CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 10th: Sunday after Theophany

Memorial Service for Matilda Josephs (5 years)

Memorial Service for Christos Theodoridis (8 years)

Adult Education- 'Christ the King' presented by Matthew Cooper

12:00PM- Ladies Society Luncheon

5:00PM Vespers service followed by a talk by Bishop JOHN

about the "Sanctity of Life".

Tuesday, January 12th: 7:00 P.M.- Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, January 17th: Anthony the Great; 12th Sunday of Luke

Outreach Committee Meeting during Coffee Hour

Adult Education- 'Christ the Prophet' presented by Elmer Stanley

Sunday, January 24th: 31st Sunday after Pentecost; 14th Sunday of Luke

Adult Education- 'Faith and Reason' presented by Fr. Matt Duncan

Sunday, January 31st: 32nd Sunday after Pentecost; 15th Sunday of Luke

Sunday, February 7th: 16th Sunday after Pentecost; 16th Sunday of Matthew

Souper-Bowl Special Collection

Annual Parish Meeting at the Parish Center following Liturgy

3:00 P.M.- Super Bowl Party at Parish Center

Sunday, February 14th: 17th Sunday after Pentecost; 17th Sunday of Matthew

12:30 P.M.- 20th Anniversary Celebration for Fr. Elie in honor of

his 20 years serving the Lord-Bishop JOHN presiding



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday January 10, 2016 Sunday After Theophany of Christ

Christ is Born, Glorify Him!

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 Cell- 1-(240) 205-9079

Schedule of Services

Sunday: Orthros (Matins) Church School 8:45 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*)

The Antiochian Women of the Diocese of Worcester & New England are pleased to present the 2016 Pre-Lenten Retreat

The Light At the End of the Tunnel:

Dealing with the Oncoming Train



with featured speaker

V. Rev. Michael Keiser

Chair of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese Department of Missions & Evangelism

Saturday, February 27, 2016 | 9am - 2:30 pm

St. John of Damascus Church, 300 West Street, Dedham, MA

Eve**ryone welcom**e! Men & women, young & old...

RETREAT SCHEDULE

9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 Registration & Continental Breakfast 10:30 am Session 1 12:00 pm Luncheon 1:00 pm Session 2 plus Q&A

| | Name(s) | | |
|-------|---|-------|--|
| | City | | |
| | Phone Home Parish | Email | |
| | # attending the Retreat. Enclosed is my payment in the amount of \$ @ \$20 per person. | | |
| N. J. | Please make checks payable to: Antiochian Women - DOWNE Mail registration form & check to Kh. Erin Kimmett, 17 Austin Street, Norwood, MA 02062. | | |
| | PSVP deadline February 15 Questions? FrinMaryK@aol.com or 781 775 0789 | | |

^{**}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

Paraskeve

Paraskeve: the eve of the sabbath, or Friday. The day of the sabbath, according to the Mosaic Law, is a day of rest consecrated to God. The eve, or *paraskeve*, *is* a time of preparation for this holy day. This name is particularly used to designate Holy Friday (Jn 19:14). The week always has a strong significance in the customs and practices of humanity; as well as in both the Old and New Testaments. Its prototype is the creative activity of God, who created the world in six days and rested on the seventh (Gen 1:1-31; 2:3). A woman martyr, who is venerated particularly in Russia and in Greece, is called Paraskeve (or Praskovia), in other words, "preparation." The troparion sung on her feast day (July 26) indicates that she well deserved her name, as she was always "ready" to fight for the faith.

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A possession ought to belong to the possessor, not the possessor to the possession. Whosoever, therefore, does not use his patrimony as a possession, who does not know how to give and distribute to the poor, he is the servant of his wealth, not its master; because like a servant he watches over the wealth of another and not like a master does he use it of his own. Hence, in a disposition of this kind, we say that the man belongs to his riches, not the riches to the man.

~St. Ambrose of Milan

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Tone: 7 Eothinon: 10

Troparion of the Resurrection: Tone 7

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

Troparion of the Theophany of Christ: Tone 1

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity wast made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, Who hath appeared and enlightened the world, 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 Theophany of Christ: Tone 4

(**On this day Thou hast appeared**)

Today Thou hast appeared to the universe, O Lord, and Thy light hath been shed upon us, who praise Thee with knowledge, saying, Thou hast come and appeared, O unapproachable Light.



THE EPISTLE

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

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (4:7-13) Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When He ascended on high He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is He who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ

THE GOSPEL

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (4:12-17) At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulon and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulon and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

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Super Bowl Party

Sunday, February 7th 3:00PM ~ Parish Center (game starts @ 6:30pm)

Parishioners & Friends
Let's have fun!!!

<u>Games</u>: Darts, Ping Pong, Card Games, Backgammon, Super Bowl Pool

> \$25 per person ~ Beer/wine/soda Wings ~ Meatballs & Peppers ~ Snacks All included in price!

Come watch the game on an 80" Screen High Definition cable television

Please RSVP: Ed Ayoub (401) 263-3666 Scott Barnes (401) 573-2670



ARABIC CLASSES

Our idea is to offer Arabic Classes to perpetuate our wonderful heritage before it is lost!

There are great opportunities developing in the world today for people who can speak, write and read Arabic. Arabic classes will be offered to anyone 8 years of age or older. We strongly encourage children and teens to attend!

This questionnaire is to determine whether or not there is any interest in pursuing these classes.

| Do you have an interest?YesNo Do you know of anyone else who may have an interest?YesN Are you interested in Classical (written) Arabic or Conversational (spoken) Arabic? | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Name (s) and Age (s): | | | | | |
| Phone number:Email address: | | | | | |
| CLASSES WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAYS AT 6 PM. Cost of each six-week semester as follows: Conversational Arabic: \$10 per class Classical Arabic: \$15 (includes reading, writing) Both Conversational and Classical Arabic: \$25 Tuition fees are non-refundable and are payable in full prior to the first class. | | | | | |
| If you have any questions please call Barbara Samra @ 401 465-7493 or email at saltydog6@cox.net or Khouria Ruba @ 1 240 595-2668 or email rubaelie@hotmail.com. | | | | | |

Please fill out this short questionnaire and give it to Barbara Samra or Khouria Ruba or

place it in the back of the church with either of our names.

St Mary Ladies Society Is hosting a Happy New Year Dinner

TODAY-Sunday January 10, 2016

Immediately following Divine Liturgy

Menu

Grilled Lamb Kabob
Sfeeha
Roasted Vegetables
Rice Pilaf
Salad
Dessert & Assorted Beverages



Donation \$12.00 per Person \$6.00 Children under 10

Please join us for a Delicious Luncheon



Memorial Services



- ◆ Today, a Five Year Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the soul of *Matilda Josephs* and is being offered by her loving family Lois & George Kilsey, Mary Lou & Bill Catelli, Leon Josephs, Bishop John & their Families.
- ◆ Today, an Eight Year Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the soul of *Christos Theodoridis* and is being offered by his loving daughter Evanthia Theodoridis.

May God grant them peace and repose and may their memories be eternal.

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

Kevin Hashway Mark Hashway Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Mark Hashway Hallal Family Samra Family Offered by: Lorice Hallal

Edward & Lillian Betor
Paul & Kerrie Betor
Thomas & Lynn Marcotte
Matthew & Adrienne Dykstra
Peter Marcotte
Laurice Zambie
William & LaVerne Ameen
Great-Granddaughters Joelle & Rose Dykstra
Newborn Great-Grandson, Daniel Thomas
Dykstra (Born 11-11-15)
Offered by: Edward & Lillian Betor

Leon Josephs George Kilsey The Josephs Family Offered by: Elaine Gauthier

Mirna Nakhoul Offered by: St. Mary Ladies Society Herbert & Joyce Trabulsi Tom & Karen Trabulsi David Trabulsi & Family Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi

Mary Lou Catelli & Family Lois Kilsey & Family Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Leon Josephs & Family The Catelli, Abdalah, Kilsey & Josephs Families Offered by: Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian

Al & Vicki Hallal Lorna Hallal George Kilsey Offered by: Ron & Janice Hallal

Fr. Elie & Family
Lisa & Marc Parent
Leon Josephs & Family
Joe Karneeb & Family
Samy Morcos & Family
Ray Trabulsi & Family
Geoff Ayoub & Jenna
Offered by: Ed & Sue Ayoub

Charles Abosamra Mirna Nakhoul Offered by: Elaine Swistak St. Mary Teen SOYO News and Events

Attention All Teens

(12 years and older)

*** Come and join The St. Mary Teen SOYO Youth Group ***



Outreach Program Committee

There will be a meeting of our new Outreach Program on Sunday, January 17th during the Coffee Hour.

We will be discussing our goals and what steps we need to take to accomplish these goals in accordance to our vision statement.

Old and new members and anyone that is interested in developing and implementing outreach programs are invited to attend.

Our current and new members are:

Fr. Elie, Lorice Hallal, Elmer Stanley, Elaine Swistak, Julia Vale, Nora Matook, Linda Dvelis, Elaine Gauthier, Cory Dupont, Janice Hallal, Patty Kilsey, Fred Kilsey, Christie Briggs, Joe Samra & Elaine Wilbur.

GIVING BACK

The Ladies Society of St Mary Church is running a campaign to give back to the community. What better gift than to give to supporting the health of babies/our future. Donations will be presented to one of our local community agencies.

You can give back in either of 2 ways - there will be a bassinet in the parish center for your gifts.

1. Please place a new baby item in the bassinet

OR

2. Please take a baby bottle and replace our message with a generous donation back in the baby bottle and return to the bassinet.

Please make checks out to St Mary's Ladiesplease put on memo line: Our Future

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR PRAYERS, SUPPORT, AND FOR YOUR INCREDIBLE GIFT. WE REMAIN HOPEFUL THAT IN THE NEAR FUTURE THESE BABIES LIVES AND FAMILIES WILL TAKE A TURN FOR THE BETTER.

Co-Chairwomen

Nora Matook and Patricia Kilsey

Change of Address

All the faithful who have a recent or future change of address, phone number or email address please remember to inform the church office at (401) **726-1202**.

ONLINE BULLETIN

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

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" & Jimmy Sabath Offered by: Ed & Lillian Betor

Matilda Josephs Louis Josephs Joanne Abdalah Christopher Gauthier Ronald Gauthier

Offered by: Mary Lou & Bill Catelli

Matilda Josephs (5 years)

Offered by: Lois & George Kilsey

Leon Josephs Bishop John

Christos Theodoridis

Offered by: Evanthia Theodoridis

Elias Morcos (25 year anniversary)

Offered by: Dr. Zeyad, Norma & Elias Morcos

Linda Bowab Matilda Josephs

Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Matilda Josephs Kh. Joanne Abdalah

Offered by: Paul, Maureen & Mary

Gurghigian

Matilda Josephs

Sub-Deacon Nicholas El-Khaouli Offered by: Nora Abdelahad

Elaine Agaty

Sandra & George Matook

Linda Bowab

Matilda & Louis Josephs Sophie & Murad Laffey Abraham & Helen Tahmoush

Joanne Abdalah Christopher Gauthier Ronald Gauthier John Swistak

Offered by: Elaine Gauthier

Tillie Josephs

Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

Linda Bowab Chris Gauthier John Hallal Leo Matook Tilly Josephs

Offered by: Ron & Janice Hallal

Matilda Josephs

Offered by: Fred, Adele & Robert Shwaery

Florence David (3 years)

Offered by: Bob, Christine, Christopher,

Stephanie & Wade Briggs

Florence David (3 years)

Offered by: Mary Jane, Albert, Vanessa &

Claudine Wehbe

Nas Ayoub Nicole Arruda Paul Maloof

Uncle Fred Howard

Offered by: Ed & Sue Ayoub

Christopher Gauthier Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Matilda Josephs

Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi



Epiphany 2016- Blessing of Homes

With the celebration of The Feast of Epiphany and the Great Sanctification of the Water, house blessings are starting for the new year. If you would like to have your house blessed, please contact Fr. Elie and schedule an appropriate time. While it is traditional to begin house blessings following Epiphany, homes may be blessed throughout the year. May the Blessing of the Jordan River sanctify and protect each and every home and family in our community.



Sfeeha

The Ladies Society will be making Sfeeha on Saturday, January 16th at 9am at the Parish Center. If you have time, please come join us. Everyone welcome!!

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



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.

Antiochian Village Summer Camp

Registration for 2016 Summer Camp at the Antiochian Village has already started. Tuition for a two-week session is \$750 per camper. If paid in full by March 1st, the early-bird discount is \$700.

- One-week tuition (June 19-26) is \$450. (Early-bird discount is \$425)
- Iconography Camp tuition is \$525. (Early-bird discount is \$500)
- T-shirt & water bottle combos may be purchased for your camper, which they will receive upon arrival at camp next summer. Last summer, the shirts were very popular and the water bottles helped keep us all well hydrated during the sessions.
- Photos will no longer be sold in advance. All photos (including your camper's cabin photos) will be sold online during the summer.
- If you have any questions or want more info, please <u>visit</u> <u>www.avcamp.org</u> or email marek@antiochianvillage.org



CrossRoad ~ 2016

Before you decide what to do with your life...

Decide what to do with your summer!

Apply now for CrossRoad 2016. Apply online at www.crossroadinstitute.org

Open to any Orthodox Christian juniors or seniors in high school who may be interested in applying to this 10-day summer program at Hellenic College Holy Cross!

CrossRoad offers two sessions:

June Session: June 18th-June 28th **July Session**: July 5th-July 15th Application priority deadline is February 1st, 2016. Call (617) 850-1310 for more information.

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. **

~Please consider sponsoring a Coffee Hour~

| <u>Date</u> : | Sponsored by: | Sponsored for: |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| January 10, 2016 | not available | Ladies Society Luncheon |
| January 17, 2016 | Fred Kilsey | Michelle Kilsey (5 year memorial) |
| January 24, 2016 | Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos | Elias Morcos (Memory) |
| January 31, 2016 | The Ayoub Family | Naseem Ayoub (2 year memorial) |
| February 7, 2016 | St. Mary Church | Annual Meeting |
| February 14, 2016 | Marwan & Huda Al-Amir | Health of their Family |
| February 21, 2016 | The Salhany Family | Ida Lavin (1 year memorial) |
| February 28, 2016 | Elaine Agaty | Charles Agaty (1 year memorial) |
| March 6, 2016 | Ladies Society | Ladies Project Luncheon |
| March 13, 2016 | Massiwer, Gurghigian, | John Massiwer (memory) |
| | Hayes, Franklin & Arrighi l | Families |
| March 20, 2016 | Open for sponsorship | |
| March 27, 2016 | Open for sponsorship | |
| April 3, 2016 | Open for sponsorship | |
| April 10, 2016 | Open for sponsorship | |
| April 17, 2016 | Open for sponsorship | |
| April 24, 2016 | no coffee hour | Palm Sunday |
| May 1, 2016 | no coffee hour | Great & Holy PASCHA |

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

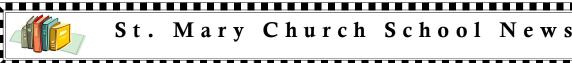
Choir rehearsals to be announced soon.

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.

2016 Church Calendars

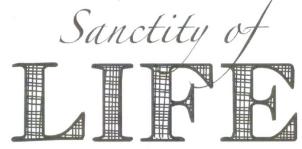
The Church Calendars for the new year have arrived. Please see Fr. Elie to purchase one. Suggested donation: \$10



St. Mary Church School News

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

RHODE ISLAND ORTHODOX CLERGY FELLOWSHIP & ST MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH IN PAWTUCKET INVITE YOU TO AN EVENING OF PRAYER AND SPIRFFUAL ENRICHMENT.



A LECTURE PRESENTED BY

HIS GRACE BISHOP JOHN
OF THE DIOCESE OF WORCESTER & NEW ENGLAND

OF THE DIOCESE OF WORCESTER & NEW ENGLAND ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE

DATE:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10TH

PLACE:

St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

249 HIGH STREET PAWTUCKET, RI

SCHEDULE:

5:00 PM. LITTLE COMPLINE,

PRESIDED BY HIS GRACE BISHOP JOHN (AT THE CHURCH)

5:30 PM. LECTURE BY BISHOP JOHN,

"WHAT IS NORMAL IN ABNORMAL TIMES?"

FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS (AT THE PARISH CENTER)

QUESTIONS:

FR. ELIE ESTEPHEN, PASTOR, ST. MARY (240) 205-9079 FRELIE@STMARYPAWTUCKET.ORG



HIS GRACE BISHOP JOHN

"Let Your priests, O Lord, be clothed with righteousness, And let Your godly ones sing for joy" Psalm 132: 9

St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

Invises you so share in a celebration luncheon honoring

Very Rev. Fr. Elie Estephan

On the occasion of his 20th Anniversary in the Holy Driesthood

Sunday, February 14, 2016

10:00am: Bierarchical Liburgy with

Itis Grace Bishop John Dresiding

Euncheon so follow as Parish Censer One St. Mary Day, Pawsuckes, RI

\$40 for adults / 16 and under \$20 / under 8 free

To purchase your tickets by February 1st, please contact:

Church Office (401)726-1202 /office@stmarypawtucket.org Or Salwa Khoury stkhoury@cox.net

Please make checks payable to:

St. Mary Church (earmarked Anniversary) 249 High St., Pawtucket, RI 02860

