

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, May 31st: Sunday of PENTECOST

Saturday, June 6th: 9:30am– Baking at the Parish Center

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

Sunday, July 5th: St. Athanasios of Athos & Fifth Sunday of Matthew

Sunday, July 12th: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost & Sixth Sunday of Matthew

Sunday, July 19th: Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council

July 20th-July 26th: 52nd Antiochian Archdiocese Convention, Boston, MA

Sunday, July 26th: Eighth Sunday of Matthew

Sunday, August 2nd: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost & Ninth Sunday of Matthew

Sunday, August 9th: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost & Tenth Sunday of Matthew

Sunday, August 16th: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost & Eleventh Sunday of Matthew

Sunday, August 23rd: Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost & Twelfth Sunday of Matthew

Sunday, August 30th: Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost & Thirteenth Sunday of Matthew

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

SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, May 31, 2015

Sunday of PENTECOST

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

<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****



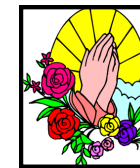
Orthodox Vocabulary

Pentecost

This is the fiftieth day after the Resurrection of Christ when the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles (Acts of the Apostles, chapter 2). The Church applied the name Pentekoste = the fiftieth day, to the feast celebrating this event which may be considered the birthday of Christianity as an organized religion. In early times, the whole period between Easter and the Sunday marking the Fiftieth day after it was called Pentecost. During that time no fast was allowed, prayer was offered while standing, and the alleluia was sung more frequently. Now it is only the Easter week, from Easter Sunday to the Sunday of St. Thomas, that both Wednesday and Friday are not considered to be fasting days.

Why does the Lord command us to love our enemies and to pray for them? Not for their sake, but for ours! For as long as we bear grudges, as long as we dwell on how someone offended us, we will have no peace.

~Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica



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.

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*
- Week 4- Fred Hallal \$50*



ONLINE BULLETIN

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

St. Mary Teen SOYO News and Events

Teen SOYO Bowling Outing

**Saturday, June 6th:
6pm at Break Time Bowl- 999 Main St. #1330, Pawtucket, RI**

Sunday, May 31, 2015

Sunday of PENTECOST

Troparion of Pentecost, Tone 8

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise, having sent upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them Thou hast fished the universe, O Lover of mankind, glory to Thee.

Kontakion of Pentecost, Tone 8

When the High One descended, confusing tongues, He divided the nations. And when He distributed the fiery tongues He called all to one unity. Wherefore, in unison we glorify the most Holy Spirit.



The Epistle

Acts 2:1-11

Prokeimenon: Their voice has gone out into all the earth

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God

The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles

When the day of Pentecost has come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the part of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in their own tongues the mighty works of God."

The Gospel

John 7:37-52, 8:12

And on the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him. The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

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.****

Date:

Sponsored by:

Sponsored for:

May 31st

The Hallal Family

John Hallal (40 day)

June 7th

Open for sponsorship

June 14th

Ricky & Roula Greigre

Health of their Family

June 21st

No Coffee Hour

2015 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

September 27th

Open for sponsorship

October 4th

Open for sponsorship

October 11th

Open for sponsorship

October 18th

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

LADIES SOCIETY NEWS

St. Mary Antiochian Church- Ladies Meeting
Monday, June 15, 2015 ~ 6:30pm
The Old Grist Mill Tavern, Seekonk, MA

Choice of dinner menu:

Baked Boston Scrod, Baked Stuffed Chicken, 10oz Sirloin Steak

All entrees include: *Salad bar, choice of potato, vegetable of the day, fresh home baked breads, soft drinks, coffee and tea, homemade desserts.*

\$40 per person- includes tax/tip

Call Nora Matook for reservations asap (401) 231-6411

Attention Ladies

We will be baking for the Conference and need your help! We are making Dates Fingers and Mamoul Nuts on Saturday, June 6th at 9:30am at the Parish Center. The more parishioners– the faster we will be done. Come and have fun too.



40-Day Memorial Service



A Forty-Day Memorial Service for the servant of God *John Hallal* is lovingly offered by The Hallal Family.

May God grant him peace and may his memory be eternal

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

April Gentes Robert
Offered by: George & Sandra Matook

Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Al & Vickie Hallal
Lorna Hallal & Family
Offered by: Ron & Janice Hallal

Fred Hallal
Offered by: George & Sandra Matook
Elaine Agaty
Nora Abdelahad

Jacob, Maria, Sofia & Emelia Khoury
Hallal Family
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Lorna Hallal & Family
Al & Vicki Hallal & Family
Ron & Janice Hallal & Family
James Hallal
Ed & Suzanne Ayoub
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Mr. & Mrs. Albert Hallal & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Hallal & Family
James Hallal
Offered by: Julia Vale

Fred Hallal
Lorna Hallal & Family
Lauren Hallal (on her graduation from Boston
College)
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

Lorna Hallal & Family
Albert & Vicki Hallal
Ronald & Janice Hallal & Family
James Hallal
Offered by: Elaine Gauthier

Barbara & George Moussalli
Offered by: Kristen & Daniel Seddiqui

Lorna Hallal & Family
Ronald & Janice Hallal & Family
James Hallal
Offered by: Karen & Linus Vachon & Family
James & Paula Hallal & Family
David & Terrie Hallal & Family



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

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

John Hallal (beloved brother)
James & Mary Hallal
Linda Bowab
Offered by: Ron & Janice Hallal

John Hallal
Offered by: George & Sandra Matook
Elaine Agaty
Nora Abdelahad
Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Elaine Swistak
Bill & Susan Salhany & Family
William Salhany
Julia Vale
Lorice Hallal
Elaine Gauthier
John Salhany
Philip & Bette Ayoub
George & Barbara Moussalli &
Family

Khalil Al-Amir
Offered by: Julia & Iman Al-Amir

John Hallal
Isabella Salib
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

John Hallal (dear uncle)
Offered by: Karen & Linus Vachon & Family
James & Paula Hallal & Family
David & Terrie Hallal & Family



Coffee Hour

Today, a Memorial Coffee Hour is offered for John Hallal (40 Day) by The Hallal Family. Coffee hour will be held at the Parish Center after Liturgy.



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



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.

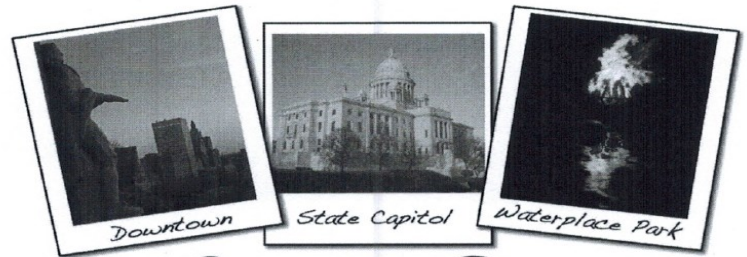
Cemetery Plots

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.

*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"



100TH ANNIVERSARY of the FALLING ASLEEP of SAINT RAPHAEL



SAINT RAPHAEL OF BROOKLYN

Sponsorship Form

Diocese of Worcester Parish Life Conference

June 18-21, 2015

Hosted by St. Mary Church

249 High Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860

(401) 726-1202 ~ (401) 726-1203 (Fax)

plc15@stmarypawtucket.org

www.stmarypawtucket.org/conference

Sponsorship Deadline: May 25, 2015

Following the tradition of past Parish Life Conference's we would be soliciting sponsorships to underwrite the cost of events and fixed expenses, which allow us the means in making the Parish Life Conference a success; all sponsors will be recognized for their support throughout the Parish Life Conference.

Category	DONATION (USD)
<input type="checkbox"/> Premier (included in all events)	\$3000.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Platinum (choose 2 events)	\$2000.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Gold	\$1000.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Silver	\$500.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Bronze	\$300.00

All Sponsorships will have their Name (or company Name) featured prominently in the Section of Conference website (from the time the sponsorship is received). Signage at the Registration Table and Displayed at the sponsored event(s). Please select event(s) you wish to sponsor (Bronze or higher)

Please select event(s) you wish to sponsor

- Federal Hill Experience
- Organizational Luncheon
- Awards Brunch
- St. Ignatius Parish Council Dinner
- Haftl
- Farewell Reception
- General Donation

Please enter below the text how you want your Sponsorship:

Name _____
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I acknowledge and understand that all Charges and/or Donations are non-refundable. Refer to policy statement:

www.anticochianevents.org/privacy/118

Payment Options (Check one): Check Visa MC AMEX
 Credit Card No: _____ Exp. Date: _____
 CVV2: _____
 Signature _____ Date: _____

Unsigned forms will not be processed!

Check the appropriate box(es) above. Make check payable to: "St. Mary Church PLC" and mail to above address. Fax credit card payment to number above. For all credit card payments the name and address on this form must match the name and address on the credit card billing statement.

All Sponsorship Contributions are tax deductible.
 On-line registration available at:
www.stmarypawtucket.org/conference

