

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**Sunday, November 20th:** Transfer of the Entrance of The Theotokos

Stewardship Sunday Luncheon following Liturgy

**Thursday, November 24th:** Thanksgiving Day (church office closed)

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

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

**Sunday, December 4th:** Great Martyr Barbara & Tenth Sunday of Luke

Coffee hour honoring parishioners over 90 years old

**Monday, December 5th:** 6:00 P.M.– Ladies Society Christmas Celebration

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

Choir Appreciation Sunday

**Tuesday, December 13th:** 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

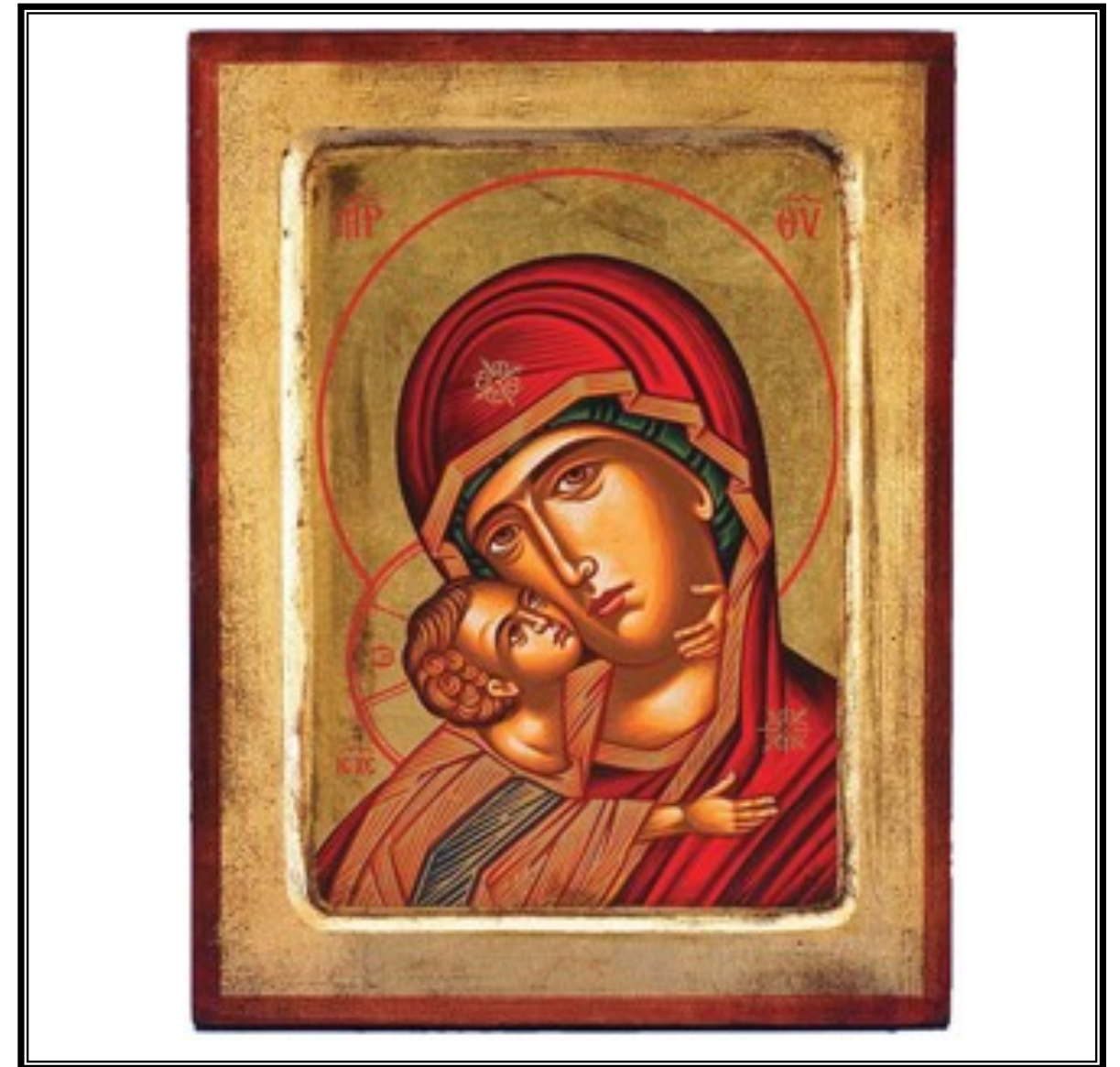


*Happy  
Thanksgiving*

### 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 \**



*Sunday, November 20, 2016*

**Transfer of the Entrance of The Theotokos**

## *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**  
**Cell- 1-(240) 205-9079**

### **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*

### **Celebrant**

The term refers to the clergyman who presides over a sacred ceremony. Specifically, though, it denotes the priest or bishop who celebrates the Eucharist as the supreme sacrament and the chief liturgical act of the Christian Church.

**Patience, Forgiveness, and Joy  
are the three greatest characteristics of divine love.  
They are characteristics of all real love~  
if there is such a thing as real love outside divine love.  
Without these three characteristics, love is not love.**

**If you give the name “love” to anything else,  
it is as though you were giving the name “sheep” to a goat or a pig.**



**~Bishop Nikolai Velimirovich**

**Published in the Providence Journal; Editorial Page on November 4, 2016**

### **Amid hate and division, a story of kindness and hope**

Regarding “A heartfelt mission,” Food, Nov. 2: In this election year filled with anger, hatred and childishness, it is a joy to read about the parishioners of St. Mary’s Antiochian Orthodox Church in Pawtucket offering their time and talents to organize a bazaar celebrating their heritage, while at the same time supporting newly arrived Syrian families who have fled their war-torn country.

I thank this parish for stepping up with kind guidance and doing the right thing. And I thank Gail Ciampa for not only providing their recipes, but also for telling their story of community and generosity.

**Arline A. Fleming**  
Narragansett



**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 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	no coffee hour	Palm Sunday
April 16, 2017	no coffee hour	Pascha
April 23, 2017	Her Loving Family	Sophie Hallal
April 30, 2017	Open for sponsorship	

*Sunday, November 20, 2016*

**Transfer of the Entrance of The Theotokos**

**Tone: 5      Eothinon: 11**

**Troparion of the Resurrection: Tone 5**

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

**Troparion of The Entrance of The Theotokos: Tone 4**

Today the Virgin is the foreshadowing of the pleasure of God, and the beginning of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. Thou hast appeared in the Temple of God openly and hast gone before, preaching Christ to all. Let us shout with one thrilling voice, saying: Rejoice, O thou who art the fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation.

**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 soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.  
He hath regarded the lowliness of His servant.*

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (9:1-7)**  
Brethren, even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lamp stand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.

## THE GOSPEL

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (10:38-42; 11:27-28)**

At that time, Jesus entered a certain village; and a woman named Martha received Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to His teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to Him and said, "Lord, dost Thou not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her." As He said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore Thee, and the breasts that Thou didst suck!" But He said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"



**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**

### Ladies Society– Christmas Celebration

The Ladies will be having a Christmas celebration on Tuesday, December 5th at 6:00pm. More information to follow.

**Save the date!**

### 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.





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November 20, 2016

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

### Christ is Born, Glorify Him!

Once again the holiday season is upon us, and, once again, it is time to start thinking about sending Christmas cards to those with whom we worship and love. Every year the choir sponsors a card which is sent to every family in our parish—sending **your** best wishes for a happy and blessed Christmas and New Year.

This letter is to ensure that **all** parish members are approached and have an opportunity to participate in the Christmas card being prepared—we do not wish to overlook anyone!

Below is a form, which you may complete and submit—either in person or by mail—containing your family name and your holiday greetings. Your holiday wishes will be sent to all parishioners. This is a wonderful way to be remembered by our community during this busy season—it is also an inexpensive and easy way to have your card sent to all your friends and relatives. All proceeds go into the choir fund, which is our only source of revenue to continue to upgrade our supplies and continue to provide you with meaningful liturgical music.



In order to be listed in this year's card, your response must be received no later than Sunday, December 4th. If there are any questions, or if you wish to give your response and donation in person, please contact the church office.

Thank you for helping us in this endeavor. All of us in the choir sincerely appreciate your continued support and look forward to serving you in the coming year.

Sincerely,

The St. Mary Liturgical Choir

FAMILY NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT OF DONATION: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Remember

— **LAST DATE TO SUBMIT INFORMATION AND DONATION IS DECEMBER 4th!**

By mail, send to: St. Mary Orthodox Church, Choir Christmas Card Fund,  
249 High Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860.

"Let us not, O Lord, be strangers outside your house" (Early Syrian Liturgy)

### 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

Fr. Elie Estephan  
Caroline Lawrence  
Tony Kabak  
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Fr. Elie Estephan  
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

Nellie Hallal  
Frederick & Sophie Hallal  
Offered by: Holly Lazieh and Sons &  
Bob Dessaint

Anthony Agaty  
Charles Agaty  
Offered by: Elaine Agaty



Happy  
Birthday!

On behalf of the Parishioners of St. Mary Church & The Parish Council we wish Fr. Elie a very Happy 50th Birthday. May God grant him many happy, healthy years.

50<sup>th</sup>  
birthday

Teen SOYO would like to thank those who donated food items, monetary donations and everyone who helped assemble and distribute the many Thanksgiving Baskets we were able to give to our local community to celebrate Thanksgiving with their loved ones.

Thanks



**Stewardship Sunday  
November 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 20<sup>th</sup>.** 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

**2016**

**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*