

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**Sunday, May 29th:** Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

**Monday, May 30th:** 9:00 A.M.-Memorial Day prayers at Walnut Hill Cemetery

**Saturday, June 4th:** 6:00P.M.– Arabic Liturgy

**Sunday, June 5th:** Sunday of the Blindman

**Monday, June 6th:** 7:00 P.M.– Ladies Meeting

**Wednesday, June 8th:** 7:00 P.M.- Liturgy for the Ascension of Our Lord

**Saturday, June 11th:** 2016 PLC Pre-Conference events at St. George Church, Lowell, MA

**Sunday, June 12th:** Holy Fathers of the First Council of Nicea

**Tuesday, June 14th:** 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

**Saturday, June 18th:** 8pm-1am- Hafle at the Parish Center

**Sunday, June 19th:** Sunday of Holy PENTECOST

Father's Day

**Saturday, June 25th:** 2016 Parish Life Conference- Sts. Constantine & Helen Church,  
71 Chandler Road, Andover, MA (hosted by St. George Church)

**Sunday, June 26th:** First Sunday after Pentecost

**Tuesday, June 28th:** 7:00 P.M.– Liturgy for Sts. Peter & Paul



### 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.*

### REMINDER– New Church Email Address

Please use our new email address [office@stmarypawtucket.org](mailto:office@stmarypawtucket.org) for all church correspondence.

## SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



*Sunday, May 29th, 2016*

*Sunday of the Samaritan Woman*

CHRIST IS RISEN, TRULY HE IS RISEN!

## *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**

<i>Sunday: Orthros (Matins)</i>	<i>8:45 a.m.</i>
<i>Church School</i>	<i>11:15 a.m.</i>
<i>Sunday: Divine Liturgy</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>

*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, 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 (401)434-8877 / [stkhoury@cox.net](mailto:stkhoury@cox.net) or any member of the Parish Council with any questions or concerns\*\***



## *Orthodox Vocabulary*

### **Ascension**

The feast of the Ascension commemorates the ascending of Christ into heaven witnessed by His Apostles. It took place on the Mount of Olives the fortieth day after the Resurrection. It marks the triumphant close of the post-Resurrection period during which Christ repeatedly appeared to His Disciples and spoke to them of 'the things concerning the kingdom of God'. Thus, Christ's human nature was taken into Heaven, wherefrom 'He now exercises all power in Heaven and on earth'. The Ascension is one of the principal feasts of the Christian year irrespective of denominations. It falls on the 6th Thursday after the day of Easter. St. John Chrysostom gives indisputable evidence of its celebration in the later years of the 4th century.

It is impossible for the mind not to be troubled by wicked thoughts. But if we exert ourselves it is within our power either to accept them and give them our attention, or to expel them. Their coming is not within our power to control, but their expulsion is.

~Abba Moses of Scetis



## **Diocese of New England: 2016 Parish Life Conference**

### **Please reserve the dates:**

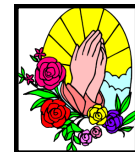
June 11th & 25th for the 2016 Parish Life Conference.  
This year it will be hosted by St. George Church, Lawrence, MA.

### ***June 11th: Pre-Conference***

Location: St. George Orthodox Church, Lowell, MA

### ***June 25th: Conference***

Location: Sts. Constantine & Helen Church  
71 Chandler Road, Andover, MA



### 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

### Congratulations

St. Mary Church offers its congratulations to all of our young men and women who are or will be graduating from both High School and College in the next few weeks. May God bless them as they continue their education and pursue new work and careers. And may God bless their parents and families for nurturing and supporting them.



### 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.

### 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.



### **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.  
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## *Sunday of the Samaritan Woman*

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**Tone: 4      Eothinon: 7**

### **Troparion of the Resurrection: Tone 4**

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying, Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

### **Troparion of Mid-Pentecost: Tone 8**

In the midst of this Feast, O Savior, give Thou my thirsty soul to drink of the waters of true worship; for Thou didst call out to all, saying: Whosoever is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. Wherefore, O Christ our God, Fountain of life, 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 intercessions from death Thou dost redeem our souls."

### **Kontakion of Pascha: Tone 8**

O Immortal One, when Thou didst descend into the tomb, Thou didst destroy the power of Hades; and Thou didst rise victorious, O Christ God. Thou hast said to the ointment-bearing women: Rejoice! And Thou gavest peace to Thy Disciples, O Bestower of Resurrection to those Who had fallen.



## The Epistle Acts 11:19-30

Prokeimenon: O Lord, how magnificent are your works. You have made all things in wisdom.  
Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles.

In those days, those apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none expect Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabos stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine all over the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea, and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

## The Gospel John 4:5-42

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Every one who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst forever; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband;' for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain; and you say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking to her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city, and said to the people, "Come, see a man who said to me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to him. Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has any one brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest?' I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for the harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He said to me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Any many more believed because of his words. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

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Featuring the renowned composer & singer

***SALAH KURDI  
& his Band***

*June 18th ~ 8pm*

*St. Mary Parish Center  
60 St. Mary Way, Pawtucket, RI*

*Tickets: Adult-\$50  
Children (under 17)- \$25*

*Contact Fr. Elie or Tony Kabak for tickets*

***All Proceeds to  
benefit St. Mary  
Church***

2016 Spring Hallel

### 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 \$100 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>
May 29, 2016	Michel Raad & Family	Health of Family
June 5, 2016	Steve & Patricia Kilsey	John & Esma Gorab
	Joe & Marlene Samra	
June 12, 2016	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
June 19, 2016*	Elie & Julia Karam	Health of Naji upon his graduation
June 26, 2016	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
July 3, 2016	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
July 10, 2016	Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos	Health of Elias Morcos
July 17, 2016	His Daughters & Their Families	Fred Hallal (1 year)
July 24, 2016	Audrey & Wayne Kilsey	Elthel Kilsey (1 year)
July 31, 2016	St. Mary Church	Family Day
August 7, 2016	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
August 14, 2016	no coffee hour	St. Mary Church Feast
August 21, 2016	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
August 28th, 2016	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
September 4, 2016	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
September 11, 2016	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
September 18, 2016	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
September 25, 2016	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
October 2, 2016	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
October 9, 2016	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
October 16, 2016	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
October 23, 2016	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	



### Memorial Service



The Trisagion service is offered in memory of: Assad Ayoub, Mary Ayoub, Naseem Ayoub, Joseph Bowab, Linda Salhany Bowab, Alice David, Florence David, George David, Mary Elizabeth David, Nora David, Christopher Gauthier, Ronald Gauthier, Esma Gorab, Jacqueline Gorab, John Gorab, Edward J. Hallal, Sr., Fred Hallal, Sophie Hallal, Donald Hayes, Matilda Josephs, Theodore Juczyk, Michelle Kilsey, Ida Lavin, Theodore Lavin, John Massiwer, Sarah Massiwer, Esma Matook, Wadi Matook, Kamal Nassif, Ruth Ganim Salhany, Joseph Samra, Mary Samra, Jameela Tahmoush and Nora Walker.

***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

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

Lisa Ayoub Parent  
Offered by: Ed & Sue Ayoub

Lisa Parent  
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

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

Fred Hashway Jr.  
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Ameen and Nayfey Sabath  
Petros and Afife Betor  
Helen Betor  
Fred Sabath  
Fred "Fritzie and Jimmy Sabath  
Offered by: Edward & Lillian Betor



### Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour is being sponsored today by Michel Raad & Family for the Health of their Family. Join us for Coffee Hour at the Parish Center following Liturgy.



**Charitable Gift Program**  
**Annual Memorial Service ~ Sunday, May 29th**

***This is the twenty-second year that Memorial Trisagion services are offered for those deceased parishioners in our Charitable Gift Program who have made their contribution to the fund.***

The Trisagion service will be offered this year in memory of: Assad Ayoub, Mary Ayoub, Naseem Ayoub, Joseph Bowab, Linda Salhany Bowab, Alice David, Florence David, George David, Mary Elizabeth David, Nora David, Christopher Gauthier, Ronald Gauthier, Esma Gorab, Jacqueline Gorab, John Gorab, Edward J. Hallal, Sr., Fred Hallal, Sophie Hallal, Donald Hayes, Matilda Josephs, Theodore Juczyk, Michelle Kilsey, Ida Lavin, Theodore Lavin, John Massiwer, Sarah Massiwer, Esma Matook, Wadi Matook, Kamal Nassif, Ruth Ganim Salhany, Joseph Samra, Mary Samra, Jameela Tahmoush and Nora Walker. May their Memory Be Eternal!

***We would also like to offer prayers for the health and safety of the following individuals who have committed to the Charitable Gift Program:***

Fr. Leonard Faris  
Fr. Timothy Ferguson  
Anonymous--Four  
Cindy Antypas  
Bette Ayoub  
Edward Ayoub  
Philip Ayoub  
Philip G. Ayoub  
Suzanne Ayoub  
Janet Bowab  
Christine Briggs  
Liam Burke  
Mary Lou Catelli  
William Catelli  
Bryan Chowning  
Stephanie Chowning  
Linda Dvelis  
Fred Elliott  
Renda Ferrari  
Elaine Gauthier  
Maureen Gurghigian  
Paul Gurghigian  
Janice Bowab Hallal  
Jim Hallal  
Keith Hallal  
Lorice Hallal

Maria Hallal  
Paula Hallal  
Ronald Hallal  
Dianna Hashway  
Fareed Hawwa  
Olga Hawwa  
Tawfik Hawwa  
Cindy Hayes  
Daniel Hayes  
Donald Hayes, Jr.  
Sarah Hayes  
Hilda Jarjoura Juczyk  
Fadia Kabak  
Eli Karam  
Julia Karam  
Naji Karam  
Nabil Khoury  
Salwa Khoury  
Audrey Kilsey  
Fred Kilsey  
George Kilsey  
Lois Kilsey  
Melissa Ann Kilsey  
Patricia A. Kilsey  
Steven G. Kilsey  
Steven W. Kilsey

Robert Laffey  
Holly Lazieh  
Lily Massiwer  
Mary Massiwer  
Keith Marshall  
Marlene Marshall  
Donna Maurice  
Glen Maurice  
Mary Mechrefe  
Louise Megalli  
Melanie Ann Merner  
William Salhany  
Barbara M. Samra  
Joseph J. Samra  
Joseph J. Samra III  
Marlene Samra  
Rebecca Samra  
Rita Sayegh  
Florence Spenard  
Phil Spenard  
Carol Wartenburg  
Susan Warzycha  
Mary Jane Wehbe  
Elaine Wilbur  
Our Teens

**Memorial Day Prayers**

This year Memorial Day falls on May 30th. Prayers for the deceased will be held at Walnut Hill Cemetery starting at 9am on Monday, May 30th.

Please bring a list of the names of your beloved deceased and give them to Fr. Elie at the central cross for the offering of the Trisagion Prayers (9am).

May God grant peace and repose to the beloved deceased and may their memories be eternal!



**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.

**Parking Lot**

The parking lot across the street is to be used for elderly and handicapped parking only. Please use our other parking lot to park during church services.

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