

## CHURCH CALENDAR

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

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

**Saturday, July 9th:** 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy (\*\*note date change\*\*)

**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



### 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, July 3, 2016*

*Second Sunday after Pentecost*

*& Second 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\*\***



## **From The Synaxarion (The Lives of the Saints) July 7th**

**GREAT MARTYR KYRIAKE OF NICOMEDIA.** Kyriake was a sensible young girl, born through the prayers of parents who had been childless for a very long time. Her life's goal was to preserve her virginity and to be a bride of Christ. An idol worshipping magistrate desired Kyriake for his son. When she explained her desire to remain a virgin for Christ, he reported her to Emperor Diocletian. The family was arrested, and her father Dorotheos answered Diocletian that his deities did not fashion heaven and earth. The parents were sent away and later beheaded in Mytilene. Kyriake was sent to Diocletian's son-in-law Maximian in Nicomedia. He flattered her and promised to have her betrothed to royalty if she would venerate the gods. She replied that no torment could separate her from the love of Jesus Christ. She was whipped, but with Christ's help, she did not feel it. Embarrassed, he sent her to Governor Illarios, who had the reputation of a wild beast. She was suspended and burned with torches. That night in prison, Jesus appeared to her, imparted His grace and healed her. The next day, Illarios marveled, believing that his gods had healed her. She asked to see his idols at the temple, prayed for an earthquake, and the temple tumbled. Illarios stood in the ruins and blasphemed the God of the Christians. A bolt of lightning hit him in the face, killing him. The new governor attempted to burn Kyriake, but rains quickly put out the fire. He put her before wild beasts, and they fell at her feet. Before the executioners, she prayed, and angels took her soul before they could behead her.

## **Returning the World to God**

Contrary to our secular experience of time, the liturgical day begins in the evening, with Vespers. This is, of course, the reminiscence of the biblical '*And the evening and the morning were the first day*' (Genesis 1:5). The vespereal service in the Orthodox Church does not begin as a religious epilogue of the day. It begins as the beginning, and this means as the rediscovery, in the adoration and thanksgiving, of the world as God's creation. The Church takes us to that very first evening on which man, called by God to life, opened his eyes and saw what God in His love was giving to him, saw all the beauty, all the glory of the temple in which he was standing, and rendered thanks to God. And in this thanksgiving, he became himself. Praise the Lord, O my soul. Blessed art Thou, O Lord. O Lord, how marvelous are Thy works, in wisdom hast Thou made them all. The earth is full of Thy riches. I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live. I will praise my God, while I have my being (Psalm 104). And it must be so. There must be someone in this world - which rejected God and in this rejection, in this blasphemy, became a chaos of darkness - there must be someone to stand at its center, and to discern, to see it again as full of divine riches, as the cup full of life and joy, as beauty and wisdom, and to thank God for it. This someone is Christ, the new Adam who restores that 'eucharistic life' which I, the old Adam, have rejected and lost; who makes me again what I am, and restores the world to me. And if the Church is in Christ, its initial act is always the act of thanksgiving, of returning the world to God.

*Father Alexander Schmemmann*

## Orthodox Vocabulary

### Heart

HEART (*kardia*): not simply-the physical organ but the spiritual centre of man's being, man as made in the image of God, his deepest and truest self, or the inner shrine, to be entered only through sacrifice and death, in which the mystery of the union between the divine and the human is consummated. ' "I called with my whole heart", says the psalmist - that is, with body, soul and spirit' (John Klimakos, *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*). 'Heart' has thus an all embracing significance 'prayer of the heart' means prayer not just of the emotions and affections, but of the whole person, including the body.



### Forgiveness

Judgment would hold nothing but terror for us if we had no sure hope of forgiveness.. And the gift of forgiveness itself is implicit in God's and people's love. Yet it is not enough to be granted forgiveness, we must be prepared to receive it, to accept it. We must Consent to be forgiven by an act of daring faith and generous hope, welcome the gift humbly, as a miracle which love alone, love human and divine, can work, and forever be grateful for its gratuity, its restoring, healing, reintegrating power. We must never confuse forgiving with forgetting, or imagine that these two things go together. Not only do they not belong together, but they are mutually exclusive. To wipe out the past has little to do with constructive, imaginative, fruitful, forgiveness; the only thing that must go, be erased from the past, is its venom; the bitterness, the resentment, the estrangement; but not the memory.

~Metropolitan Anthony of Sovrozh

## *Second Sunday after Pentecost*

### *& Second Sunday of Matthew*

**Sunday, July 3rd, 2016**

**TONE 1 / EOTHINON 2**

#### **Troparion of the Resurrection: Tone 1**

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

#### **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

*Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (2:10-16)**

Brethren, glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law, and all who have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law. For it is not the hearers of the Law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the Law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the Law do by nature what the Law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the Law. They show that what the Law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

## THE GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (4:18-23)**

At that time, as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and He called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. And He went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.



## 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 3, 2016       | Mirna & Walid Nakhoul          | Health of their Family             |
| 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    | Open for sponsorship           |                                    |
| 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           |                                    |

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.



**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

Lois Kilsey  
Offered by: St. Mary Church

George, Lois, Mary & Christopher Kilsey  
Michael & Marilyn Robbat  
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

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

Lois Kilsey  
George Kilsey & Family  
Offered by: Elaine Gauthier

Lois Kilsey  
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Lois Kilsey  
George, Mary & Christopher Kilsey  
Offered by: Bill and Mary Lou Catelli

Lois Kilsey  
Offered by: Audrey & Wayne Kilsey

Lois Kilsey  
Janet Laffey  
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur  
Lorice Hallal  
Barbara Samra

Lois Kilsey  
Offered by: Philip & Bette Ayoub

Lois Kilsey  
Offered by: Susan Warzycha

Lois Kilsey  
Janet Laffey  
Nancy Mabry  
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

Lois Kilsey  
Offered by: Anita & John Chamoun & Family

Lois Kilsey  
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

Lois Kilsey  
Offered by: Holly Lazieh & Sons & Bob Dessaint

**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

Fred Salhany  
Richard Salhany  
Offered by: John Salhany





### Coffee Hour

Coffee hour today is being sponsored by Mirna & Walid Nakhoul for the health of their Family.

Coffee Hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.



### 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.

### 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.



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