

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, August 9th: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost & Tenth Sunday of Matthew
(Bishop JOHN presiding)

Monday, August 10th: 7:30 P.M.– Paraklesis Service

Tuesday, August 11th: 7:00P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 12th: 7:30 P.M.– Paraklesis Service

Friday, August 14th: 7:00 P.M.– Liturgy of the Dormition of the Holy Theotokos

Sunday, August 16th: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost & Eleventh Sunday of Matthew
(Fr. John Bacon presiding)

Sunday, August 23rd: Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost & Twelfth Sunday of Matthew
(Bishop JOHN presiding)
40 Day Memorial Service for Fred Hallal
Feast Day Dinner– (reserve your tickets now)

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

Sunday, September 13th: Sunday Before the Elevation of the Cross
1 Year Memorial Service for Mary Kandalaft

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

Sunday, September 27th: Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
1 Year Memorial Service for Fred Slemon

Sunday, October 4th: Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



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Tenth Sunday After Pentecost &
Tenth Sunday of Matthew

Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Diocese of Worcester and New England**

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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

Prokeimenon

Prokeimenon: literally “*that which comes before*”. It is a verse chanted before the reading of the Epistle or another Biblical reading. In most cases, it consists of verses from the Psalms.

Every day, every night, let us think that God is watching us, that He hears our prayers, that He sees the depths of our spirit. This does not mean, of course, that we see God as He is, but it creates an atmosphere which allows us to perceive each day’s imperfections, the dissipation of our ‘mind, our faults in our relations with others, and so on.

~Archimandrite Sophrony



Making Judgments About God

You have good reason to feel sorry that you cannot apprehend God: for one of God's attributes is precisely to be inconceivable. Indeed, if it were possible for us finite creatures to comprehend God, this would mean that God is limited and finite– in other words, that the deity is incomplete. Generally speaking our powers of knowledge are insufficient for the task of knowing the Divine, and we must not be too quick to mistake our limitations for limitations in what we desire to know. We bear an immortal, divine soul, which despite all its limitations tends naturally towards God. Our error is to make judgments about God, while being ourselves outside God. In human affairs we would never put up with such presumption. No one would undertake to cure without having studied medicine, or to build houses without acquiring special knowledge. How is it then that men, who stand far away from the divine realm, yet judge it with great severity? And at the same time, how humble are those who have made progress in the knowledge of God! One might say that men's boldness in making judgments about God varies in inverse proportion to their closeness to Him.

~Fr. Alexander Elchaninou

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

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



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, August 9, 2015

***Tenth Sunday After Pentecost &
Tenth Sunday of Matthew***

Tone: 1 Eothinon: 10

Troparion of the Resurrection: Tone 1

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

Troparion of the Transfiguration of Christ: Tone 7

When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos. O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.

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 Transfiguration of Christ: Tone 7

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

EPISTLE

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (4:9-16)

Brethren, God has exhibited us Apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ’s sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill clad and buffeted and homeless; and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (17:14-23)

At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before Him said, “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to Thy disciples, and they could not heal him.” And Jesus answered, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me.” And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?” Jesus said to them, “Because you have no faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. This kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting.” As they were traveling together through Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and He will rise on the third day.”

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 9th	Caesar & Therese El Khoury	Health of their Family
August 16th	Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki	Health of their Family
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	

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

ONLINE BULLETIN

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

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.

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

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

April Gentes Robert
Offered by: George & Sandra Matook

Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Lillian Haddad
John Haddad
Andrew Wylie
Offered by: George A. Arees

The David Family
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 Burnier
Laura, Jim & Noelle Arrighi
John & Patricia Massiwer & Danielle Jordan
Julia Vale
Barbara Hayes
Bernie Frezza
Fred & Adele Shwaery & Family
Offered by: Cindy Hayes & n Children



PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

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

George "Sippi" and Nora David
Offered by: Barbara Samra

Mary Samra
Edward Hallal Sr.
Fred Hallal
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

George David
Beverly Scipione
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

Raiif & Mary Saati
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos
Michelle M. & Fred Smith
Danielle E. & Milad Nasr

Ethel Kilsey
Offered by: Nora Matook & Family

George & Nora David
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Don Hayes
John Massiwer
Tom Andrew
George & Nora David
Albert Habib
Offered by: Cindy Hayes & Children

Coffee Hour

Today, Coffee Hour is being sponsored by Caesar & Therese El Khoury for the Health of their Family. Coffee Hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.



Ladies Society News

Tentative Schedule for Bazaar Cooking:

Saturday, September 12th: 9:30-Grapeleaves
Saturday, September 19th: 9:30 TBA
Saturday, September 26th: 9:30 TBA
Wednesday, October 7th: 9:30 TBA
Saturday, October 10th: 9:30 TBA
Wednesday, October 14th: 9:30 TBA
Saturday, October 17th: 9:30 TBA
Wednesday, October 21st: 9:30 TBA
Friday, October 30th: 9:30 TBA
Saturday, October 31st: 9:30 TBA

More details to come!



ST. MARY FEAST DAY DINNER *WITH BISHOP JOHN*

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

MENU: Chicken Kabob Dinner & Children's menu available

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED (must be made by August 14th)

ADULTS: \$15

CHILDREN UNDER 12: NO CHARGE

Contact Marlene Samra for more information:
(401) 334-2465 / momsamra@gmail.com

Monetary donations will be greatly appreciated to help defray the cost of the dinner.



Please note the Parish Center Alarm Code will be changed as of Wednesday August 12th. If you have key to the center and require access please contact Scott Barnes, Ed Ayoub or Joe Samra. Thanks!