

## CHURCH CALENDAR

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

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

**Tuesday, August 9th:** 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

**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

Outreach Committee Meeting during Coffee Hour

**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

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

**Saturday, October 1st:** 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy

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



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.

**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.**

## SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



*Sunday, August 7, 2016*

*Seventh Sunday After Pentecost &  
Seventh Sunday of Matthew*

## *Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church*

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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

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## *Orthodox Vocabulary*

### **Co-eternal**

**Co-eternal:** (eternal “with”, or “like”). In the Creed, when we say of the second person of the Trinity, the Word of God become flesh, Christ, that he is “begotten of the Father “before all ages” means that the Son of God is co-eternal with the Father, that he shares the same eternity with him, just as he shares kingship and glory.

## **A life in the Sacraments**

We are called to be united with Christ in order to become in reality parts, members of His Body, as real as the branch is connected with the vine, as part of a tree is joined with the whole tree; that is, to be one with Him not only in soul, not only in a figurative sense, but with the whole of our being, with the total realness of our lives... We are also called to be a temple of the Holy Spirit, to be His dwelling place... We are called to be united with God in such a way that all of our material being is penetrated by Him, so that nothing in us - neither our spirit or soul, nor even our flesh - remains out of the grasp of this presence. We are called ultimately to burn as the Burning Bush, which burned and never ceased to burn. We are called to be partakers of the divine nature (2 Pet. 1:4). We are called to be sons, daughters, children of God and the Father. No man can attain any of this through his own efforts. Neither by our own efforts or by our own desire can we become a part of the Body of Christ, we cannot be united with the Holy Spirit through our own efforts, nor likewise can we become partakers of the divine nature... The way in which any of this can be realized are the sacraments of the Church. The sacraments are the actions of God within the Church in which God grants us His grace by means of the material world. It is in the sacraments that the Church brings us grace which we cannot acquire by any other means, even at times by a great spiritual feat. She brings grace to us as a gift through the material substance of this world: the water of Baptism, the bread and the wine of the Eucharist, the myrrh of Chrismation. The Early Church spoke of three, five, seven or even twenty-two sacraments ... The material world, even though it is a slave to sin, even though as St. Paul says, “it groans in expectation of the glorious liberty of the children of God” (Rom. 8:19-22), it is in itself pure and without sin. And God takes this world, this matter, and unites it in an incomprehensible way with Himself, and this material world brings to us the grace which we are unable to raise ourselves up to.

*~Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh*



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>                       |
|--------------------|-------------------------|---|
| 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,<br>Taylor, 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    |   |
| December 18, 2016  | Open for sponsorship    |   |

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost &  
Seventh Sunday of Matthew

Sunday, August 7, 2016

Tone: 6 Eothinon: 7

Troparion of the Resurrection: Tone 6

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Troparion of the Transfiguration of Christ: Tone 7

When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.

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**

*O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance.  
Until Thee will I cry, O Lord my God.*

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (15:1-7)**

Brethren, we who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached thee fell on me.” For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures, we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

**THE GOSPEL**

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (9:27-35)**

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud: “Have mercy on us, Son of David.” When He entered the house, the blind men came to Him; and Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.” Then He touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith be it done to you.” And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, “See that no one knows it.” But they went away and spread His fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to Him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, “Never was anything like this seen in Israel.” But the Pharisees said, “He casts out demons by the prince of demons.” And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity.

**Ladies Society News**

**Schedule for Bazaar Cooking:**

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



**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.



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



## 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).

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



## 40 Day Memorial Service



Today, a 40 Day Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the soul of *Lila Bargoot*. This Memorial Service is being offered by her son Fred Bargoot. A Coffee Hour is being offered in her memory at the Parish Center following Liturgy.

*May God grant her peace and repose and may her memory be eternal.*

### 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

Nabil Khoury  
Offered by: Salwa Khoury

Lois Kilsey  
Offered by: Nora Matook & Family

Mary Rebecca Kilsey  
(on launching her professional career)  
Offered by: George, Lois & Christopher Kilsey

Nancy & Lisa Penta  
Bette & Philip Ayoub  
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

Lois Kilsey  
Offered by: Richard & Violet Robbat

### 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

Lila Bargoot  
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Lila Bargoot  
Offered by: Nora Matook & Family

George & Nora David  
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

Lila Bargoot  
Offered by: George & Sandra Matook

Lila Bargoot  
Offered by: Elaine Agaty  
Nora Abdelahad

John & Lila Bargoot  
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

Lila Bargoot  
Offered by: Philip & Bette Ayoub

Lila Bargoot  
Offered by: Camille & Venice Sahely & Family  
Nadia Sahely



## 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!*

### 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.

## Diocese of N.E. upcoming events

### Sonia's Run

The 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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 10th, so we have an accurate account to help make our Feast Day a success!**

For Tickets call: Charlotte Mitri (401) 651-9295

Mirna Nakhoul (401) 949-4350

Sahira (SouSou) Maalouf (508) 916-1523

***Donations are welcome to help defray the cost.***