

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Monday, July 18th ~ Friday, July 22nd: Antiochian Clergy Symposium at the Antiochian Village
(Fr. Elie will be out of town attending the Symposium)

Thursday, July 21st: 7:00 P.M.– 1st 2016 Holiday Bazaar Meeting in church hall– (all invited)

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

Sunday, September 4th: Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

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

Saturday, September 10th: 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy (****please note date change****)

St. Mary's Got Talent at the Parish Center following Liturgy

Sunday, September 11th: Sunday Before the Elevation of the Cross

First Day of Church School & Appreciation Luncheon

Sunday, September 18th: Sunday After the Elevation of the Cross

Sunday, September 25th: 14th Sunday After Pentecost & 1st Sunday of Luke

Saturday, October 1st: 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy

Looking Ahead: St. Mary Holiday Bazaar November 4th-6th



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SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, July 17, 2016

*Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the
Fourth Ecumenical Council*

Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Diocese of Worcester and New England**

V. Rev. Father Elie Estephan
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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 or any member of the Parish Council with any questions or concerns****



Orthodox Vocabulary

Gospel Book

Gospel Book: this is the book containing the four gospels which is used at liturgical services. The gospels are arranged into a series of “periscopes”: (passages), each destined to be read on a certain day of the year, as regulated by the liturgical calendar. This makes it easier for the celebrant to find the appropriate reading. The gospel book is kept permanently on the altar. Father Schmemmann, in his *Eucharist: Sacrament of the Kingdom*, on p. 71, writes: “*The Gospel is a part of the liturgy not only as something which is read, but also as a book. It is venerated just like an icon or the altar, it is kissed, it is incensed, it is used to bless the people of God.*” As a book, the gospel is also used at the consecration of a bishop, in the sacraments of penance, at the anointing of the sick, and in processions. This is why, at Sunday matins, we kiss it as we sing: “Having beheld the resurrection of Christ...” The Word of God is the Person of the Son (Jn 1:1 and 14). The gospel book contains the Word. This is why it is the “verbal icon” of Christ.

Our Creator already rules, at the beginning and the end of our lives; why not allow Him to rule our entire lives from start to end? He is the Master of birth and death; may He rule over all the time between birth and death.

~St. Nikolai Velimorovich



St. Mary Church School & Appreciation Luncheon ***Sunday, September 11th***

We will be having a luncheon to welcome back teachers & students of Church School and also to welcome the many new families that have joined St. Mary.

Save the date!

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 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 Day
August 21, 2016	Anwar & Rafaa Saliba	Health of Family
August 28th, 2016	Makram & Louise Megalli	Health of Madison, Tayor, Edgar & Logan
September 4, 2016	Open for sponsorship	
September 11, 2016	no coffee hour	Welcoming luncheon/1st day of Church School
September 18, 2016	Elie & Julia Karam	Health of Naji upon his graduation
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	

*Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the
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Tone: 3 Eothinon: 4

Troparion of the Resurrection: Tone 3

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

Troparion of the Holy Fathers: Tone 8

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

Troparion St. Marina: Tone 4 (**Joseph was amazed**)

O Lord Jesus, unto Thee Thy lamb doth cry with a great voice: * O my Bridegroom, Thee I love; and seeking Thee, I now contest, * and with Thy baptism am crucified and buried. * I suffer for Thy sake, that I may reign with Thee; * for Thy sake I die, that I may live in Thee: * accept me offered out of longing * to Thee as a spotless sacrifice. * Lord, save our souls through her intercessions, since Thou art great in mercy.

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

*Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.
For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to St. Titus. (3:8-15)

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (5:14-19)

The Lord said to His Disciples: “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father Who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them, but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”



St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

Church School Student Registration
* (Including Pre-K)

2016-2017

Church School Starts on Sunday, September 11th

***Begins immediately after students receive Communion. Students will then be escorted to the Church School. Dismissal is promptly at 12:15**

Family Name: _____

Name of Parents: _____

Address: Street: _____

Town: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: Home _____ **Cell** _____

Email: _____

Children who are in or entering Church School

Name	D.O.B	Grade in Public School
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Attendance Pledge

In Consideration of my child’s acceptance into the Church School Program, I hearby acknowledge the importance of my child attending all classes. I pledge to insure my child’s attendance. I also realize that failure to honor this obligation would undervalue my child’s religious education.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

(Please fill out and return to the Church Office)
St. Mary Church School 249 High Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860
Any question please contact Rebecca Samra- rebsamra@gmail.com

St. Mary Annual Bazaar

~2016~

We will be holding our first meeting of the 2016 Bazaar Committee on Thursday, July 21st at 7pm in the church hall. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend! We need your help to make this the most successful Bazaar ever! Please consider helping even if it is only for a couple of hours during our Bazaar weekend on November 4th-6th. We need volunteers for cooking, cleaning, set-up, booths, raffles, penny social, etc. We are also in need of new items or gift certificates for the penny social table.

From the Synaxarion (The Lives of the Saints) *July 17th: Great Martyr Marina*

Great Martyr Marina. Marina's father was a pagan priest in the third century, and her mother died giving birth. Her foster mother taught her about Jesus Christ. The faith took root in Marina, and she vowed to remain a virgin and one day to become a martyr. For this, her father despised her. The pagan eparch of the land admired her purity and wanted her for his wife. She refused, and when he demanded that she sacrifice to idols, she responded that his gods were dead, did not breathe, and were unaware of honor or dishonor. She was beaten, imprisoned, and then suspended and her sides raked with iron nails. She prayed, and to her it was as if another person were being tortured. When she was again imprisoned, the devil tried to frighten her three times. Once as a dragon, he attempted to devour her, holding half of her body in his mouth. Praying, she made the sign of the cross and the dragon was torn apart and vanished. Again, he appeared as a man, black as night. She seized his hair and beat him with a hammer until he left her sight. Again, he grabbed her and threatened to kill her if she would not stop praying. She whipped him, and finally a light appeared from heaven. A white dove told her to rejoice, for she had vanquished the enemy, and she was completely healed. The next day, when she would not say that the pagan gods had healed her, she was burned with torches, and an attempt was made to drown her in a cauldron. When she prayed, an earthquake struck the land, and a dove landed on her head with a crown in its beak. A voice said that she would receive from the right hand of the most high this heavenly crown. Everyone present heard this voice and they feared, and many believed. Before she was beheaded, she taught those close by and prayed.



One Year Memorial Service



Today, a One Year Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the soul of *Frederick Hallal*. This Memorial Service is being offered by his loving Daughters and their Families. A Coffee Hour is being offered in his memory at the Parish Center following Liturgy.

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

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

Lois Kilsey
Offered by: Bill & Mary Lou Catelli

Mark Hashway
Kevin Hashway
Holly, Paula, Cheryl, Nancy & Families
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

Holly Lazieh & Family
Paula Hallal
Cheryl Nassaney & Family
Nancy Sterpis & Family
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Lois Kilsey & Family
Kay Matook
Offered by: Sam & Kay Matook

Children & Grandchildren of Fred Hallal
Offered by: Elaine Gauthier

Daughters & Their Families of Fred Hallal
Lois Kilsey
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Lois Kilsey
Holly, Cheryl, Nancy & Families
Fred & Adele Shwaery & Family
Offered by: Albert & Victoria Hallal

Lois & George Kilsey & Family
Fred & Adele Shwaery & Family
Holly Lazieh and Sons & Bob Dessaint
Cheryl & Anthony Nassaney & Family
Paula Hallal
Nancy and Dimitrios Sterpis & Family
Offered by: Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian

Holly Lazieh and Family & Bob Dessaint
Cheryl, Anthony & Family
Nancy and Dimitrios & Family
Paula Hallal
Lil Massiwer
Lisa Ayoub Parent
Sue & Ed Ayoub
Diana Hashway
Lois Kilsey
Massiwer Family
Hallal Family
Offered by: Mary Massiwer & Family



**PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR
GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:**

Donald, Daniel & Sarah Hayes
Offered by: Cindy Hayes

Mary Massiwer
Maureen, Paul & Mary Gurghigian
Mary, Bill, Bill Jr & Jon Franklin
Diane Andrew & Paul Bernier
Laura, Jim & Noelle Arrighi
John & Patricia Massiwer & Danielle Jordan
Holly, Jordan & Alexander Lazieh
Bob Dessaint
Cheryl, Anthony, Emma & Evan Nassaney
Nancy, Dimitrios, Steven & Nicholas Sterpis
Paula Hallal
Lil Massiwer
Diana Hashway
Mitchell Massiwer & Family
Lois, George, Mary & Christopher Kilsey
Offered by: Cindy Hayes & Children



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.

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.

**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

Frederick Hallal (one year)
Offered by:
Holly, Jordan & Alexander Lazieh &
Bob Dessaint
Paula Hallal
Cheryl, Anthony, Emma & Evan Nassaney
Nancy, Dimitrios, Steven & Nicholas Sterpis

Fred Hallal
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

Fred Hallal
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Sophie & Fred Hallal
Offered by: Ron & Janice Hallal

Fred & Sophie Hallal
Moses Lazieh
Massiwer Family
John & Helen Matook
Hallal Family
Offered by: Mary Massiwer & Family

Fred & Sophie Hallal
Offered by: Diana Hashway

Fred & Sophie Hallal
Offered by: Lily Massiwer

Fred Hallal
Offered by: Sam & Kay Matook

Fred Hallal
Offered by: George & Sandra Matook

Fred Hallal
Offered by: Nora Abdelahad
Elaine Agaty

Fred Hallal
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

Fred Hallal
Sophie Hallal
Offered by: Elaine Gauthier

Fred Hallal
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Fred & Sophie Hallal
Offered by: Albert & Victoria Hallal

Fred Hallal
Offered by: Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian

Seth Rich
Offered by: Jim, Beth, Michael & Tanya

Don Hayes
John Massiwer
Tom Andrew
Fred & Sophie Hallal
Louis Hashway
Sarah, George, Abraham & Emile Massiwer
John Matook
Offered by: Cindy Hayes & Children

