

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, June 28th: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Memorial Service for Joseph Samra (50 years)

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

Memorial Service for Evelyn Ayoub Mardini (40 day)

Wednesday, July 8th: 7:00 P.M.– Follow-up PLC Meeting in the Church Hall

Saturday, July 11th: 5:00P.M.-Arabic Liturgy

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

Memorial Service for Helen White (40 day)

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

July 20th-July 26th: 52nd Antiochian Archdiocese Convention, Boston, MA
(No Church Services held at St. Mary Church)

Sunday, July 26th: Eighth Sunday of Matthew

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

Tuesday, August 5th: 7:00P.M.– Liturgy for the Transfiguration (Bishop JOHN presiding)

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



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, June 28, 2015

*Transfer of Commemoration of The Holy,
Glorious Apostles Peter and Paul*

Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

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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*)

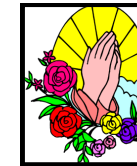
****Please feel free to contact Joe Samra III (401) 334-0310 / joesamra@gmail.com or any member of the Parish Council with any questions or concerns****



Orthodox Vocabulary

Redemption

Redemption: from a Latin word meaning "ransom." Through the fall, humanity became enslaved to sin and death. In order to restore human liberty; God himself became incarnate and saved all men by his passion and resurrection. St Paul expresses this: "*You were bought with a price* [the blood of Christ]" (1 Cor 6:20).



A large part of the responsibility for a person's spiritual state lies with the family. For children to be released from their various inner problems it is not enough for them to receive good advice or to be compelled by force; nor do logical arguments or threats do any good. These things rather make matters worse. The solution is to be found through the sanctification of the parents. Become saints and you will have no problems with your children. The sanctity of their parents releases the children from their problems. Children want to have saintly people at their side, people with lots of love who will neither intimidate them nor lecture them, but who will provide a saintly example and pray for them. You parents should pray silently to Christ with upraised arms and embrace your children mystically. When they misbehave you will take some disciplinary measures, but you will not coerce them. Above all you need to pray.

+Elder Porphyrios of Kafsokalyvia

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 1- Scott Barnes \$50
Week 2- Steven Kilsey \$50
Week 3- Rebecca Samra \$50
Week 4- Fred Hallal \$50
Week 5- Lisa Ayoub Parent \$50
Week 6- Diana Hashway \$50
Week 7- Adele Shwaery \$50
Week 8- Teresa Haddad \$50



ONLINE BULLETIN

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

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.

Sunday, June 28, 2015

***Transfer of Commemoration of The Holy,
Glorious Apostles Peter and Paul***

Tone: 3 Eothinon: 4

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 SS. Peter and Paul: Tone 4

O foremost in the ranks of Apostles, and teachers of the world, Peter and Paul, intercede with the Master of all to grant safety to the world, and to our souls 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 for Ordinary Sundays, Tone 2

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

THE EPISTLE

Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth. The heavens show forth the glory of God.

**The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians
(11:21-12:9)**

Brethren, whatever any one dares to boast of—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast of that. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I. Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one—I am talking like a madman—with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. Five times I have received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. Three times I have been beaten with rods; once I was stoned. Three times I have been shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brethren; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure upon me of my anxiety for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant? If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, He Who is blessed forever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.” I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

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:

June 28th	The Samra Family	Joseph Samra Sr. (50 years)
July 5th	Caesar & Therese El Khoury	Health of their Family
July 12th	Kilsey/Maurice Families	Helen White (40 Day)
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	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
August 16th	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
August 23rd	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
August 30th	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
September 6th	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
September 13th	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
September 20th	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
September 27th	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
October 4th	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
October 11th	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
October 18th	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
October 25th	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
November 1st	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
November 8th	No Coffee Hour	
November 15th	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	

2016 Holiday Bazaar

Diocese of N.E. upcoming events

- ♦ **July 20th-26th**– St. Mary Church, Cambridge, MA: Hosting 52nd Archdiocesan Convention, Boston, MA

We would like to extend our many thanks to Samy Morcos for his generous donation of the new Parish Directory booklets. We appreciate the many hours he spent diligently working on this project. The booklets can be found at the back of the church....please take one for your family.



~Thank you~

Dear Parish Life Conference Committee and Parishioners,

Our 2015 Parish Life Conference was a success!

I personally would like to thank everyone that participated in our church hosting the 2015 Parish Life Conference last weekend; our wonderful Sponsors, the PLC Committee (for their endless hours during these last months of preparation and during the weekend), and also the participants of the Conference. With your help, we had a very successful weekend-spiritually and in fellowship. We had 360 people registered throughout the weekend. We have had a lot of positive feedback from many people commenting on how smooth the weekend was run, on how accommodating we were for last minute participants, that the food was delicious, and that all the events that were held (from Thursday through Sunday) were first class. It is wonderful to hear people from other parishes praise and acknowledge the hard work that each and every one of you put in to making our 2015 PLC a success.

~Salwa Khoury, PLC Chairwoman

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (16:13-19)

At that time, when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His Disciples, “Who do men say that the Son of man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father Who is in Heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in Heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in Heaven.”





50 Year Memorial Service



A Memorial Service is being offered for the servant of God *Joseph Samra* (50 Years). The Service is offered by Elaine Wilbur, Lorice Hallal, Joe & Marlene Samra, and Barbara Samra. A Memorial Coffee Hour will be offered in his memory following Liturgy at the Parish Center.

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

The Samra Family
Offered by Mary Lou & Bill Catelli
Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Elaine Gauthier

Herbert Trabulsi
Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi

Jim, Laura, & Noelle Arrighi
The Samra Families
Nabil & Salwa Khoury & Family
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

John Swistak
Offered by: His Loving Family

Howard Arrighi
Joseph Samra
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Joseph & Mary Samra
John & Esma Gorab
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

Leon T. Matook
Howard Arrighi
Offered by: Nora Matook & Family

Joseph Samra
John Swistak
Offered by: Philip & Bette Ayoub

John Swistak
Offered by: Susan Warzycha & Family

Joseph Samra
Offered by: Sandra Conca
Nabil & Salwa Khoury
George & Sandra Matook
Elaine Agaty
Nora Abdelahad

Joseph & Mary Samra
Murad Lafey
Offered by Mary Lou & Bill Catelli



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

Arabic Liturgy Schedule

- ♦ **July:** 5:00pm– July 11th
- ♦ **August:** No Arabic Liturgy



Assessment Fee

The St. Mary Parish Council wishes to kindly remind the Faithful to send in their Arch-diocese 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.