys his request.”

~Abba Mios



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 3rd	Walid & Mirna Nakhoul	Dakhil & Hanne Nakhoul (Memory)
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	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	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	



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Sunday, May 3, 2015

Sunday of the Paralytic

Tone:3 Eothinon: 5

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 3

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and became the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

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 9:32-42

Prokeimenon: Sing praises to our God, sing praises.

Verse: Clap your hands, all you nations.

The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles.

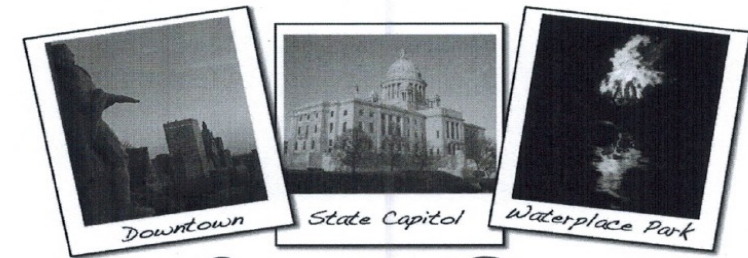
In those days, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you: rise and make your bed. And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died: and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him. "Please come to us without delay. " So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

The Gospel

John 5:1-15

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed waiting for the moving of the water; for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled and while I am going another steps down before me. " Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk. " And at once the man took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the Sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet. " But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me. 'Take up your pallet, and walk.' " They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk?' " Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

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
for registration & more information!*

Join us for family fun, heart-warming fellowship and
wonderful opportunities for spiritual growth in the "Creative Capital"!

Highlights include:

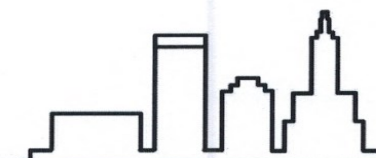
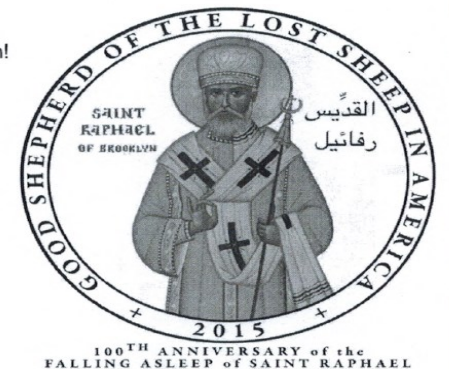
Bible bowl • Oratorical Contest • Game Night • Grand Huffli
Home of Multisensory Majesty of WaterFire • Low Ticket Rates & much more!

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"



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.

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.

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

Jacob Khoury
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

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

Philip & Bette Ayoub (on the occasion of their
45th Wedding Anniversary
Offered by: Nancy, Lisa, Jim & Judy

The Slemon Children, Grandchildren & Great
Grandchildren
Offered by: The Charles Slemon Family

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Ida Lavin
Offered by: Daniel Salhany

Alphonse & Alice Issa
Offered by: Elaine Agaty

Antoinette & Fred Slemon, Sr.
Offered by: The Charles Slemon Family

Antoinette Slemon
Offered by: Her Children, Grandchildren &
Great Grandchildren

Ida Lavin (aunt)
Offered by: The Esty Family



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 by Walid & Mirna Nakhoul in memory of Dakhil & Hanne Nakoul. Coffee hour will be held at the Parish Center after Liturgy.



Thank you to all our family and friends for the prayers, cards, calls and well wishes during our son Paul’s surgery and recovery. It has been a slow recovery, but he is doing much better.

~Ed & Lillian Betor



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

Baptism: Member- \$100 *(Plus offering to clergy & cost of choir)*
 Non-Member- \$200

Wedding: Member- \$300
 Non-Member- \$600



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 Antiochian Women NAB Project Luncheon scheduled for today, May 3rd is postponed– details to follow.
- ◆ The Ladies Society meeting for May 4th has been cancelled.
- ◆ 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.

S t . M a r y T e e n S O Y O N e w s a n d E v e n t s

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



S t . M a r y C h u r c h S c h o o l N e w s

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