

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, August, 21st: Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Outreach Committee Meeting during Coffee Hour

Meeting of Church School Teachers during Coffee Hour

Sunday, August, 28th: Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Thursday, August 25th: 5:00 P.M.– DOWNE Teen SOYO Pawtucket PawSox Outing

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

9:30 A.M.– Ladies Cooking at the Parish Center (Grapeleaves)

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

First Day of Church School & Appreciation Luncheon

Wednesday, September 14th: 10:00 A.M.- Ladies Cooking at the Parish Center (Kibbee)

Saturday, September 17th: 9:30 A.M.- Ladies Cooking at the Parish Center (Sfeehe)

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

Saturday, September 24th: 9:30 A.M.- Ladies Cooking at the Parish Center (Sfeehe)

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

Saturday, October 1st: 9:30 A.M.- Ladies Baking at the Parish Center (Date Fingers)

6:00 P.M.- Arabic Liturgy

Thursday, October 6th: 12-3:30 P.M.– Candy Making Workshop at the Parish Center

Saturday, October 8th: 9:30 A.M.- Ladies Baking at the Parish Center (Mamoul Nuts)

Wednesday, October 12th: 9:30 A.M.- Ladies Baking at the Parish Center (Braided & Round Kaik

Thursday, October 13th: 12-3:30 P.M.– Candy Making Workshop at the Parish Center

Saturday, October 15th: 9:30 A.M.- Ladies Baking at the Parish Center (Graybee)

Thursday, October 20th: 12-3:30 P.M.– Candy Making Workshop at the Parish Center

Friday, October 21st: 11:30 A.M.- Cutting Cheese at the Parish Center

Saturday, October 22nd: 9:30 A.M.– Braiding Cheese at the Parish Center

Thursday, October 27th: 12-3:30 P.M.– Candy Making Workshop at the Parish Center

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



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, August 21, 2016

*Ninth Sunday After Pentecost &
Ninth Sunday of Matthew*

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Diocese of Worcester and New England**

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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

Apostolic Fathers

The Apostolic Fathers were Church leaders and writers of the 1st and 2nd centuries of the life of the Church. They successfully defended the Church against internal and external foes. Cardinal among serious internal threats was Gnosticism, a heresy that almost disestablished the young Church. The Apostolic Fathers succeeded in grounding the Church on a truly Apostolic foundation. They contributed greatly to the spiritual, dogmatic, and liturgical stability of the early Church. They include Clement of Rome, Ignatios, Hermas, Polycarp, Papias, and the authors of some well-known Epistle and the treatise Didache.

Do all in your power not to fall, for the strong athlete should not fall. But if you do fall, get up again at once and continue the contest. Even if you fall a thousand times because of the withdrawal of Gods' grace, rise up again each time, and keep on doing so until the day of your death.

~ John of Karpathos



St. Mary Teen SOYO News and Events

Teen SOYO News

Save the Date for the Diocese Pawsox Outing

The DOWNE (Diocese of Worcester and New England) Teen SOYO is going to the Pawtucket Red Sox Game on Thursday, August 25th. The Teens will meet for dinner at our Parish Center at 5:00 PM and then head to the game. Tickets are expected to be about \$10. Please let Mary Gurghigian know if you are interested.

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.

**** 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>
August 21, 2016	Anwar & Rafaa Saliba	Health of Family
August 28th, 2016	Makram & Louise Megalli	Health of Madison, Taylor, Edgar & Logan
September 4, 2016	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
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	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
October 9, 2016	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
October 16, 2016	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
October 23, 2016	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
October 30, 2016	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
November 6, 2016	no coffee hour	2016 Annual Holiday Bazaar
November 13, 2016	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
November 20, 2016	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
November 27, 2016	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
December 4, 2016	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
December 11, 2016	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
December 18, 2016	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	

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.

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost & Ninth Sunday of Matthew

Sunday, August 21, 2016

Tone: 8 Eothinon: 9

Troparion of the Resurrection: Tone 8

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Troparion of the Dormition: Tone 1

In thy birth-giving, O Theotokos, thou didst keep and preserve virginity; and in thy falling-asleep thou hast not forsaken the world; for living thou wast translated, being the Mother of Life. Wherefore, by thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

Kontakion of the Dormition: Tone 2

Verily, the Theotokos, who is ever watchful in intercessions, who is never rejected, neither tomb nor death could control. But being the Mother of Life, He Who dwelt in her ever-Virgin womb did translate her to life.



THE EPISTLE

*Make vows to the Lord thy God and perform them.
In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel.*

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (3:9-17)
Brethren, we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, God’s building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay or straw, each man’s work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy him; for God’s temple is holy, and you are that temple.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (14:22-34)
At that time, Jesus made the Disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, but the Disciples’ boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. But when the Disciples saw Jesus walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out for fear. But immediately He spoke to them, saying, “Take heart, it is I; have no fear.” And Peter answered Him, “Lord, if it is Thee, bid me come to Thee on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out His hand and caught him, saying to him, “O man of little faith, why did you doubt?” And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped Him, saying, “Truly, Thou art the Son of God.” And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

Ladies Society News

Schedule for Bazaar Cooking:

Saturday, September 10th: 9:30am– Grapeleaves
Wednesday, September 14th: 10:00am- Kibbee
Saturday, September 17th: 9:30am– Sfeeha
Saturday, September 24th: 9:30am– Sfeeha



Schedule for Bazaar Baking:

Saturday, October 1st: 9:30am– Date Fingers / Apricot Crescent
Saturday, October 8th: 9:30am– Mamoul Nuts
Wednesday, October 12th: 9:30am– Braided & Round Kaik
Saturday, October 15th: 9:30am– Graybee

Cheese:

Cutting cheese– Friday, October 21st: 11:30am
Braiding cheese– Saturday, October 22nd: 9:30am

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: Everyone is welcome and encouraged to help with the :
: cooking! Come help us in making these delicious foods for :
: our Bazaar. :
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To all Parishioners:

Some ladies have approached us and asked to help with making candy for the Bazaar. We will be having a Candy Workshop for those interested in learning how to make candy. Dates will be ALL Thursdays in October starting at 12:00 and ending at 3:30pm at the Parish Center. Hope to see you there!

~Candy Committee



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.

Diocese of N.E. upcoming events

AEF– 50th Year Anniversary

The Arabic Educational Foundation is seeking sponsors for their 50th Anniversary Program Book. If you would like to support AEF, please find the program book ad forms on the candle stand in the back of the church. AEF offers financial assistance to high school and/or college students of Arabic American descent and has helped many students throughout the past 50 years.

Sonia's Run

The 8th Annual Sonia's Run 5K & Fall Fair will take place on Saturday, September 17, 2016 at St. George Orthodox Church in West Roxbury. This family friendly event is in memory of our dear friend Sonia Daly Belcher who in her young life of only 32 years dreamed of an Orthodox pre-school for the young children of the Boston area. In 1997, when Sonia was only 21 years old, Theophany opened its doors, and has been ministering to preschool, Pre-K, and Kindergarten students ever since.

We invite you and your parishioners to attend Sonia's Run to help support Theophany School. The day begins with a kid's fun run 100 yard dash at 8:30 am, followed by the 5K Run/Walk at 9 am. After the 5K finishes, there is family fun for all on the church grounds including a bouncy house, dunk tank, face-painting, clown show & balloon animals, vendor tables, food, and more! We invite everyone to participate.

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

Ray Trabulsi
David & Roxana Trabulsi & Children
Tom & Karen Trabulsi
Laurence Wynn & Barbara Savage
Pat & Don Ballan
Offered by: Leila & Ray Trabulsi

Ray & Leila Trabulsi
Offered by: Philip & Bette Ayoub

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

Charles Agaty
Offered by: Elaine Agaty

Thomas Matook
Christopher Spenard
Charles Agaty
Offered by: George & Sandra Matook & Family

Mary Agaty
Charles Agaty
John S. Swistak
Offered by: Elaine Swistak & Family



PLEASE NOTE:

The candle stand will temporarily be on the opposite side of the Church.

Food for Hungry People

If you have not turned in your Lenten Alms box or made your contribution to the Food for Hungry People program please do so as soon as possible. Checks may be made out to St. Mary and earmarked Food for Hungry People. St. Mary will be submitting our donation to the Archdiocese very soon. Thank you!

Coffee Hour

Coffee hour today is sponsored by Anwar & Rafaa Saliba for the Health of their Family. Coffee hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.



Church News & Organization Activities

St. Mary Liturgical Choir

The St. Mary Liturgical Choir welcomes new members to join its Ministry of Sacred Music. Anyone interested in joining the choir (whatever their level of musical experience) are asked to contact the choir director Dawn Boukari @ (401) 465-8909 or email her: daboukari@gmail.com



St. Mary Church School News

St. Mary Church School New Year

On Sunday, September 11th, the 2016-2017 St. Mary Church School year will begin with the blessing of the children at Divine Liturgy and the first class of the new year. All parents of Church School aged children are encouraged to sign up their children immediately. Registration forms are available at the church office or by contacting Rebecca Samra.

Attention All Parents: Please bring your children to the Liturgy before Church School. Church School starts every Sunday following communion (Approx. 11:15am)- beginning September 11th, 2016.

Sunday, September 11th: Church School classes begin and Appreciation Luncheon following Liturgy.

Please note:

*****There will be a meeting of all Church School Teachers today during Coffee Hour**

St. Mary's Got Talent

**Saturday, September 10th ~ at the Parish Center
following Arabic Liturgy**

If you like to sing or play a musical instrument and would like to be part of the St. Mary's Got Talent show, please contact either Fr. Elie (240) 205-9079 or Tony Kabak (401) 744-6317.

**Come and join us for an evening of talent performed
by our own Parish members and friends.**

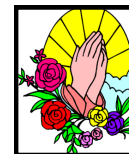


There will be a meeting of the Outreach Ministry Committee after Church during the Coffee Hour on August 21st. Please plan on attending, for we will be finalizing our plans for the Soup Kitchen that will begin in September. We need everyone's input on this. Thank you, Outreach Ministry Committee.

ONLINE BULLETIN

The Bulletin is available online on our website at:

<http://stmarypawtucket.org>



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.