

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Tuesday, November 15th: 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

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 30, 2016

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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 or any member of the Parish Council with any questions or concerns****

Orthodox Vocabulary

Redemption

The Orthodox Church teaches that mankind is separated from Almighty God by sin, and cannot by its own merits break through this great chasm. However God, in His immense love for mankind reaches across this separation and becomes man in Christ. Consequently, because of Christ's death and resurrection, mankind is freed from the slavery of sin and everlasting death. This is the central message of the Orthodox Christian faith and St Paul explains it as such by relating that Christ shared our poverty so we might become rich: "Our Lord Jesus Christ, though He was rich, yet for your sake became poor that you, through His poverty, might become rich (saved)" (2 Corinthians 8:9)

You should be ready each day to receive all kinds of afflictions, regarding them as your release from many sins; and you should thank God for them. Through them you may acquire a close and unimpeachable communion with God, in accordance with St. Paul's words: 'Afflictions produce patient endurance; patient endurance, strength of character; and strength of character, hope; and hope does not disappoint' (Rom. 5:3-5).

~St. Symeon the New Theologian



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.

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 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>	
April 9, 2017	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
April 16, 2017	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	

Sunday, October 30, 2016

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Tone: 2 Eothinon: 8

Troparion of the Resurrection: Tone 2

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

Troparion of SS. Zenobius & Zenobia: Tone 4

*(**Be quick to anticipate**)*

Thy Martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee * received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. * For, since they possessed Thy strength, they cast down the tyrants * and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. * O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

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

The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me severely.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (11:31-12:9)
Brethren, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, He Who is blessed forever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who 14 years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.” I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (16:19-31)
The Lord said, “There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

Attention All Teens
(12 years and older)

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

Teen SOYO Pasta Dinner
~TODAY~

Please help our Teen SOYO to celebrate Youth Month and enjoy a delicious Pasta Dinner today after Divine Liturgy. Funds raised will go toward Teen activities and camping programs. Tickets are \$10 for adults (age 17+), \$6 for youth ages 6 to 17 and Free for children 5 and under.

Menu: Pasta and Meatballs, Pasta Primavera, Pizza, Eggplant Parmesan, Italian Bread and Rolls, Salad, Dessert Table

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

The Teens are beginning the food drive to provide Thanksgiving baskets to families in need this holiday season. Please bring canned foods & non-perishables and leave in the box in the church hall.

We are also in need of money to purchase fresh turkeys and vegetables for all the baskets. These donations can be brought to church and given to Matthew Duncan or Maureen Gurghigian. Please bring donations by November 15th. Thank you for all your support!!!



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

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.

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

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

Nicola & Jamilie Mitri
Offered by: Jacob Mitri

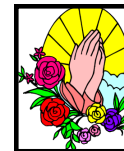
Leona Misto
Offered by: Leila & Ray Trabulsi

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.

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.



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 Annual Bazaar

~2016~

Next weekend we will be having our 2016 Bazaar to be held at the Parish Center November 4th, 5th, & 6th. 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.

Join us on Sunday, November 6th for our "SAJ HAPPY HOUR" from 2-4pm serving you your choice of delicious cheese or Zaatar pies.

Face painting for our kids is available on Saturday & Sunday from 2-4pm. Lets all be there and have some fun.



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)

****Thank you St. Mary Church School for the wonderful Fall Harvest Party.**

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.



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 Soup Kitchen provides boxed lunches to people from the community every 3rd Sunday of the month.