

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**Sunday, October 23rd:** James the Brother of God and the Sixth Sunday of Luke

**Thursday, October 27th:** 12:00-3:30 P.M.– Candy Making Workshop at the Parish Center

**Sunday, October 30th:** Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Teen SOYO sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner at the Parish Center

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

**Saturday, November 5th:** 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy

**Sunday, November 6th:** Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Daylight Savings Time Ends

**Saturday, November 12th:** 8:00pm.-1:00am ~ Hafli at the Parish Center

**Sunday, November 13th:** Eighth Sunday of Luke

**Sunday, November 20th:** Twenty Second Sunday After Pentecost

Outreach Committee Meeting during Coffee Hour

**Sunday, November 27th:** Twenty Third Sunday After Pentecost

**Saturday, December 3rd:** 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy

**Sunday, December 4th:** Tenth Sunday of Luke

**Monday, December 5th:** 7:00 P.M.– Ladies Society Meeting

**Sunday, December 11th:** Sunday of the Forefathers

**Tuesday, December 14th:** 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

**Sunday, December 18th:** Sunday before the Nativity of Christ (Genealogy)

Christmas Pageant

**Sunday, December 25th:** The Nativity of Christ (Christmas)

**Saturday, December 31st:** New Year's Eve

8:00pm.-1:00am ~ Hafli at the Parish Center

### **Looking Ahead:**

**Sunday, January 1st, 2017:** New Year's Day



## SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



***Sunday, October 23, 2016***

**The Holy Apostle James “The Brother of God” &  
Sixth Sunday of Luke**

## ***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**  
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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, Matthew Duncan (*Church School*), Linda Dvelis, Hadeel Samaan, Geoff Ayoub

**\*\*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*

### **Chrism, Holy**

Chrism, Holy: From the Greek chrisma, "oil." Holy Chrism, or Myron, is an oil composed of olive oil and a number of precious spices. It is consecrated by bishops, and a supply is kept in every church. Chrismation, which is the anointing with this Holy Chrism, immediately follows baptism. The person who has been incorporated into Christ through baptism then receives the gift of the Holy Spirit and becomes a member of the people of God. Thus he becomes "anointed", or, in other words, "christened." Christ (this term means "anointed" and "Messiah") gives us the unction with which he himself is anointed through the Holy Spirit, which God bestows on him.

### **Fertile Ground**

Humility comes from the Latin word humus, fertile ground. The fertile ground is there, unnoticed, taken for granted, always there to be trodden upon. It is silent, inconspicuous, dark and yet it is always ready to receive any seed, ready to give it substance and life. The more lowly, the more fruitful, because it becomes really fertile when it accepts all the refuse of the earth. It is so low that nothing can soil it, abase it, humiliate it; it has accepted the last place and cannot go any lower. In that position, nothing can shatter the soul's serenity, its peace and joy.

~*Metropolitan Anthony Bloom*, Living Prayer



### **Change of Address**

All the faithful who have a recent or future change of address, phone number or email address please remember to inform the church office at (401) 726-1202.

**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>
October 23, 2016	Rola & Rick Jreij	Health of their Family
October 30, 2016	Teen SOYO	Teen SOYO Dinner
November 6, 2016	no coffee hour	2016 Annual Holiday Bazaar
November 13, 2016	Edward & Mona Bakleh	Health of Family
November 20, 2016	<i>not available</i>	
November 27, 2016	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
December 4, 2016	Outreach Committee	Honoring seniors over 90
December 11, 2016	Parish Council	Choir Appreciation Day
December 18, 2016	The Order of St. Ignatius	Christmas Pageant
December 25th, 2016	no coffee hour	
January 1, 2017	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
January 8, 2017	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
January 15, 2017	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
January 22, 2017	Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos	Memory of Elias Morcos
January 29, 2017	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
February 5, 2017	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
February 12, 2017	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
February 19, 2017	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
February 26, 2017	Ladies Society	Dinner to Benefit NAB Project
March 5, 2017	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
March 12, 2017	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
March 19, 2017	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
March 26, 2017	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
April 2, 2017	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	

**The Holy Apostle James “The Brother of God”  
& Sixth Sunday of Luke**

**Sunday, October 23, 2016**

**Tone: 1      Eothinon: 7**

**Troparion of the Resurrection: Tone 1**

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

**Troparion of St. James the “Brother of God”: Tone 4**

Since thou art a Disciple of the Lord, thou didst receive the Gospel, O righteous James. And since thou art a martyr thou art never rejected, and since thou art a brother of God, thou art privileged, and since thou art a High Priest, it is thy right to intercede. Wherefore, beseech thou Christ God to save our souls.

**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 for Ordinary Sundays: Tone 2**

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

## THE EPISTLE

*His voice has gone out into all the earth. The heavens declare the glory of God.*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (1:11-19)**

Brethren, I would have you know that the Gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the Church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people; so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when He Who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son to me, in order that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were Apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other Apostles except James the Lord's brother.

## THE GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:26-39)**

At that time, Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as He stepped out on land, there met Him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What hast Thou to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech Thee, do not torment me." For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. [For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.] Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged Jesus not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged Jesus to let them enter these. So He gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked Jesus to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so He got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Jesus; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare all that God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.

## **From the Synaxarion ~ The Calendar of the Saints October 21st ~ Hilarion, Metropolitan of Kiev**

**Hilarion, Metropolotan of Kiev**— Hilarion was a priest in the village of Great Prince Yaroslav in eleventh century Kiev, and he was the spiritual father and companion of the prince. Hilarion also dug out a shallow cave for himself at the Kiev Caves where he would pray and chant. He was known for his theological knowledge, his fasting, his virtues, and his spiritual gifts. When the prior metropolitan died while Russia was at war with Byzantium, Hilarion was the first Russian metropolitan chosen by Russian bishops. Prior to this, Constantinople had chosen and sent Greek metropolitans. Hilarion wrote a famous discourse. It states that when Jesus entered the world, the Old Covenant of man with God ceased to be, that the Law was only the forerunner of grace and truth. As the Apostle Paul said, "As the moon fades at the shining of the sun, the Law fades the shining forth of grace." Hilarion wrote, "No longer do we sacrifice others to the demons, but instead, Christ has been slain for us in sacrifice to God the Father." Hilarion was known as a wonderworker during his life and is buried in the Kiev Caves.



### **Bulletin Submissions**

*Please help us provide a quality weekly bulletin by submitting all prayer requests and announcements to the church office by Noon on Wednesdays. Any requests received after this time will be in the following week's bulletin. Thank you for your cooperation.*



## Attention All Teens

(12 years and older)

\*\*\* Come and join The St. Mary Teen SOYO Youth Group \*\*\*

# October is Youth Month

## Come Join TEEN SOYO

**Members of Teen SOYO will be reading the Epistle and collecting the offering tray during the month of October.**

### Upcoming Teen SOYO Events:

- \*Hayride at Four Town Farm (Seekonk) on Saturday, October 29th at 9:30am
- \*The Teens will be hosting a spaghetti dinner on Sunday, October 30th.
- \*Car Wash– date to follow.

**President:** Mary Gurghigian  
**Vice President:** Nicole Baalbaki  
**Treasurer:** Anthony Chamoun

### 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

Joyce Trabulsi  
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

Ed & Sue Ayoub  
Offered by: Philip, Bette & Phil G. Ayoub

Ed & Sue Ayoub (50th Anniversary)  
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Ed & Sue Ayoub (50th Anniversary)  
Caroline Lawrence  
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

### 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

Jacqueline Gorab  
Herbert Trabulsi  
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

Herbert Trabulsi  
Offered by: Nancy Penta & Family



### Coffee Hour

Coffee hour today is sponsored by Rola & Rick Jreij for the Health of their Family. Coffee hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.



### St. Mary Parish Bookstore

Many beautiful Orthodox religious items are available from the St. Mary Parish bookstore and display case. These include Icons, Christmas and greeting cards, Liturgical music CD's, prayer books, coloring books, Crosses and Orthodox Bibles. These make wonderful gifts and reflect the *Tradition of our Orthodox Faith*. All proceeds benefit the general fund of the Church. Please see Fr. Elie if you wish to purchase these gifts.

# *St. Mary's Famous Annual Bazaar*

Friday, November 4th, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Saturday, November 5th, 10:00 am - 8:00 pm  
Sunday, November 6th, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

## *FEATURING*

Arabic Food & Pastry  
Homemade Candy  
Homemade Cheese  
Penny Social  
Silent Auction  
Santa Claus  
Cash Raffle & Grand Raffle



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## **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) is asked to contact the choir director Dawn Boukari @ (401) 465-8909 or email her: [daboukari@gmail.com](mailto:daboukari@gmail.com)

### **2016 Assessment Fee**

The Parish Council wishes to kindly remind the Faithful to send in their Archdiocese Assessment of \$125 made out to St. Mary Church to help meet our obligations to the Archdiocese for 2016. Thank you to those parishioners who have already sent in their payment.

### **Cemetery Plots**

If you wish to purchase a cemetery plot at Walnut Hill Cemetery, the cost is \$1,000. Please contact Ed Ayoub for more information or to purchase a plot.

### **ONLINE BULLETIN**

The Bulletin is available online on our website at:  
<http://stmarypawtucket.org>

### **Parking Lot**

The parking lot across the street is to be used for elderly and handicapped parking only. Please use our other parking lot to park during church services.



## St. Mary Church School News

### St. Mary Church School New Year

**Attention All Parents:** Please bring your children to the Liturgy before Church School. Church School starts every Sunday following communion (Approx. 11:15am)

### Coat Drive

The Outreach Committee is looking for gently used children & adult coats, hats, gloves/mittens (all sizes). Please bring them to the Parish Center on Sunday, November 13th to be distributed to families from our “Soup Kitchen” outreach project.



### Visitations

Please contact Fr. Elie or Salwa Khoury with any names of parishioners that are in need of visitation either at home, in hospital or nursing homes.

### Soup Kitchen Donations

Kindly place your donation in the ‘breadbox’ (at the rear of the Church on the candle stand) to help defray the costs of the ‘*Soup Kitchen*’ Outreach project.

**Thank you for your support!**

The Outreach Committee is hosting the Soup Kitchen today at the Parish Center from 12:30-1:15pm. The Soup Kitchen provides boxed lunches to people from the community every 3rd Sunday of the month.

### 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.

### Canned Food Drive

The Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese is one of the sponsoring organizations for the National Committee for World Food Day .

Each parish collects and distributes food each year to the needy in their local community. The collections are published in “THE WORD” magazine.



***\*Please bring canned foods to the church hall starting Sunday, October 9th through December 31st.\****

### Village at Home

***St. George Cathedral, Worcester  
Friday, November 18th through Saturday, November 19th***

Come join us and experience a modified day at camp! A perfect opportunity to experience the Village firsthand, have your questions answered, meet former staff members, or feel at home again!

More information to come!  
Questions? Please contact: Rassem El Massih (781)738-6107



# Leg of Lamb Drive

**ST. MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH  
ANNUAL BAZAAR**

**NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

*The Bazaar Committee is establishing a  
**Leg of Lamb Drive Program**  
To help defray the kitchen costs of our annual event.*

*Everyone has an opportunity to donate  
Legs of lamb at a cost of \$30 each.  
You simply make your donation,  
And the committee will purchase the lamb.*

*Just fill out the donation form below and return it to the church with your  
check. We'll do the rest!*

***Thanks for your generosity and support.  
Bazaar Committee***

## **Lamb Drive Donation Form**

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30 each      Total enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Payable to: *St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church  
Attention: Bazaar Committee  
249 High Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860  
Phone: (401) 726-1202*

# St. Mary Annual Bazaar

**~2016~**

Bazaar Committee preparations are well underway for our 2016 Bazaar to be held at the Parish Center November 4th, 5th, & 6th. Your generous support and participation are needed to help ensure the success of this annual event for our church and community. Please contact Charlotte Mitri (401) 651-9295 if you are able to help in anyway.

***The Bazaar Committee is looking for new items and gift cards for:***

- \*Penny Social***
- \*Silent Auction***
- \*Gift Baskets***

***Please give items to Charlotte or drop off at the Church Office.***



***Bazaar Sponsorships are needed. If you would like to become a  
sponsor, please see any of the sponsorship committee members:  
Fr. Elie, Dr. Joseph Samra, Joe Samra III, or Jacob Mitri.***



## **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.