

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 21st: Sunday of the Pharisee & Publican

One Year Memorial Service for Ida Lavin

Outreach Committee Meeting during Coffee Hour

Wednesday, February 24th: 6:45-8:30 P.M-Choir Rehearsal (church)

Friday, February 26-Sunday, February 28th: Teen SOYO YES Program, St. Mary Church, Cambridge, MA

Saturday, February 27th: 9:00A.M.-2:30P.M.- Antiochian Women Pre-Lenten Retreat at St. John of Demascus Church, Dedham, MA

Sunday, February 28th: Sunday of the Prodigal Son

One Year Memorial Service for Charles Agaty

Saturday, March 5th: 5:00PM– Arabic Liturgy

Sunday, March 6th: Sunday of the Last Judgment (Meat Fare)

Ladies Society Project Luncheon at the Parish Center

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

Tuesday, March 8th: 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

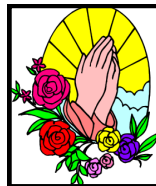
Sunday, March 13th: Sunday of Forgiveness (Cheese Fare)

Daylight Saving Time Begins

Sunday, March 20th: 1st Sunday of Lent (Orthodoxy)

Sunday, March 27th: 2nd Sunday of Lent (Gregory Palamas)

There will be a meeting of the Outreach Ministry **TODAY**-Sunday, February 21st during Coffee Hour. Hope to see you all then.



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday February 21, 2016

Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican

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
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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 2016:

President: Salwa Khoury
Vice-President: Cindy Hayes
Secretary: Jamie Mitri
Treasurer: Fadia Kabak

Council Members: Joseph Samra III, Emad Amirhom, Scott Barnes, Cory Dupont, Lorice Hallal, Steven Kilsey Jr., Holly Lazieh, Walid Nakhoul, Elmer Stanley (*Church School*), Linda Dvelis, Hadeel Samaan

****Please feel free to contact Salwa Khoury at stkhoury@cox.net or any member of the Parish Council with any questions or concerns****



The flower of gentleness

Prayer is the flower of gentleness and of freedom from anger.

Prayer is the fruit of joy and thankfulness.

Prayer is the remedy for gloom and despondency.

Do not pray that your own will may be done, for your will may not accord with the will of God. But pray as you have been taught, saying: *Thy will be done in me*. Pray to him in this way about everything– that his will be done. For he desires what is good and profitable for your soul, whereas you do not always ask for this.

Often in my prayers I have asked for what I thought was good, and persisted in my petition, stupidly trying to force the will of God, instead of leaving it to him to arrange things as he knows best. But afterwards, on obtaining what I asked for, I was very sorry that I did not pray rather for God's will to be done; because the thing turned out to be different from what I had expected.

What is good, except God? Then let us leave all our concerns to him, and all will be well.

If you long for prayer, renounce all to gain all.

At the time of trials and temptations, use a brief but intense prayer.

When you are in the inner temple, pray not as the Pharisee but as the publican.

Strive never to pray *against* anyone.

If when you are praying no other joy can attract you, then truly you have found prayer.

~Evagrius of Pontus



Orthodox Vocabulary

Triodion

Triodion: literally, this word means a "canon of three odes." Canons of this type are found in the liturgical books to which they gave their name:

1.) *Lenten Triodion:* this book contains all the texts for Great Lent and its preparatory period, as well as for Holy Week. The dominant trait of these texts is their penitential character, since Lent is offered to the faithful so that they can purify themselves and prepare for the solemnities of the passion and the resurrection of the Savior.

2.) *Bright Triodion* or *Pentecostarion:* this contains the texts used between Pascha and the Sunday following Pentecost (these two feasts included). These texts are characterized by the joy of the resurrection of the Savior, which makes possible the resurrection of all humanity. The various themes which surface during this period reveal, each in its own way, the mystery of redemption and salvation, which is fulfilled with Ascension and Pentecost.

On earth, everything is temporary- brief, transitory. Soon, everything will pass by- that which is pleasant and delightful, as well as what is lamentable and sorrowful. If we have chosen for ourselves the path of piety, then we must remember and not forget the words of the Apostle: 'All that will live godly in Christ shall suffer persecution' (2 Timothy 3:12).

~St. Ambrose of Optina



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, February 21, 2016

Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican

Tone: 5 Eothinon: 5

Troparion of the Resurrection: Tone 5

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

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 for the Pharisee and Publican: Tone 4

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

Let us flee the Pharisee's * conceited vaunting; * let us learn the Publican's * humility, and cry with groans * unto the Savior: Thou Who alone * art swiftly reconciled, be gracious unto us.



THE EPISTLE

*Make vows to the Lord thy God, and perform them.
In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel.*

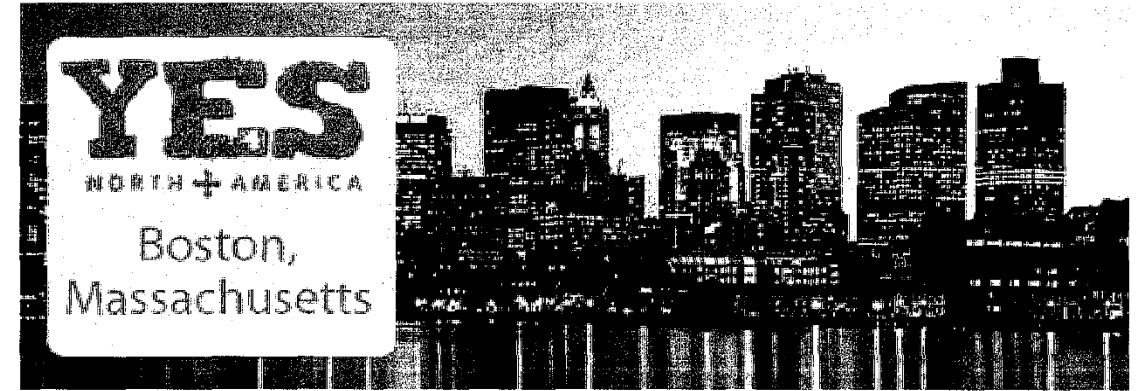
The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (3:10-15)

Timothy my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, and my sufferings; and what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. What persecutions I endured; yet from them all, the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:10-14)

The Lord spoke this parable: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank Thee that I am not like other men, extortionists, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."



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

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.

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.

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.

ONLINE BULLETIN

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

2016- Food For Hungry People

Again this year, we have Lenten Alms Boxes available for you to have for the Food For Hungry People program. Pick up your family's box for use during the Great Fast. Save your pocket change for the box, or place the box on your kitchen table and snake a donation at each mealtime. We have also placed a box in the vestibule of the Church in which you can place your Food For Hungry People money. Every Lent, the parishes of our Archdiocese collect money for the hungry, poor, and needy throughout the world. Be sure to get your alms box, and bring it back full after Pascha.



One Year Memorial Service



Today, a One Year Memorial Service is lovingly being offered for the repose of the soul of *Ida Lavin*, by The Salhany Family. A luncheon is being offered by the Salhany Family 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

George Mousalli
Offered by:
His Family, Barbara, Susan, Kristen and Daniel

George Mousalli
Offered by: St. Mary Church

Joe & Marlene Samra
Georgette Hallal & Family
Alice Kandalaft & Family
Tony & Blanche Sackal
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

George Tager
Offered by: Elaine Agaty

Samy & Helen Morcos
George & Barbara Moussalli
Offered by: Elaine Agaty
Nora Abdelahad

The Salhany Family
George Mousalli
Samy Morcos
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Samy & Helen Morcos
Offered by: Susan Warzycha & Family

Samy & Helen Morcos
Victor Trabulsi
Herbert Trabulsi
Offered by: Leila & Ray Trabulsi

Samy & Helen Morcos
Fred & Michelle Smith
Milad & Danielle Nasr
Offered by: Philip & Bette Ayoub

George Mousalli
William Salhany
Offered by: Bill & Susan Salhany

George Mousalli
Fred, Adele & Robert Shwaery
Offered by: Albert & Victoria Hallal

Samy Morcos
Offered by: Helen Morcos

Michelle, Fred, Charlotte & Estelle Smith
Danielle, Milad, Carmen, Benjamin & Simone
Nasr
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos



PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR
GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

George Mousalli
Offered by: Holly Lazieh & Sons
 & Bob Dessaint

The Salhany Family
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

George Mousalli
Sam Morcos
Offered by: George & Sandra Matook



***PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:***

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Ida Lavin (dear sister)
Offered by: John Salhany

Ida Lavin (dear aunt)
Offered by: Daniel Salhany

Ida Lavin (dear sister– always in my heart)
Offered by: Lorice Zahka

Ida Lavin (dear aunt & godmother)
Offered by: Nancy & Dennis Close & Family
 Peter & Camille Zakha & Family

Ida Lavin (dear aunt)
Offered by: Carol & David Hazerjian & Sons
 Robert Zahka & Tracey White & Family
 Janice & Michael Esty & Family

***PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:***

Ida Lavin (aunt)
Offered by: George, Barbara & Susan Moussalli
 Kristen & Daniel Seddiqui

Ida Lavin (sister)
Offered by: William Salhany

Ida Lavin (aunt)
Offered by: Bill & Susan Salhany

Frederick & Sophie Hallal
Ida Lavin
Christopher Gauthier
Ronald Gauthier
Offered by: Holly Lazieh & Sons
 & Bob Dessaint

Ida Lavin
Offered by: Elaine Agaty
 Nora Abdelahad

Ida Lavin
Offered by: George & Sandra Matook

Ida Lavin
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Ida Lavin
Ruth Salhany
Offered by: Albert & Victoria Hallal

Raif Saati
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

Olga Mouro
Louise Ameen
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

Ida Lavin
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

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>
February 21, 2016	The Salhany Family	Ida Lavin (1 year memorial)
February 28, 2016	Elaine Agaty & Nora Abdelahad	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	Open for sponsorship	
March 27, 2016	Marwan & Huda Al-Amir	Health of their Family
April 3, 2016	William Salhany and family	Ruth Salhany (6 years)
April 10, 2016	Open for sponsorship	
April 17, 2016	Her Daughters & their Families	Sophie Hallal (6 years)
April 24, 2016	no coffee hour	Palm Sunday
May 1, 2016	no coffee hour	Great & Holy PASCHA
May 8, 2016	Open for sponsorship	
May 15, 2016	Open for sponsorship	
May 22, 2016	Kamal, George, Gladys, Therese Haddad & Their Families	Emile Haddad (1 year memorial)

Attention All Teens

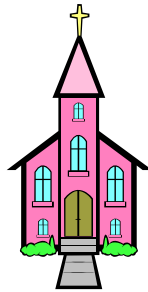
(12 years and older)

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

*The date has changed for the **YES Boston** trip. This incredible service opportunity will take place February 26th-28th. It isn't often that YES trips will occur so close to home, so definitely sign up ASAP.

***Be the Bee** will take place on March 19th.

*The **Lenten Retreat** March 25th-27th.



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.

Congratulations & Blessings

St. Mary Church offers congratulations and prayers for the blessing of the newly elected and appointed members of the Parish Council, and their officers:

Chair: Salwa Khoury (Ladies Society)

Vice Chair: Cindy Hayes (Choir)

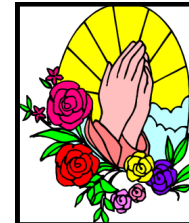
Treasurer: Fadia Kabak

Secretary: Jamie Mitri



Elected members: Joseph Samra III, Lorice Hallal, Emad Amirhom, Scott Barnes, Cory Dupont, Steven Kilsey Jr., Holly Lazieh, Walid Nakhoul, Linda Dvelis, Elmer Stanley (Church School),

Appointed member: Hadeel Samaan



Fr. Elie will be away from February 22nd to March 4th. If you need any help conserving church/sacramental matters, please contact Salwa or Sheryl so that your needs may be attended.

Salwa (h)- (401) 434-8877 / © (401) 447-3585

Sheryl (o)- (401) 726-1202 / © (401) 617-2393



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

*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 Kimmett, 17 Austin Street, Norwood, MA 02062.
RSVP deadline February 15. Questions? ErinMaryK@aol.com or 781.775.0789

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 Practice will be held on Wednesday, February, 24th from 6:45-8:30pm at Church*****

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.

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**.



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).