

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, November 13th: Eighth Sunday of Luke

Outreach Committee Meeting during Coffee Hour

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

Sunday, November 20th: Twenty Second Sunday After Pentecost

Stewardship Sunday Luncheon following Liturgy

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



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 **



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, November 13, 2016

**John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople &
Eighth Sunday of Luke**

Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

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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, 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

Ainoi

Greek, 'praises': the Byzantine service equivalent to Western Lauds, the ainoi form a distinct part of the morning office, the Orthros. The title ainoi derives from the repeated praise verses of Psalms 148, 149 and 150 which form the body of the service. On weekdays the psalms are read without stichera. On Sundays and major feasts the concluding verses are interleaved with stichera, but in parish use only the opening verses 'Let everything that has breath praise the Lord...' and the final verses with their interleaved stichera are actually sung. The ainoi follow the exaposteilaria and end with the doxology.

If you do something because that is the way your heart is inclined, where is the obedience? You are merely following your own will and your own tastes. If you recognize your motives, you make such self-willed action slightly better. But in true obedience, you obey without seeing the reason for what you are told to do, and in spite of your own reluctance. A special blessing is promised for such an obedience - the blessing of being preserved free from all harm when the duty imposed on you is fulfilled. When this obedience is performed for the sake of the Lord, then the Lord takes His obedient servant under His own care and looks after him.

~Theophan the Recluse



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>
November 13, 2016	Edward & Mona Bakleh	Health of Family
November 20, 2016	St. Mary Church	Stewardship Luncheon
November 27, 2016	Fadi & Hadeel Samaan	Health of Family
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	Open for sponsorship	
January 8, 2017	Open for sponsorship	
January 15, 2017	Open for sponsorship	
January 22, 2017	Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos	Memory of Elias Morcos
January 29, 2017	Open for sponsorship	
February 5, 2017	Open for sponsorship	
February 12, 2017	Open for sponsorship	
February 19, 2017	Open for sponsorship	
February 26, 2017	Ladies Society	Dinner to Benefit NAB Project
March 5, 2017	Open for sponsorship	
March 12, 2017	Open for sponsorship	
March 19, 2017	Open for sponsorship	
March 26, 2017	Open for sponsorship	
April 2, 2017	Open for sponsorship	
April 9, 2017	Open for sponsorship	
April 16, 2017	Open for sponsorship	

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Tone: 4 Eothinon: 10

Troparion of the Resurrection: Tone 4

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

Troparion of St. John Chrysostom: Tone 8

Grace shining forth from thy mouth like a beacon hath illumined the universe and disclosed to the world treasures of uncovetousness, and shown us the heights of humility; but whilst instructing us by thy words, O Father John Chrysostom, intercede with the Word, Christ our 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 of Entrance of the Theotokos: Tone 4

*(**Thou Who wast raised up**)*

The all-pure temple of the Savior, the most precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the treasure-house of the glory of God, today enters the Temple of the Lord, bringing with her the grace which is in the divine Spirit: whom also the angels of God do celebrate in song; for she is the heavenly tabernacle.

THE EPISTLE

*My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.
Hear this, all ye people.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (7:26-8:2)

Brethren, it was fitting that we should have such a High Priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; He did this once for all when He offered up Himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son Who has been made perfect forever. Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a High Priest, one Who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man but by the Lord.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (10:25-37)

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read?” And the lawyer answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” And Jesus said to him, “You have answered right; do this, and you will live.” But the lawyer, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” The lawyer said, “The one who showed mercy on him.” And Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”



St. Mary Teen SOYO News and Events

Attention All Teens

(12 years and older)

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

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 at the Parish Center or Church Hall to help Teen SOYO with their outreach program.

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!!!



Thank you!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with the greatest joy that we say BRAVO !!! BRAVO !!! BRAVO !!!
On behalf of Abouna Elie, the Parish Council and myself we like to offer our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the many Faithful of St. Mary Church who participated, assisted and supported the Church during our Annual Bazaar weekend and through the preparation for it. The Bazaar's success depended on a collective effort of highly dedicated energetic parishioners who are willing to walk the extra mile towards the success of this endeavor. May God bless those who gave of their time, energy, resources and love, because through the efforts of our dedicated Parishioners this years' Bazaar was the Best ever. A special Thank you to our Bazaar Chairwoman Charlotte Mitri who worked so hard without expectations of any personal rewards. We congratulate her on her wonderful work and wish her continued success. Asking the almighty God to bless St. Mary Church, its Parishioners and Supporters.

Yours in Christ,
Salwa Khoury, Parish Council Chairwoman


Thanks



St. Mary Church School News

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

****Christmas Pageant-** December 18th

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 to be distributed on Sunday, November 20th to families from our “Soup Kitchen” outreach project.



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.

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.

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

Tony & Fadia Kabak
All the Ladies of St. Mary Church
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

Dani & Georgiana Saad
Offered by: Philip & Bette Ayoub

Elaine Gauthier & Family
George & Lois Kilsey & Family
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

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

Ronald Gauthier
Christopher Gauthier
Offered by: Elaine Swistak



Prayers are being offered for the Good Health and Blessing of James & Paula Hallal on the occasion of their 25th Wedding Anniversary.

Offered by:

Karen, Linus, Katie & Lauren
Albert & Victoria Hallal



Coffee Hour

Coffee hour today is sponsored by Edward & Mona Bakleh for the Health of their Family. Coffee hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.





Stewardship Sunday
November 20th, 2016

This year we are beginning a new tradition. We ask that you join the entire parish in celebrating our Stewardship – those gifts of time, talent and treasure.

Please bring your completed card to Liturgy on Stewardship Sunday, November 20th. Our gifts will be offered in prayer on the altar and blessed. Following Liturgy we will join in fellowship for lunch.

*You should have received your Commitment Card in the mail.
If you did not please request one from the Vestry or download one from our website.*

Luncheon Menu:

- Kale Salad
- Marinated Shrimp
- Seasonal Roasted Vegetables
- Pasta
- Pizza for Kids
- Dessert

Cost \$15 / Kids \$5

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Parish Christmas Poinsettia Fund

*In anticipation of Christmas, we present our very important
"Poinsettia Fund" Project*



Please accept my donation of \$ _____
to be used in decorating the Church for Christmas.
This donation is made with the following intentions.

For the Good Health and Blessing of:

In Loving Memory of:

From: _____

Please remember to return the form to the Parish Office by Sunday, Dec. 18th