Sunday, August 28th: Tenth Sunday After Pentecost
  Family Day at the Masonic Youth Center
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
Tuesday, September 13th: 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting
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 (Sfeeha)
Sunday, September 18th: Sunday After the Elevation of the Cross  
Saturday, September 24th: 9:30 A.M.- Ladies Cooking at the Parish Center (Sfeeha)
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
Monday, October 3rd: 7:00 P.M.– Ladies Society Meeting
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)
Tuesday, October 11th: 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting
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

Sunday, August 28, 2016
Tenth Sunday After Pentecost &  
Tenth Sunday of Matthew
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**

Good and evil deeds are the offspring of freedom. Where freedom is lacking, the doing of (good or evil) deeds is superfluous with respect to receiving a recompense. There is no recompense for what is natural. A reward is bestowed for a conflict, and one does not speak of a victory where there is no struggle.

~St. Isaac the Syrian

Orthodox Vocabulary
Euchologion

Euchologion A compendium of texts needed by Byzantine rite clergy for celebration of the liturgy, offices, sacraments and other rites, blessings and prayers. In Slavonic the book is called the Trebnik, or Book of Needs. The contents vary from edition to edition, but in Greek it commonly has two forms: the Large Euchologion, which includes a very full series of rites, including those only performed by bishops, such as ordinations, the consecration of churches and the confection of the holy myron (the complex process by which the chrism is made from a large number of ingredients), and the Small, which contains only those normally needed by a priest in the performance of his pastoral duties. Texts of the choir offices and the liturgies are also published separately in a volume for priests, the Hieratikon or, in Slavonic, Sluzebnik.

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.

**Please note that Arabic Liturgy for September will be held September 10th due to the Labor Day Holiday weekend falling on the 1st Saturday of the month. With St. Mary’s Got Talent following Liturgy at the Parish Center.**
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~

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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.
THE EPISTLE

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

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (4:9-16)

Brethren, God has exhibited us Apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ’s sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill clad and buffeted and homeless; and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (17:14-23)

At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before Him said, “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to Thy disciples, and they could not heal him.” And Jesus answered, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me.” And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?” Jesus said to them, “Because you have no faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. This kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting.” As they were traveling together through Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and He will rise on the third day.”
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.

**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
- Ann Ayoub
- Don, Sheila & Jena Cicerchia
- Mary Feeney
- Offered by: Geoffrey Ayoub
- Ann Ayoub
- Geoffrey Parent
- Lisa Ayoub Parent
- Offered by: Philip & Bette Ayoub
- Ann Ayoub
- Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury
- Ann Ayoub
- Geoff Ayoub
- Charles & Angela Abosamra
- Offered by: Elaine Swistak
- The Kandalaft Family
- The Hallal Family
- Offered by: Elias Kandalaft
- Ann Ayoub
- Rhoda Michael
- Offered by: Ron & Janice Hallal
- Ann Ayoub
- Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra
- Ann & Geoffrey Ayoub
- Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi

**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
- Mary & Joyce Kandalaft
- The Kandalaft Family
- The Hallal Family
- Offered by: Elias Kandalaft

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!
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

Church News & Organization Activities

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.

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.

Happy Birthday to everyone who has a birthday during the month of August!

Bette Ayoub
Nancy Muller
George Arees
Bria Bleasdale
Keith Hallal

Salwa Khoury
Elaine Swistak
Chadi Estephan
Mary Mechrefe

Julia Vale
George Kelsey
Dimitrios Sterpis
Jonathan Gaudioso

**if you have an August birthday and do not see your name—we do not have it in our database—please email or call the church office to have you and your family members added.**

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.