

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Wednesday, January 20th: 9am– Making Sfeeha at the Parish Center

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

Thursday, February 4th: 9am– Making Sfeeha at the Parish Center

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 17, 2016

*Venerable and God-bearing Father Anthony
the Great & Twelfth Sunday of Luke*

Christ is Born, Glorify Him !

Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

249 High Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860
Phone (401) 726-1202 Fax: (401) 729-1203
Web site: <http://stmarypawtucket.org>
Email: office@stmarypawtucket.org

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) 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****



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 Kelser

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

*Everyone welcome!
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) _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____
Phone _____ Email _____
Home Parish _____

____ # attending the Retreat. Enclosed is my payment in the amount of \$_____ @ \$20 per person.

Please make checks payable to: Antiochian Women - DOWNE
Mail registration form & check to Kh. Erin Kimmitt, 17 Austin Street, Norwood, MA 02062.

RSVP deadline February 15. Questions? ErinMaryK@aol.com or 781.775.0789

Orthodox Vocabulary
Paraclete

Paraclete: from the *Greek parakletos*, "the one called (to help)," that is: the supporter, comforter, intercessor, advocate.

Jesus Christ himself is our advocate before the Father (1 Jn 2:1), but he announces that *another Paraclete will come who "will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you" (Jn 14:26). "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth" (Jn 16:13).*

This second Paraclete, "who proceeds from the Father" (Jn 15:26), is the Holy Spirit—the third person of the Holy Trinity—who is sent to the disciples to console them because of the visible absence of Jesus Christ, and to be "beside them," as well as "beside" all of us faithful in order that we may participate in the very life of the Holy Trinity: "I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Counselor [Paraclete], to be with you forever" (Jn 14:16).



A child should be taught obedience especially before the *fifth* year, because that is the period in which a child's character develops. In this manner, learned character traits remain for the rest of the child's life. Parents should teach their children absolute obedience during that period.

+Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica



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Tone: 8 Eothinon: 11

Troparion of the Resurrection: Tone 8

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Troparion of St. Anthony the Great: Tone 4

Thou didst become like the zealous Elijah in his condition, and followed John the Baptist in his upright ways, becoming a dweller in the wilderness and an establisher of the universe by thy prayer, O Father Anthony. Wherefore, intercede thou with Christ God to save our souls

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 Presentation of Christ: Tone 1

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.



THE EPISTLE

*Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.
What shall I render to the Lord for all that He has given me?*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (13:17-21)
Brethren, obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls, as men who will have to give account. Let them do this joyfully, and not sadly, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to Whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (17:12-19)
At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus said, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

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Super Bowl Party

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

Parishioners & Friends
Let's have fun!!!

Games: 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.

1. Do you have an interest? ____Yes ____No
2. Do you know of anyone else who may have an interest? ____Yes ____N
3. 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.



5 Year Memorial Service



Today, a Five Year Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the soul of *Michelle Kilsey*, and is being offered by her loving husband Fred Kilsey & Family. A Memorial Coffee Hour is being sponsored in her memory at the Parish Center following Liturgy.

May God grant her peace and repose and may her memory be eternal.

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

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

George Kilsey
Fred Kilsey & Family
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

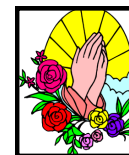
George Kilsey
Offered by: Audrey & Wayne Kilsey

George Kilsey
Offered by: Deborah Kilsey & Victoria Azar

Fred Kilsey & Family
George Kilsey
Offered by: Elaine Swistak



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Prayer Line

St. Mary ~ Internet Prayer Line

Prayer requests can be sent to us via the internet at

office@stmarypawtucket.org

All requests must be received by Wednesday noon to be included in that week's bulletin.
Any requests received after that time will be included in the following week's bulletin.

***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

Florence David
Michelle Kilsey
Offered by: George & Sandra Matook

Don Aubin
George & Nora David
Offered by: Barbara Aubin & Family

Michelle Kilsey
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Frederick L. Kilsey
Offered by: Audrey & Wayne Kilsey
Deborah Kilsey & Victoria Azar
George, Lois, Mary & Christopher Kilsey
Frederick G. Kilsey

Ethel A. Kilsey
Offered by: Audrey & Wayne Kilsey

Michelle Y. Kilsey
Offered by: Audrey & Wayne Kilsey
Deborah Kilsey & Victoria Azar
Frederick G. Kilsey
Todd, Jennifer & Family
Lisa, Mike & Family
George, Lois, Mary & Christopher Kilsey

Michelle Kilsey
Matilda Josephs
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Michelle Kilsey
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra



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.

S t . M a r y T e e n S O Y O N e w s a n d E v e n t s

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, Loric 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 Ladies—
please 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>

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.



Cooking Sessions:

***Wednesday, January 20th at 9am– Making of Sfeeha at Parish Center**

***Thursday, February 4th at 9am– Parish Center Making Kibbee Trays.**

Please set these days and times aside. If we have cooperation (as usual), we will be finished by noon. Thank you!

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.

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).

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 visit www.avcamp.org 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 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>	<u>Sponsored by:</u>	<u>Sponsored for:</u>
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	St. Mary Church	Fr. Elie 20th Anniversary Luncheon
February 21, 2016	The Salhany Family	Ida Lavin (1 year memorial)
February 28, 2016	Elaine Agaty	Charles Agaty (1 year memorial)
		Charles Abdelhad (memory)
March 6, 2016	Ladies Society	Ladies Project Luncheon
March 13, 2016	Massiwer, Gurghigian, Hayes, Franklin & Arrighi Families	John Massiwer (memory)
March 20, 2016	Fadi Samaan	Mr. Metri Zainah
March 27, 2016	Marwan & Huda Al-Amir	Health of their Family
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
May 8, 2016	Open for sponsorship	

Antiochian Summer Camp

If any child is attending camp this summer at the Antiochian Village, please let Fr. Elie know.



AEF Scholarship

Scholarship applications are now available in the church office. Eligibility information & applications may also be downloaded from their website at aef-ri.org. The application deadline is April 15, 2016.

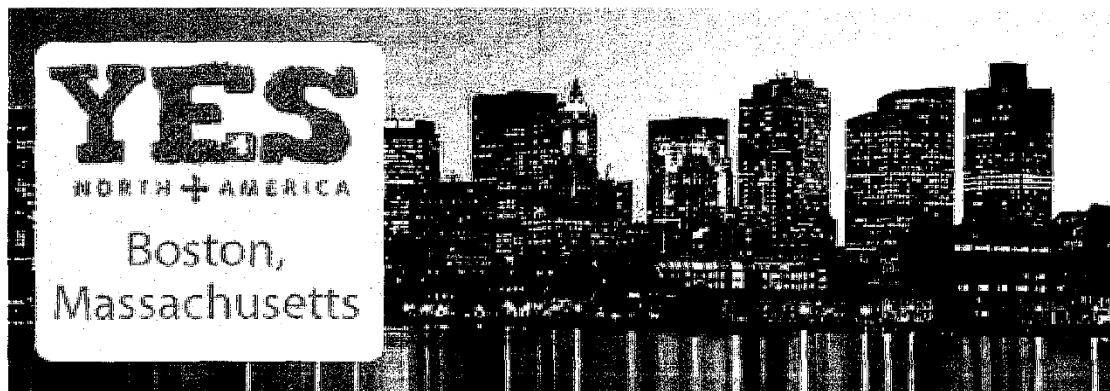
Assessment Fee

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.

Pledge Cards & Statements

2016 Pledge cards have been mailed. If you have not yet received one, they are available at the back of the church. Please fill one out with your 2016 pledge and return before February 1st.

Statements for 2015 will be mailed out within the next 2 weeks. If you have any questions, contact the church office at (401) 726-1202.



YES (Youth Equipped to Serve) is a program of FOCUS North America.

YES is coming to your community!

WHEN? Friday, February 26 – Sunday, February 28, 2016

WHAT? A wonderful opportunity to serve and love our most needy neighbors in Boston, MA.

WHO? Junior High, High School, and College Students

WHERE? We will meet at 5pm on Friday and stay Friday and Saturday nights at St. Mary Orthodox Church: 8 Inman St, Cambridge, MA 02139. The service learning weekend will come to a close at 2pm on Sunday, February 28th.

COST? A registration gift of \$150 a person will cover all trip expenses, make it possible for the YES Program to prepare and execute the trip, and enable our service team to meet the needs of those we serve.

HOW DO I REGISTER? www.yesnorthamerica.org

ANY QUESTIONS? Please contact Katrina Bitar, YES Program Director

kbitar@focusna.org

*"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

Invites you to share in a celebration luncheon honoring

Very Rev. Fr. Elie Estephan

*On the occasion of his 20th Anniversary
in the Holy Priesthood*

Sunday, February 14, 2016

10:00am: Hierarchical Liturgy with

His Grace Bishop John Presiding

Luncheon to follow at Parish Center

One St. Mary Way, Pawtucket, R.I

\$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

