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

Tuesday, September 15th: 7:00PM– Bazaar Committee Meeting

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
    Church School Luncheon following Liturgy

Sunday, October 4th: Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Looking Ahead:**

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

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

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**Sunday, September 13, 2015**

**Forefeast of and Sunday Before**

**Exaltation of the Cross**
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) 334-8310 / joesamra@gmail.com or any member of the Parish Council with any questions or concerns**

The Bazaar Committee has started its preparations for the 2015 Bazaar to be held at the Parish Center November 6th, 7th, 8th. Your generous support and participation are needed to help ensure the success of this annual event for our church and community. Please contact the chair Charlotte Mitri (401) 651-9295.

The first Bazaar Committee meeting will be held this Tuesday, September 15th at 7pm in the church hall. EVERYONE is invited to attend. Please help make this years Bazaar a success!!!!

The Bazaar Committee is looking for new items for the Penny Social table. Please give items to Charlotte or drop off at the Church Office.

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.

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.
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 27th during Coffee Hour.

WINNERS:

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

♦ A Church School Luncheon will be held on September 27th following Liturgy.

Sunday, September 13, 2015

Forefeast of and Sunday Before Exaltation of the Cross

Tone: 6   Eothinon: 4

Troparion of the Resurrection: Tone 6
When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Troparion of Forefeast of the Holy Cross: Tone 2
We offer thee in mediation the life-giving Cross which, of Thy goodness, Thou hast given unto us, the unworthy, O Lord. Save Thy hierarchs and Thy flock, and grant Thou peace through the Theotokos, O only Lover of mankind.

Troparion of Consecration of Resurrection Church: Tone 4
Thou hast shown the earthly beauty of the holy tabernacle of Thy glory to be like unto the splendor of the heavenly firmament, O Lord. Strengthen it forever and ever, and accept our prayers which we unceasingly offer therein unto Thee, through the Theotokos, O Thou Who art the Life and Resurrection of all.

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 Consecration of Resurrection Church: Tone 4
(**On this day Thou hast appeared**)
The Church is shown to be * a many-lighted heaven *that doth shine a guiding light * upon all them that do believe; * wherein while standing, we cry aloud: * Do Thou Thyself now establish this house, O Lord.
**Epistle**
Galatians 6:11-18

Prokeimenon: O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance.
Verse: To You, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.
The reading is from Saint Paul’s Letter to the Galatians

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and not only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen

**The Gospel**
John 3:13-17

The Lord said: "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life."

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

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**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:**
- September 13th
- September 20th
- September 27th
- October 4th
- October 11th
- October 18th
- October 25th
- November 1st
- November 8th
- November 15th
- November 22nd
- December 6th
- December 13th
- December 20th
- December 27th
- January 3, 2016
- January 10, 2016
- January 17, 2016
- January 24, 2016

**Sponsored by:**
- Elias Kandalaft
- Mr. & Mrs. Karim Karam & Family
- St. Mary Church
- Open for sponsorship
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**Sponsored for:**
- Mary Kandalaft (1 year)
- Marcelle Karam (40 Day)
- Church School Luncheon
- 2015 Holiday Bazaar
- Elias Morcos (Memory)
**Schedule for Bazaar Cooking:**

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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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**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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**One Year Memorial Service**

A One Year Memorial Service is being offered for the servant of God Mary Kandalaft by her loving husband, Elias Kandalaft & Family. A Memorial Luncheon is being held in her memory at the Parish Center following Liturgy.

*May God grant her peace and may her memory be eternal*

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

- April Gentes Robert
- Kandalaft Family
  Offered by: George & Sandra Matook
- Hallal Family
  Kandalaft Family
  Offered by: Elias Kandalaft
- Eli Kandalaft
- John Kandalaft
- Tony Sousa
- Michael & Reinee Kandalaft
- Aria & Kaia Kandalaft
  Offered by: Russell & Joanne Kandalaft
- Angela Abosamra
  Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

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**ONLINE BULLETIN**

The Bulletin is available online on our website at: [http://stmarypawtucket.org](http://stmarypawtucket.org)
**Fee schedule for the use of the Sanctuary for the following services:**

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*(Plus offering to clergy & cost of choir)*

**St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church**

**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 12:15

**Family Name:**

**Name of Parents:**

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**Children who are in or entering Church School**

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**Attendance Pledge**

In Consideration of my child's acceptance into the Church School Program, I hereby 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