

CHURCH CALENDAR

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****

Monday, August 1st: 7:00 P.M.- Ladies Society Meeting

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

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

Sunday, August 7th: Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, August, 14th: Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

St. Mary Church Feast Day Celebration at the Parish Center

Sunday, August, 21st: Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, August, 28th: Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Saturday, September 3rd: 6:00 P.M.- Arabic Liturgy

Sunday, September 4th: Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Wednesday, September 7th: 7:00 P.M.- Liturgy for the Nativity of the Theotokos

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 for all church correspondence.

SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, July 10, 2016

*Hieromartyr Joseph of Damascus & His Companions
& Third 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
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 or any member of the Parish Council with any questions or concerns****



Orthodox Vocabulary

Providence

Providence: refers to the activity of God directing all things in his wisdom, or God himself helping and protecting us. Divine providence preserves us from chance, a series of random events which submit us to blind fate.



Receiving and Giving

“The Rhythm of Life is to receive in Faith and to give in Love.”
~St. Evagrius

Arabic Liturgy

Arabic Liturgy is being offered the first Saturday of each month at 6:00 P.M. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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.

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>
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	Family of Lila Bargoot	Lila Bargoot (40 Day)
August 14, 2016	no coffee hour	St. Mary Church Feast
August 21, 2016	Anwar & Rafaa Saliba	Health of Family
August 28th, 2016	Open for sponsorship	
September 4, 2016	Open for sponsorship	
September 11, 2016	Elie & Julia Karam	Health of Naji upon his graduation
September 18, 2016	Open for sponsorship	
September 25, 2016	Open for sponsorship	
October 2, 2016	Open for sponsorship	
October 9, 2016	Open for sponsorship	
October 16, 2016	Open for sponsorship	
October 23, 2016	Open for sponsorship	
October 30, 2016	Open for sponsorship	
November 6, 2016	no coffee hour	2016 Annual Holiday Bazaar
November 13, 2016	Open for sponsorship	
November 20, 2016	Open for sponsorship	
November 27, 2016	Open for sponsorship	

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Tone 2 / Eothinon 3

Troparion of the Resurrection: Tone 2

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

Troparion of St. Joseph of Damascus: Tone 5

Come, ye faithful, let us honor the martyr of Christ, a priest of the Church of Antioch; who by the word of the Word, and by his blood and the blood of his companions, baptized the land of Syria, its Church and its people. Being immersed in the light of the Gospel from his youth, he worked and taught and defended the Church of Christ and her flock. O Father Joseph of Damascus, be for us an example, defending us and interceding for us fervently before the Savior.

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 Ordinary Sundays: Tone 2

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

THE EPISTLE **(For St. Joseph of Damascus)**

*The saints shall boast in glory, and they shall rejoice upon their beds.
Sing unto the Lord a new song; His praise is in the church of the saints.*

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (2:1-10)

Timothy, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

THE GOSPEL **(For Third Sunday of Matthew)**

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (6:22-33)

The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink; nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not the soul more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of heaven: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his stature? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon himself in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

Coffee Hour

Today, coffee hour is being sponsored by Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos for the health of their son Elias. Coffee Hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.



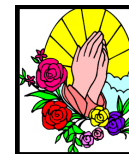
There are still many open dates to sponsor a coffee hour. Either call the church office, or see Mirna Nakhoul on Sunday after Liturgy. Please consider sponsoring a coffee hour.

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.

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.



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.

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 7th 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 or see him in his corner in the back of the church to reserve tickets.



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

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

George Kilsey & Family
Lois Kilsey
Offered by: Ron & Janice Hallal

Lois Kilsey
Offered by: Fred & Adele Shwaery
Robert Shwaery

Herbert & Joyce Trabulsi
Lois Kilsey & Family
Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi

Lois Kilsey
Offered by: George & Sandra Matook

Lois Kilsey
Offered by: Elaine Agaty
Nora Abdelahad

Lois Kilsey
Offered by: Bill & Mary Lou Catelli

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

Father Gabriel White
Alma Matook
Offered by: George & Sandra Matook & Family

Fr. Gabriel White
Offered by: Elaine Agaty
Nora Abdelahad



**No act of kindness, no matter
how small, is ever wasted.**

Aesop





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

St. Mary Church Feast Day Celebration *Sunday, August 14th*

More info to follow....

Save the date!



St. Mary Church School News

I would like to extend our congratulations to everyone in the Sunday School for a job well done with the Creative Arts Festival this year. The large project that our entire Sunday School participated in, lead by Nancy Muller, earned everyone gold medals in this year's festival. The 7th and 8th grade project, lead by Steve Kilsey, earned the participants silver medals. Congratulations to everyone on an excellent job well done! We are very proud of our Sunday School's participation this year in the Creative Arts Festival!

Our Bible Bowl team this year, with participants Anthony Chamoun, Bassam Estephan, and Mary Gurghigian, came in second place in the region after 3 tie breaker questions! They placed higher in the region Bible Bowl competition than our teams in recent history. They worked very hard, lead by Maureen Gurghigian, to prepare for the Bible Bowl this year. Thank you to Anthony, Bassam, and Mary for representing St. Mary's so well!

We are also proud of our Oratorical Festival participant, Mary Gurghigian, who placed **FIRST** in our region's festival, and is going on to represent the New England region at the National Oratorical Festival this month at Antiochian Village. She was very well prepared and delivered an excellent oration. We are proud to have her representing St. Mary's Church and our New England Region!

