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
   7:30 P.M.– Paraklesis Service

Wednesday, August 3rd: 7:30 P.M.– Paraklesis Service

Friday, August 5th: 7:30 P.M.– Paraklesis Service

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

Sunday, August 7th: Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Monday, August 8th: 7:30 P.M.– Paraklesis Service

Wednesday, August 10th: 7:30 P.M.– Paraklesis Service

Friday, August 12th: 7:30 P.M.– Paraklesis Service

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

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**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.

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**ONLINE BULLETIN**

The Bulletin is available online on our website at: [http://stmarypawtucket.org](http://stmarypawtucket.org)
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**

Fanaticism (Fanatic): this term is generally defined as a passionate, blind, intractable zeal or admiration toward someone, a party; a religion, a doctrine, etc. This definition makes it clear that it is something extremely dangerous. In fact, faith in the revealed truth never requires a blind faith, excess, or violence. This is self-evident, and it suffices to condemn any fanaticism, wherever the fanaticism comes from. It is useless to say more about it. Nevertheless, we must be on guard against certain forms of fanaticism which are sometimes concealed under the guise of patriotism, morality, or religion. It then becomes a veritable caricature of these real values. People sometimes allow themselves to be led by persons dominated by pride, the hunger for power, a foolish narrowness of spirit, or by gain. This leads to intolerance, violence, racism, and their attendant suffering, as well as to terrorism. Only love and the personal freedom of a person responsible to a personal God can alter one's life, and not ideologies or totalitarianism, even if these hide behind words which fool the naive. Thus it is necessary to combat all fanaticism, whether it appears in the form of dubious sects, pseudo-gurus, dishonest politicians, or even sectarian believers, who may be sincere, but who, in their narrow and rigid views, forget about the dignity of the person standing free before God. The latter desire to impose by force what they consider to be the true faith. The pride that comes from having a clean conscience can even turn religion into a weapon with which to beat others. Fanaticism turns the object of faith into an idol.* It is idolatrous. It sets up evil as good. It leads to blasphemy against the Spirit.

~St. Basil the Great
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 ~

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Sixth Sunday After Pentecost & Sixth Sunday of Matthew

Sunday, July 31, 2016

Tone: 5  Eothinon: 6

Troparion of the Resurrection: Tone 5
Let us believe and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion St. Eudokimos: Tone 4 (**Be quick to anticipate**) The One that hath called thee from the earth to Heaven to dwell * preserve thy body uncorrupted after thy death, O saintly Eudokimos; * for in living modestly and chastely, O blest one, * thou didst keep thy flesh free of all stain and defilement; * with boldness, therefore, pray unto Christ that we may all be saved.

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 of the Transfiguration: Tone 7
Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.
THE EPISTLE

Thou, O Lord, wilt preserve us and keep us from this generation.
Save me, O Lord, for the Godly man hath disappeared.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (12:6-14)
Brethren, having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, and serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (9:1-8)
At that time, Jesus got into a boat, crossed over and came to His own city. And behold, they brought to Him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith He said to the paralytic, “Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.” And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.” But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins” - He then said to the paralytic- “Rise, take up your bed and go home.” And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they marveled, and they glorified God, Who had given such authority to men.

St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church
Church School Student Registration
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: __________________________State: ________Zip: ________
Town: __________________________
Phone: Home____________________.Cell__________________
Email: __________________________

Children who are in or entering Church School
Name __________________________ D.O.B __________________________ Grade in Public School __________________________
________________________________________________________________________
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Attendance Pledge
In Consideration of my child’s acceptance into the Church School Program, I hereby 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
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.

Paraklesis Services will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from August 1st through August 12th at 7:30pm.

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.

**St. Mary Annual Bazaar ~2016~**

**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 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
- Helga (my uncle’s wife)
- Offered by Zeyad & Norma Morcos
- Janet Laffey
- Mark Hashway & Family
- Offered by: Elaine Swistak

**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
- Sarah Massiwer
- Offered by: Holly Lazieh & Sons & Bob Dessaint
- George & Nora David
- Offered by their Children & Grandchildren

**Coffee Hour**

There will be **NO** Coffee Hour today after Liturgy. Family Day will be held today at the Masonic Youth Center 116 Long St., Warwick, RI

**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.
SAINT MARY ANTIQUEHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
OF PAWTUCKET, RI

INVITES YOU TO ITS FEAST DAY CELEBRATION:
“THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS”

Schedule of Services and Events:
Sunday, August 14th, 2016
9:00am: Matins
10:00am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy with His Grace Bishop JOHN
12:00pm: Luncheon at the Parish Center
2:00pm: Entertainment- Singer: Andre Keede, raffles

Menu
Kibbee, meat pie, grilled chicken kabab, grilled vegetables, rice, salad, coffee, ice cream bars, watermelon.

$35– Adults
$10– Children 5-12 years
Children under 5– Free

Please call and make reservations by August 7th, so we have an accurate account to help make our Feast Day a success!

Chairpersons: Charlotte Mitri (401) 651-9295
Mirna Nakhoul (401) 949-4350

Donations are welcome to help defray the cost.