

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 3rd: Sunday before Theophany

Adult Education- 'Christ the High Priest' presented by Cory Dupont

Monday, January 4th: 7:00 P.M.– Ladies Society Meeting

Tuesday, January 5th: Feast of Epiphany & Blessing of the Waters at St. George, West Roxbury. Matins-5pm & Liturgy at 6pm, followed by the Blessing of the Waters.

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

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

Wednesday, January 20th: 6:45 P.M.-8:30 P.M.– **CHOIR REHEARSAL**

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 3rd: 6:45 P.M.-8:30 P.M.– **CHOIR REHEARSAL**

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 3, 2016

Forefeast of Ἔ

Sunday before Theophany of Christ

Christ is Born, Glorify Him !

Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

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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****



Feast of The Divine Epiphany

***The first great “cosmic” prayer from the
Great Sanctification of The Waters.***

O Trinity, transcendent in essence, in goodness and in divinity, the Almighty who watcheth over all, invisible and incomprehensible, O Creator of intelligent essences, rational natures, the goodness of the utter and unapproachable Light, that enlighteneth every man that cometh into the world: Enlighten me also, thine unworthy servant. Illuminate the eyes of my understanding that I may venture to praise thy countless benevolences and thy might. Let my beseeching on behalf of this people be wholly acceptable, so that my transgressions may not prevent the descent here of thy Holy Spirit; that I may be allowed to cry to thee without condemnation and say, O most good One: We glorify thee, O Master, Lover of mankind, the Almighty King before eternity. We glorify thee, O Creator and Fashioner of all. We glorify thee, O only-begotten Son of God, who art without father from thy Mother, and without mother from thy Father; for in the previous feast we beheld thee a babe, and in this feast we behold thee perfect, O our perfect God, appearing from the Perfect; for today we have reached the time of the feast, and the rank of saints gathereth with us, and angels celebrate with men. Today the grace of the Holy Spirit hath descended on the waters in the likeness of a dove. Today hath shone the Sun that setteth not, and the world is lighted by the light of the Lord. Today the moon shineth with the world in its radiating beams. Today the shining stars adorn the universe with the splendor of their radiance. Today the clouds from heaven moisten mankind with showers of justice. Today the Uncreated accepteth of his own will the laying on of hands by his own creation. Today the Prophet and Forerunner draweth nigh to the Master but halteth with trembling when he witnesseth the condescension of God towards us. Today the waters of the Jordan are changed to healing by the presence of the Lord. Today the whole creation is watered by mystical streams. Today the stumblings of mankind are blotted out by the waters of the Jordan. Today hath paradise been opened to men, and the Sun of righteousness hath shone for us. Today the bitter water is changed by Moses to sweetness for the people at the presence of the Lord. Today we are delivered from the ancient mourning, and like a new Israel we have been saved. Today we have escaped from darkness and by the light of the knowledge of God, we have been illuminated. Today the darkness of the world vanisheth with the appearance of our God. Today the whole creation is lighted from on high. Today is error annulled, and the coming of the Master prepareth for us a way of salvation. Today the celestials celebrate with the terrestrials, and the terrestrials commune with the celestials. Today the assembly of noble and great-voiced Orthodox rejoiceth. Today the Master cometh to baptism to elevate mankind above. Today the Unbowable boweth to his servant to deliver us from slavery. Today we have bought the kingdom of heaven, for the kingdom of heaven hath no end. Today the land and the sea have divided between them the joy of the world, and the world hath been filled with rejoicing. The waters saw thee, O God; the waters saw thee and were afraid. Jordan turned back when it beheld the fire of the Godhead coming down and descending into it bodily. Jordan turned back at beholding the Holy Spirit descending in the likeness of a dove and hovering over thee. Jordan turned back when it saw the Invisible visible, the Creator incarnate and the Master in the form of a servant. Jordan turned back, and the mountains leaped with joy at beholding God in the flesh. And the clouds, beholding in the Jordan the Lord's festal assembly, gave voice, wondering at him that cometh, who is Light of Light, true God of true God, drowning in the Jordan the death of disobedience, the sting of error and bond of hades, granting the world the baptism of salvation. So also I, thine unworthy and sinful servant, as I proclaim the greatness of thy wonders, am encompassed by fear, crying with compunction unto thee and saying: *Great are thou, O Lord, and marvelous are thy works, and there is no word which is sufficient to hymn thy wonders.*

Orthodox Vocabulary

Holy Theophany

“Epiphany” means appearance. “Theophany” means the appearance of God. After Pascha and Pentecost, Theophany is considered the third greatest feast of the Orthodox Church, greater than Christmas. It commemorates Jesus’ baptism in the Jordan River by Sr. John the Baptist. St. Cyril states that the beginning of the world was water; the beginning of the Gospel was the Jordan, when the Holy Trinity was revealed to the senses. The Father spoke, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” The Holy Spirit was seen in the form of a dove hovering over the waters, and St. John the Baptist bore witness, saying, “Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.” Jesus took on the sin of the world and symbolically died by being immersed in the Jordan, then rose again out of the Jordan.

Blessed is the person who has consented to become the close friend of faith and of prayer: he lives in single-mindedness and makes prayer and faith stop by with him. Prayer that rises up in someone’s heart serves to open up for us the door of heaven. that person stands in converse with the Divinity and gives pleasure to the Son of God. Prayer makes peace with the Lord’s anger and with the vehemence of His wrath. In this way too, tears that well up in the eyes can open the door of compassion.

~St. Ephraim the Syrian



Diocese of N.E. upcoming events

*****Vespers & Sanctity of Life Lecture with Bishop JOHN presiding:** Sunday, January 10th at 5pm at St. Mary Church, Pawtucket. Refreshments to follow at the Parish Center.

*****Feast of Epiphany & Blessing of the Waters at St. George, West Roxbury:** Tuesday, January 5, 2016. Matins will be held at 5pm & Liturgy at 6pm, followed by the Blessing of the Waters. A light dinner will be served following the Blessing of the Waters. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Sunday, January 3, 2016

Forefeast of & Sunday before Theophany of Christ

Tone: 6 Eothinon: 9

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 the Forefeast of Theophany: Tone 4

*(**Joseph was amazed**)*

Be thou ready, Zabulon; prepare thyself, O Nephthalim. * River Jordan, stay thy course and skip for gladness to receive * the Sovereign Master, Who cometh now to be baptized. * O Adam, be thou glad with our first mother, Eve; * hide not as ye did of old in Paradise. * Seeing you naked, He hath appeared now * to clothe you in the first robe again. * Christ hath appeared, for He truly willeth to renew all creation.

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 Forefeast of Theophany: Tone 4

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

Today hath the Lord appeared in the courses of the Jordan, crying to John and saying, Be not dismayed at my Baptism; for I have verily come to save Adam, the first to be created.

THE EPISTLE

*O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Unto Thee will I cry,
O Lord my God.*

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (4:5-8)
Timothy, my son, always be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved His appearing.

THE GOSPEL

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (1:1-8)
The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." John the Baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes He Who is mightier than I, the strap of Whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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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



Theophany

The Orthodox Church commemorates only one event in the life of Christ on January 6: the baptism of the Lord is the only manifestation proclaimed on this day. The four evangelists consider this event to be as significant as the cross and the resurrection. Each of them describes it in detail. Mark makes baptism the “beginning” of his gospel; John begins his account (the narrative, after the prologue) with the witness of John the Baptist and his meeting with Jesus in the desert. Jesus is thirty at the time of his baptism. Up to this, he has lived with his family in Galilee, living as an ordinary man, working with his hands, sharing the daily life of his peers. Nothing of his divine nature is evident in the Nazarene. On the banks of the Jordan, God reveals himself in the person of Jesus. He is the Word of God, on him rests the Holy Spirit from all eternity, the Father witnesses to the divinity of Jesus and proclaims him to be his Only Son: *This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.* (Mt 3:17) It is after the baptism that the world can know the three persons of the Trinity. This is the mystery which allows us to call on the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit as one God. After the manifestation in the Jordan, we too can baptize in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Mt 28:19). For the first time in history, God reveals himself in three persons. The visit Abraham received at the oak of Mamre was the prophecy; the announcement of this revelation. Only the incarnate Son made man could initiate us, make us enter into this mystery. The Orthodox Church has decided to separate this manifestation of Christ from all the others (birth, magi, and wedding at Cana), because on this day God reveals himself fully: he is one in three persons. Nothing can be added to this vision. This is why the word Epiphany was replaced in the East by Theophany. The first term means manifestation,” the second specifies and develops the meaning of the feast as the manifestation of God. The manifestation of the Trinity the thrice-holy God, defies all logic, overturns all the categories of knowledge. The voice of the Father heard by John the Baptist at the Jordan had been foretold by the prophet David in a psalm. This verse is used at the office of Theophany: *The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of Glory thunders, the Lord, upon many waters! The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness...(Ps 28[29]:3 and 8)* In another song, the psalmist shows us the extent to which the manifestation of God in the Jordan defies not only human logic, but also causes the disarray of nature, frightened by the presence of the all-powerful Creator in the created world: The sea looked and fled, Jordan turned back. The mountain skipped like rams, the hills like lambs. What ails you, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back?...(Ps 113[114]:3-5)



St Mary Ladies Society
Is hosting a
Happy New Year Dinner

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



Three Year Memorial Service



Today, a Three Year Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the soul of *Sub-Deacon Nicholas El-Khaouli* and is being offered by his loving wife Fatat El-Khaouli & Family. A Memorial Coffee Hour is being offered in his memory at the Parish Center. All are welcome.

May God grant him peace and repose and may his memory 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

Mirna Nakhoul
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Leon Josephs
Mirna Nakhoul
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

Andrea Swistak
Stephanie & Jeff Caplan
Elie, Julia & Naji Karam
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

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

Sub Deacon Nicholas El-Khaouli
Offered by: Fatat El-Khaouli
Fouad & Houida El-Khaouli

Ann Sabby
Offered by: Marwan, Rosemary, Jihad & Shadia

Gabriel Saback
Offered by: Tom & Helen O'Brien

Gabriel "Gabe" Saback
Offered by: Mindy Peloquin
Linda Beauregard

John Swistak
Offered by: His Loving Family



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.

Attention All Teens

(12 years and older)

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

ATTN: Teen SOYO

First, I want to express both my gratitude and happiness for the hard work of our teens this holiday season. With the indispensable assistance of Maureen Gurghigian, Cindy Hayes, and Michael and Nancy Muller, our teens were able to reach out to our local community with the love and mercy of the Gospel this Thanksgiving and Christmas. Truly, great work everyone! I hope and pray that God will continue to bless our efforts well into the New Year.

Also, on Saturday, January 9th, ***I think our labor could stand to be awarded with some fellowship and respite with an afternoon at the movies!*** For both our SOYO group and anyone else who might be interested, we'll be going to see Star Wars: The Force Awakens. Actual showing time will be shared via email, as will ticket price. It might be prudent to also make sure that everyone has money for lunch.

More info to come by the week's end. Any questions or concerns can be addressed to Cory Dupont: (401) 749-9406 or cory_dupont78@yahoo.com

Teen SOYO

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

Sanctity of **LIFE**

A LECTURE PRESENTED BY

HIS GRACE BISHOP JOHN

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

DATE:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10TH

PLACE:

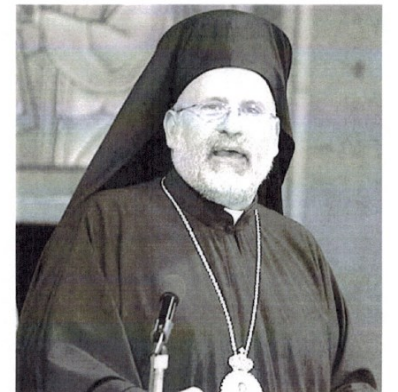
**ST. MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
249 HIGH STREET
PAWTUCKET, RI**

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
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HIS GRACE BISHOP JOHN

Please remember that in our Orthodox Christian Tradition, the Great Feast of the Nativity is a 12 day observance that is linked directly to the Great Feast of Theophany, The Baptism of Christ, held on January 6th.

During the 12 days of Christmas there is no fasting, not even on Wednesday and Fridays. This is the true “Time of the Feast”, when visitations and family celebrations should occur.

The season of the Feast ends on January 6th.

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.



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.

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>

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.

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

Wednesday, January 20th: 6:45 P.M.-8:30 P.M.– **CHOIR REHEARSAL**

Sunday, February 3rd: 6:45 P.M.-8:30 P.M.– **CHOIR REHEARSAL**

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).

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>	<u>Sponsored by:</u>	<u>Sponsored for:</u>
January 3, 2016	Fatat El-Khaouli	Nicholas El-Khaouli
January 10, 2016	<i>not available</i>	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, Hayes, Franklin & Arrighi Families	John Massiwer (memory)
March 20, 2016	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
March 27, 2016	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
April 3, 2016	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
April 10, 2016	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
April 17, 2016	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
April 24, 2016	no coffee hour	Palm Sunday
May 1, 2016	no coffee hour	Great & Holy PASCHA

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*

His Grace Bishop JOHN Presiding

Sunday, February 14, 2016 - 12:30pm

St. Mary Church Parish Center

60 St. Mary Way, Pawtucket, RI

\$40 for adults - \$20 for children 16 and under

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

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

20th
ANNIVERSARY