

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**Sunday, June 26th:** All Saints Sunday

Outreach Committee during Coffee Hour

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

**Saturday, July 2nd:** 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy

**Sunday, July 3rd:** Second Sunday After Pentecost

**Monday, July 4th:** Independence Day (church office closed)

**Sunday, July 10th:** Third Sunday of Matthew

**Monday, July 11th:** 6:00 P.M.- Ladies Society Dinner Meeting at the Wharf Tavern

**Wednesday, July 13th:** 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting (\*please note date change)

**Saturday, July 16th:** 6:00 P.M.– PawSox Game

**Sunday, July 17th:** Sunday of the Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council

**Sunday, July 24th:** Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

**Sunday, July 31st:** Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

St. Mary Church Family Day at the Masonic Youth Center-

(116 Long Street, Warwick, RI) **\*\*please note change of venue\*\***

**Friday, August 5th:** 7:00 P.M.– Liturgy for the Transfiguration

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

**Sunday, August, 14th:** Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

St. Mary Church Feast Day Celebration at the Parish Center



### ONLINE BULLETIN

The Bulletin is available online on our website at:

<http://stmarypawtucket.org>

### 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, June 26, 2016*

*All Saints Sunday: First Sunday after Pentecost  
& First Sunday of Matthew*

## *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**  
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### **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\*\***



## **The Feast of all the Saints**

The first Sunday after Pentecost is dedicated to the commemoration of all the saints. Sanctity is the work of the Holy Spirit; all Christian holiness is a fruit of Pentecost. There is therefore a logical link between today's feast and that of last Sunday.

At the liturgy a portion of the epistle to the Hebrews (11:33-12:2) is read which evokes the sufferings of the cloud of witnesses', that is to say the prophets, the martyrs, the righteous, those who were storied, put to the sword, or tortured, 'of whom the world was not worthy'. We know this passage well, for the Church has already given it to us to hear twice during the liturgical year: first on the Sunday before Christmas, then on the first Sunday of Great Lent. It seems that the Church, in calling our attention to this text before the Nativity, before Easter, and immediately after Pentecost, wants to emphasize that we draw near to these great mysteries 'catholicly', surrounded by the saints and helped by their prayers; she wishes above all to tell us that saintliness is not an abnormal or exceptional state; that, on the contrary it is the normal flowering of every Christian life. The call to holiness is addressed to each one of us.

The gospel for the liturgy (Matt. 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30) is a selections of the sayings of Our Lord which relate to the actual conditions of holiness: 'He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me...And he that taketh not his cross' and followeth after me, is not worthy of me...Everyone that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or land, for my name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold and shall inherit everlasting life'. Once again, our Lord brings us into the presence of his Cross and the personal renunciations that it involves. There is, however, a great difference between the way we read these words today and the way we read them (or similar texts) during the preceding months: read after Pentecost, this invitation to sacrifice is now clothed in fire, in the light and power of the Holy Spirit. The apostles did not really follow their master on his painful road until after the coming of the Paraclete, the saints, whose collective feast we celebrate today, only carried the cross when they were under the inspiration of the Spirit. The cross that Jesus set before our eyes, on this first Sunday after Pentecost, is a cross of fire— the fire of the Spirit descending on the disciples.

**~The Year of Grace of the Lord.**





## Orthodox Vocabulary

### Godparent

The godparent is the person who receives in his/her arms the newly baptized infant. But before that, he/she has stood as the sponsor of the infant by giving the prescribed denunciations of Satan and affirmations of accepting Christ and it is he/she who finally recites the Creed signifying the personal belief of the candidate to Baptism. However, since the introduction of infant Baptism, the godparent has assumed the important obligation of seeing together with the parents that the infant is brought up within the Church and in the life of Christ. It is on account of this obligation that the baptismal sponsor is called 'parent-in-God'. Since baptizing a child creates for the godparent a spiritual relationship not only between him and his godchild but also with the child's family, the Orthodox Church places great significance on the responsibility of the godparents to help nurture and educate the child in the Holy Orthodox Faith. This special responsibility is a life-long one. There is a dogmatically and canonically entered spiritual relationship between godparent and godchild and, as a result, the Church has by Synodical decision prohibited marriage between the godparent and his/her godchild; also, marriage between the godparent and the biological parent (father or mother) of the godchild is prohibited (Justinian Novella 530 and Canon 53 of the Trullan Synod). The godparent must have been baptized in the Orthodox Church, be in full sacramental communion, and a member in good standing of a local Greek Orthodox parish.



The human family constitutes the primary and essential element of human society...peace in society will be a direct result of peace in the family; order and harmony in the secular, political realm will be the direct result of the order and harmony which arises out of creative guidance and the giving of real responsibility to children (by assigning specific tasks to the child).

~St. John Chrysostom



## *All Saints Sunday: First Sunday after Pentecost*

### *& First Sunday of Matthew*

**Sunday, June 26th, 2016**

**TONE 8 / EOTHINON 1**

#### **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 All Saints: Tone 4**

Thy Church, O Christ God, hath regaled herself in the blood of Thy Martyrs throughout the entire world, as in porphyry and purple. Through them she lifteth her voice crying: Turn with Thy compassion toward Thy people, and grant peace to Thy city, and to our souls the Great Mercy.

#### **Kontakion of All Saints: Tone 8**

(\*\*The original melody\*\*)

As first-fruits of our nature to the Planter of created things, \* the world presenteth the God-bearing martyred Saints in off'ring unto Thee, O Lord. \* Through their earnest entreaties, \* keep Thy Church in deep peace and divine tranquility, \* through the pure Theotokos, O Thou Who art greatly merciful.



## **The Epistle**

### **Hebrews 11:33-12:2**

Prokeimenon: God is wonderful among his saints.

Verse: Bless God in the congregations.

The reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Hebrews.

Brethren all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world is not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfection of our faith.

## **The Gospel**

### **Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30**

The Lord said to his disciples, "Every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven. "He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. "Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on his twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands; for my name's sake, will receive manifold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first.

## **Coffee Hour**

Coffee hour today is being sponsored by Fadi and Hadeel Samaan & Family for the health of their Family. Coffee Hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.



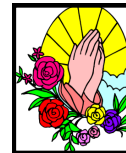
Well it's that time of year again. It's time for the parishioners of St. Mary's to take our hot dog-eating and PawSox-cheering talents to McCoy Stadium for a Pawtucket Red Sox baseball game.

This year the PawSox have agreed to wear traditional Arab keffiyeh headdresses instead of baseball caps\*, and in true Arab tradition they will start the game 45 minutes later than scheduled\*. Additional highlights include the 7<sup>th</sup> inning dubke line led by Fr. Elie\*.

(\*these promises are not guaranteed)

We're looking to go to the game on Saturday July 16 at 6pm. Tickets are \$12 each, and include \$2 in credit that can be redeemed for other items purchased in the stadium.

Please contact Phil G. Ayoub at [phil\\_ayoub@yahoo.com](mailto:phil_ayoub@yahoo.com) or see him in his corner in the back of the church to reserve tickets.



## **Prayer Line**

St. Mary ~ Internet Prayer Line

Prayer requests can be sent to us via the internet at

**[office@stmarypawtucket.org](mailto: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.

## 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>
June 26, 2016*	Fadi & Hadeel Samaan	Health of their Family
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	The Kilsey Family	Ethel 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	Elie & Julia Karam	Health of Naji upon his graduation
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>	
October 30, 2016	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
November 6, 2016	no coffee hour	2016 Annual Holiday Bazaar
November 13, 2016	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	

## 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  
Great-Grandson, Daniel Thomas Dykstra  
Offered by: Edward & Lillian Betor

Lisa Ayoub Parent  
Offered by: Philip & Bette Ayoub  
Philip G. Ayoub

## 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



There will be a meeting of the Outreach Committee Ministry *TODAY*-Sunday, June 26th during the Coffee Hour. Please make every effort to attend because Fred Kilsey is giving us a report on the Soup Kitchen.

Thank you,  
Outreach Committee

Thank you to the Ladies Society for their generous donation of \$800 to help with the Syrian Refugees.

  
*Thanks*

## Ladies Night

Come join us for a fun night and a delicious dinner on the water.

**Monday, July 11th at 6pm**  
**at**  
**Wharf Tavern on the Water**  
**215 Water Street**  
**Warren, RI 02885**

Three choices of entrees:

8oz prime rib ~ baked stuffed chicken ~ scrod with salad, baked potato, vegetable, coffee/tea and dessert.

Price: \$35pp— Please see or call Lorice Hallal (401) 726-1858



Dear Parishioners,

I pray to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ that you and your loved ones are and be in good health through the years. All of you have shown the treasures that St. Mary Church has in you and in our pastor Fr. Elie. Love, compassion, devotion, dedication, friendship, unselfishness, cooperation and hard work were all obvious last Saturday during our First Hafleh this year. Add to this, those who prepared, cooked and organized this marvelous evening. Words cannot express my heartfelt appreciation and deep gratitude for all of you and for all others who assisted in making it a successful event. Although we love the monetary income from this Hafleh to help our church, we also love to work for the Glory of God and for His special rewards of blessings and guidance. From the bottom of my heart I THANK you all. May God's rewards to you and yours be in multiples of what you do.

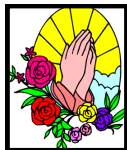
Your humble servant of God and Church.  
Salwa

*\*\*Although the final number is not in yet, we made over \$9,000 in profit. Thank you to everyone that made this happen\*\**



The Parish Council Members would like to thank Fr. Elie & Rouba for hosting an enjoyable evening out for dinner and fellowship. Thanks are also offered to Steve and Missy Kilsey for having the group over for coffee and dessert afterwards. A nice night was had by all. May God grant our leaders in faith many more years.

*And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Acts 2:42*



We will provide (FREE!):

+ Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chips, Condiments, Watermelon & A Hot Grill, Games for Children and Adults

Bring you own:

+ Drinks, Salads, Desserts, Lawn Chairs, Swimsuit/Towels, Music, Balls, Bats & Gloves & anything else you would like to grill or make it a better picnic

.There is a swimming pool, baseball field, horseshoe pit, bathhouse facilities, and plenty of sun & shade.  
Look forward to seeing you!

Questions, please contact Holly Lazieh, (401) 316-3926, [jordalex111@email.com](mailto:jordalex111@email.com)