

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**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

7:30P.M.– Paraklesis Service

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

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

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

**Sunday, August 7th:** Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

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

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

**Friday, August 12th:** 7:30P.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



### 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.

### ONLINE BULLETIN

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<http://stmarypawtucket.org>

## SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



*Sunday, July 31, 2016*

*Sixth Sunday After Pentecost &  
Sixth 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](mailto:stkhoury@cox.net) or any member of the Parish Council with any questions or concerns\*\***



## *Orthodox Vocabulary*

### **Fanaticism (Fanatic)**

**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.



A tree is known by its fruit, a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love.

~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~**

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Sponsored by:</u>	<u>Sponsored for:</u>
July 31, 2016	no coffee hour	Family Day- at Masonic Youth Center
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	Chadi Saad	Health of His Family
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	
December 4, 2016	Open for sponsorship	
December 11, 2016	Open for sponsorship	

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost &  
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Sunday, July 31, 2016

Tone: 5 Eothinon: 6

Troparion of the Resurrection: Tone 5

Let us believers praise 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 \* preserveth 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 11<sup>th</sup>**

**\*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 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

# St. Mary Annual Bazaar

## ~2016~

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.



### 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.

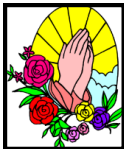
### PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

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.

*Save the date!*





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

SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN 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.**