

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Tuesday, September 1st: 7:00PM– Ladies Meeting *****please note day change*****

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

Church School Begins

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

40 Day Memorial Service for Marcelle Karam

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 30, 2015

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost &

Thirteenth 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
395 Brown St.-Unit 2, Attleboro, MA 02703
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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 or any member of the Parish Council with any questions or concerns****



Orthodox Vocabulary

Co-eternal

Co-eternal: (eternal “with”, or “like”). In the Creed, when we say of the second person of the Trinity, the Word of God become flesh, Christ, that he is “begotten of the Father “before all ages” means that the Son of God is co-eternal with the Father, that he shares the same eternity with him, just as he shares kingship and glory.

A life in the Sacraments

We are called to be united with Christ in order to become in reality parts, members of His Body, as real as the branch is connected with the vine, as part of a tree is joined with the whole tree; that is, to be one with Him not only in soul, not only in a figurative sense, but with the whole of our being, with the total realness of our lives... We are also called to be a temple of the Holy Spirit, to be His dwelling place... We are called to be united with God in such a way that all of our material being is penetrated by Him, so that nothing in us - neither our spirit or soul, nor even our flesh - remains out of the grasp of this presence. We are called ultimately to burn as the Burning Bush, which burned and never ceased to burn. We are called to be partakers of the divine nature (2 Pet. 1:4). We are called to be sons, daughters, children of God and the Father. No man can attain any of this through his own efforts. Neither by our own efforts or by our own desire can we become a part of the Body of Christ, we cannot be united with the Holy Spirit through our own efforts, nor likewise can we become partakers of the divine nature... The way in which any of this can be realized are the sacraments of the Church. The sacraments are the actions of God within the Church in which God grants us His grace by means of the material world. It is in the sacraments that the Church brings us grace which we cannot acquire by any other means, even at times by a great spiritual feat. She brings grace to us as a gift through the material substance of this world: the water of Baptism, the bread and the wine of the Eucharist, the myrrh of Chrismation. The Early Church spoke of three, five, seven or even twenty-two sacraments ... The material world, even though it is a slave to sin, even though as St. Paul says, “it groans in expectation of the glorious liberty of the children of God” (Rom. 8:19-22), it is in itself pure and without sin. And God takes this world, this matter, and unites it in an incomprehensible way with Himself, and this material world brings to us the grace which we are unable to raise ourselves up to.

~Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh



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 \$50
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 \$50
Week 15- Jamie Mitri \$50
Week 16- Mary Mechrefe \$50
Week 17- Melanie Kilsey \$50



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 30, 2015

***Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost &
Thirteenth Sunday of Matthew***

Tone: 4 Eothinon: 2

Troparion of the Resurrection: Tone 4

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

Troparion of the Baptist's Beheading: Tone 2

The memory of the righteous is celebrated with songs of praise, but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner. Thou wast shown indeed to be the most honorable of the prophets, for in the waters thou didst baptize Him Who had been proclaimed. After suffering with joy in behalf of the truth, thou didst proclaim even to those in Hades the God Who appeared in the flesh, Who takest away the sin of the world, and granteth us 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 the Nativity: Tone 4

By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life.

Epistle
1 Corinthians 16:13-24

Prokeimenon: O Lord, how magnificent are your works. You have made all things in wisdom.
Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul.
The reading is from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

Brethren, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If any one has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

The Gospel
Matthew 21:33-42

The Lord said this parable: "There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants? They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.'"

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?'"

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 30th	Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos	Elias Morcos (son)
September 6th	The Kilsey Family	Ethel Kilsey (40 Day)
September 13th	Elias Kandalaft	Mary Kandalaft (1 year)
September 20th	Mr. & Mrs. Karim Karam & Family	Marcelle Karam (40 Day)
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	
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	

2015 Holiday Bazaar

St. Mary Church School New Year

September 13th, the 2015-2016 St. Mary Church School year will begin with the blessing of the children at Divine Liturgy and the first class of the new year. All parents of Church School aged children are encouraged to sign up their children immediately. Registration forms are available at the church office. Please contact Rebecca Samra with any questions– rebsamra@gmail.com

Attention All Parents: Please bring your children to the Liturgy before Church School. Church School starts every Sunday following communion (Approx. 11:15am).

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.



PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

April Gentes Robert
Offered by: George & Sandra Matook

Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Father Anthony Hughes
Offered by: Will Small

Elaine Swistak
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Donald, Daniel & Sarah Hayes
Offered by: Cindy Hayes

Mary Massiwer
Maureen, Paul & Mary Gurchigian
Mary, Bill, Bill Jr & Jon Franklin
Diane Andrew & Paul Bernier
Laura, Jim & Noelle Arrighi
John & Patricia Massiwer & Danielle Jordan
Paula Hallal
Holly, Jordan & Alexander Lazieh & Bob Dessaint
Cheryl, Anthony, Emma & Evan Nassaney
Nancy, Dimetrios, Steven & Nicholas Sterpis
Diana Hashway
Lil Massiwer
Barbara Hayes
Richard Nolan
Sherry Abraham-Morrow
Offered by: Cindy Hayes & Children



PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Charles Agaty
Offered by: Elaine Agaty

Don Hayes
John Massiwer
Tom Andrew
Sarah Massiwer
Sophie & Fred Hallal
Moses Lazieh
Offered by: Cindy Hayes & Children

Fred Hallal
Offered by: Audrey & Wayne Kilsey

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.

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Church School Student Registration
* (Including Pre-K)

2015-2016

Church School Starts on Sunday, September 13th

***Begins immediately after students receive Communion. Students will then be escorted to the Church School. Dismissal is promptly at 12:00**

Family Name: _____

Name of Parents: _____

Address: Street: _____

 Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

 Phone: Home _____ Cell _____

 Email: _____

Children who are in or entering Church School

Name	D.O.B	Grade in Public School

Attendance Pledge

In Consideration of my child’s acceptance into the Church School Program, I hearby acknowledge the importance of my child attending all classes. I pledge to insure my child’s attendance. I also realize that failure to honor this obligation would undervalue my child’s religious education.

Signature _____ Date _____

(Please fill out and return to the Church Office)
St. Mary Church School 249 High Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860
Any question please contact Rebecca Samra- rebsamra@gmail.com

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
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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.