

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**Sunday, August 23rd:** Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost & Twelfth Sunday of Matthew  
(Bishop JOHN presiding)

40 Day Memorial Service for Fred Hallal

Feast Day Dinner

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

**Sunday, September 6th:** Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost & Fourteenth Sunday of Matthew

40 Day Memorial Service for Ethel Kilsey

**Saturday, September 12th:** 9:30am Ladies Cooking– Grapeleaves

**Sunday, September 13th:** Sunday Before the Elevation of the Cross

1 Year Memorial Service for Mary Kandalaft

3:00PM– Wedding of Ghassan Eldayaa & Chantal Raheb

**Wednesday, September 16th:** 10:00am Ladies Cooking– Kibbee

**Saturday, September 19th:** 9:30am Ladies Cooking– Sfeeha

**Sunday, September 20th:** Sunday After the Elevation of the Cross

**Sunday, September 27th:** Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Year Memorial Service for Charles Slemon

**Sunday, October 4th:** Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

### Looking Ahead:

**Wednesday, October 7th:** 9:30am Ladies Cooking– Date Fingers

**Saturday, October 10th:** 9:30am Ladies Cooking– Sfeeha

**Wednesday, October 14th:** 9:30am Ladies Cooking– Kaik (Braided)

**Saturday, October 17th:** 9:30am Ladies Cooking– Nut Mamoul

**Wednesday, October 21st:** 9:30am Ladies Cooking– Birds Nest & Nomoura

**Wednesday, October 28th:** 9:30am Ladies Cooking– Graybee

**Friday, October 30th:** 9:30am Ladies Cooking– Trayed Baklava

**Saturday, October 31st:** 9:30am Ladies Cooking– Rolled & Date Baklava



## SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



*Sunday, August 23, 2015*

*Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost &*

*Twelfth Sunday of Matthew*

## *Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church*

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

**V. Rev. Father Elie Estephan**  
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### **Schedule of Services**

*Sunday: Orthros (Matins) 8:45 a.m.*  
*Church School 11:15 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*)

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

## *Orthodox Vocabulary*

### **Apostolic Fathers**

The Apostolic Fathers were Church leaders and writers of the 1st and 2nd centuries of the life of the Church. They successfully defended the Church against internal and external foes. Cardinal among serious internal threats was Gnosticism, a heresy that almost disestablished the young Church.

The Apostolic Fathers succeeded in grounding the Church on a truly Apostolic foundation. They contributed greatly to the spiritual, dogmatic, and liturgical stability of the early Church. They include Clement of Rome, Ignatius, Hermas, Polycarp, Papias, and the authors of some well-known Epistle and the treatise Didache.

Do all in your power not to fall, for the strong athlete should not fall. But if you do fall, get up again at once and continue the contest. Even if you fall a thousand times because of the withdrawal of Gods' grace, rise up again each time, and keep on doing so until the day of your death.



~ John of Karpathos

### **Vision Building Workshop– October 18th**

Are you interested in planning for the future of St. Mary's? Do you have concerns on how we will get there? Please be sure to save the date for a Parish Workshop on Sunday, October 18th directly following liturgy (a light lunch will be served). The workshop will be lead by Archdiocese professional Richard Robbat. If you recall, the council already began this future shaping process - we completed our mission and are excited to continue the process with the parish at large.

*Please help support our fundraising efforts*

**\*\*\*\*\*2015 RAFFLE/ 20 WEEK CLUB\*\*\*\*\***

- (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  
*Week 9-* Fadi Samaan  
*Week 10-* Lisa Ayoub Parent \$50  
*Week 11-* Sue Ayoub \$50  
*Week 12-* Steven Kilsey \$50  
*Week 13-* Todd Kilsey \$50  
*Week 14-* Scott Barnes  
*Week 15-* Jamie Mitri  
*Week 16-* Mary Mechrefe  
*Week 17-* Melanie Kilsey



**2015 Holiday Bazaar**

Charlotte Mitri has accepted the position of being the Chair for our 2015 Bazaar - November 6,7,8. She is excited to share her ideas and get started on the largest fundraiser for our church. Please be willing to assist her - we need everyone's help!



**Sunday, August 23, 2015**

*Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost &  
Twelfth Sunday of Matthew*

**Tone: 3 Eothinon: 1**

**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 become 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 thy birth-giving, O Theotokos, thou didst keep and preserve virginity; and in thy falling-asleep thou hast not forsaken the world; for living thou wast translated, being the Mother of Life. Wherefore, by thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

**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 Dormition: Tone 2**

Verily, the Theotokos, who is ever watchful in intercessions, who is never rejected, neither tomb nor death could control. But being the Mother of Life, He Who dwelt in her ever-Virgin womb did translate her to life.

**THE EPISTLE**

*Prokeimenon: Sing praises to our God, sing praises.  
Verse: Clap your hands, all you nations.*

**The reading is from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.**  
Brethren, I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast - unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

**THE GOSPEL**

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (19:16-26)**  
At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, “Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?” And He said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.” He said to Him, “Which?” And Jesus said, “You shall not kill, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness, honor your father and mother, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” The young man said to Him, “All these I have observed; what do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” When the young man heard this, he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

**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>
August 23rd	St. Mary Church	Feast Day Dinner
August 30th	Walid & Mirna Nakhoul	Salim Audi (3 years)
September 6th	The Kilsey Family	Ethel Kilsey (40 Day)
September 13th	Elias Kandalaft	Mary Kandalaft (1 year)
September 20th	Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos	Elias Morcos (son)
September 27th	Open for sponsorship	
October 4th	Open for sponsorship	
October 11th	Open for sponsorship	
October 18th	Open for sponsorship	
October 25th	Open for sponsorship	
November 1st	Open for sponsorship	
November 8th	No Coffee Hour	2015 Holiday Bazaar
November 15th	Open for sponsorship	
November 22nd	Open for sponsorship	
December 6th	Open for sponsorship	
December 13th	Open for sponsorship	
December 20th	Open for sponsorship	
December 27th	Open for sponsorship	



**ST. MARY FEAST DAY DINNER**  
***WITH BISHOP JOHN***

**TODAY**- Sunday, August 23rd- AT THE PARISH CENTER  
*(DIRECTLY FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY)*

MENU: Chicken Kabob Dinner & Children's menu available

ADULTS: \$15      CHILDREN UNDER 12: NO CHARGE

**Teen SOYO/ Church School News**

- ♦ The council unanimously agreed to hire Cory Dupont as our part-time Youth Director. Cory comes well prepared for the role. He is a graduate of seminary and was intimately involved with youth ministry in his former parish.
- ♦ Rebecca Samra has graciously accepted the position of Church School Director. Church School registration will be starting soon.

***Please congratulate them on their new positions and be willing to assist them in the important roles they have accepted in teaching the Orthodox Faith to our youth & children.***



**40-Day Memorial Service**



A 40-Day Memorial Service is being offered for the servant of God  
*Frederick Hallal* by His Loving 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

Edward & Lillian Betor  
Paul & Kerrie Betor  
Thomas & Lynn Marcotte  
Matthew & Adrienne Dykstra  
Peter Marcotte  
Laurice Zambie  
William and LaVerne Ameen  
Great Granddaughters Joelle & Rose Dykstra  
Offered by: Ed and Lillian Betor

Charles, Brittany, and the Newborn Child of  
God, Charles Stephen Abdelahad  
The Family of Fred Hallal  
Offered by: George & Sandra Matook

Holly Lazieh & Family  
Paula Hallal  
Anthony & Cheryl Nassaney & Family  
Dimitrios & Nancy Sterpis & Family  
Offered by: Elaine Gauthier

Charles, Brittany, and the Newborn Child of  
God, Charles Steven Abdelahad  
Offered by: Elaine Agaty  
Nora Abdelahad



Holly, Jordan & Alexander Lazieh  
Paula Hallal  
Cheryl, Anthony, Emma & Evan Nassaney  
Nancy, Dimitrios, Steven & Nicholas Sterpis  
Bob Dessaint  
Offered by: Lily Massiwer

Holly Lazieh & Family & Bob Dessaint  
Paula Hallal  
Anthony & Cheryl Nassaney & Family  
Dimitrios & Nancy Sterpis & Family  
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Herbert Trabulsi  
Joyce Trabulsi  
Tom Trabulsi  
Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi

The Hallal Family  
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Holly, Jordan & Alexander Lazieh & Bob  
Dessaint  
Cheryl, Anthony, Emma & Evan Nassaney  
Paula Hallal  
Nancy, Dimitrios, Steven & Nicholas Sterpis  
Lily Massiwer  
Diana Hashway  
Mary Massiwer  
Offered by: Paul, Maureen & Mary  
Gurghigian

**PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR  
GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:**

The Hallal Family  
The Lazieh Family  
The Nassaney Family  
The Sterpis Family  
Charles & Angela Abosamra & Family  
Offered by: The Briggs & Wehbe Families



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

Fred Hashway Jr.  
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Frederick Hallal  
Sophie Hallal  
Offered by:  
Holly Lazieh & Sons & Bob Dessaint  
Paula Hallal  
Cheryl & Anthony Nassaney & Family  
Nancy & Dimitrios Sterpis & Family

Fred Hallal  
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury  
Diana Hashway  
Fred, Adele & Robert Shwaery  
Elaine Gauthier  
Elaine Agaty  
Nora Abdelahad

Fred Hallal  
Mary Karadantes  
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

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

Charles Agaty  
Mary Agaty  
Offered by: Elaine Agaty

Fred Hallal  
Charles Agaty  
Thomas Matook  
Christopher Spenard  
Offered by: George & Sandra Matook

Ameen & Nayfey Sabath  
Petros & Afife Betor  
Helen Betor  
Fred Sabath  
Fred ‘Fritzie’ and Jimmy Sabath  
Offered by: Edward & Lillian Betor

Fred & Sophie Hallal  
Charles Agaty  
Mary Agaty  
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Fred & Sophie Hallal  
Moses Lazieh  
Offered by: Lily Massiwer

Fred Hallal  
Sophie Hallal  
Sarah Massiwer  
Offered by: Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian

Fred Hallal  
Beverly Scipioni  
Offered by: The Briggs & Wehbe Families

# Ladies Society News

**Schedule for Bazaar Cooking:**

Saturday, September 12th: 9:30- Grapeleaves  
Wednesday, September 16th: 10:00– Kibbee  
Saturday, September 19th: 9:30– Sfeeha  
Wednesday, October 7th: 9:30- Date Fingers  
Saturday, October 10th: 9:30– Sfeeha  
Wednesday, October 14th: 9:30– Kaik (Braided)  
Saturday, October 17th: 9:30– Nut Mamoul  
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: Everyone is welcome and encouraged :  
: to help with the cooking! Come help us :  
: in making these delicious foods for our :  
: Bazaar. :  
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**CALLING ALL HOLY GRAPE LEAF ROLLERS! PLEASE JOIN US AT  
THE GOLDEN GATES OF OUR PARISH KITCHEN. YOU WILL BE  
JUDGED BY THE NUMBER OF GRAPE LEAVES YOU ROLL. THE  
GATES OPEN ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH AT 9:30AM.**