

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, September 11th: Sunday Before the Elevation of the Cross

First Day of Church School & Appreciation Luncheon

Tuesday, September 13th: 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 14th: 10:00 A.M.- Ladies Cooking at the Parish Center (Kibbee)

Saturday, September 17th: 9:30 A.M.- Ladies Cooking at the Parish Center (Sfeeha)

Sunday, September 18th: Sunday After the Elevation of the Cross

Saturday, September 24th: 9:30 A.M.- Ladies Cooking at the Parish Center (Sfeeha)

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

Saturday, October 1st: 9:30 A.M.- Ladies Baking at the Parish Center (Date Fingers)

6:00 P.M.- Arabic Liturgy

Sunday, October 2nd: Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Outreach Committee Meeting during Coffee Hour

Monday, October 3rd: 7:00 P.M.– Ladies Society Meeting

Thursday, October 6th: 12-3:30 P.M.– Candy Making Workshop at the Parish Center

3:00-6:30 P.M.– 2nd Session Candy Making Workshop

Saturday, October 8th: 9:30 A.M.- Ladies Baking at the Parish Center (Mamoul Nuts)

Sunday, October 9th: Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Tuesday, October 11th: 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 12th: 9:30 A.M.- Ladies Baking at the Parish Center (Braided & Round Kaik)

Thursday, October 13th: 12-3:30 P.M.– Candy Making Workshop at the Parish Center

3:00-6:30 P.M.– 2nd Session Candy Making Workshop

Saturday, October 15th: 9:30 A.M.- Ladies Baking at the Parish Center (Graybee)

Sunday, October 16th: Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

Thursday, October 20th: 12-3:30 P.M.– Candy Making Workshop at the Parish Center

3:00-6:30 P.M.– 2nd Session Candy Making Workshop

Friday, October 21st: 11:30 A.M.- Cutting Cheese at the Parish Center

Saturday, October 22nd: 9:30 A.M.– Braiding Cheese at the Parish Center

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

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

3:00-6:30 P.M.– 2nd Session Candy Making Workshop

Sunday, October 30th: Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, September 11, 2016
Sunday Before the Elevation
of The Holy Cross

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

****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

Year, Liturgical

Year, Liturgical: in contrast to the civil year, it begins on September 1. It is highlighted by various feasts. Each Sunday commemorates the resurrection of the Lord. Each day celebrates the memory of one or more saints.

Receive everyone who comes to you, especially with a spiritual purpose, with a kind and cheerful aspect, although he or she may be a beggar, and humble yourself inwardly before everybody, counting yourself lower than he or she, for you are placed by Christ Himself to be the servant of all, and all are His members, although like you they bear wounds of sin.

~ *St. John of Kronstadt*



ONLINE BULLETIN

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

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.

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>
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	
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	

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.

*Sunday Before the Elevation
of The Holy Cross*

Sunday, September 11, 2016

Tone: 3 Eothinon: 1

Troparion of the Resurrection: Tone 3

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

Troparion of The Nativiy of The Theotokos: Tone 4

Thy nativity, O Theotokos, hath proclaimed joy to the whole world; for from thee hath dawned the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, annulling the curse and bestowing the blessing, abolishing death and granting us life everlasting.

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 the Nativity of the Theotokos: Tone 4

Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death, O immaculate one, by thy holy Nativity, which thy people, redeemed from the guilt of offenses, celebrate by crying to thee: The barren woman giveth birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of our life.

THE EPISTLE

*O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.
To Thee, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (6:11-18)

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the Law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all, who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (3:13-17)

The Lord said, “No one has ascended into heaven but He who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.”



Ladies Society News

Schedule for Bazaar Cooking:

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



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. **We will be having 2 sessions**, so that we may accommodate more people– one starting at 12:00 and ending at 3:30pm AND the other will start at 3-6.30pm at the Parish Center. Hope to see you there!



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.

Diocese of N.E. upcoming events

Protection of the Environment Observance - Sun Sept 25 **Sponsored by the RI Orthodox Clergy Fellowship**

This year's commemoration will be held at St Mary Antiochian Orthodox Parish in Pawtucket (249 High St) at 5PM, at which time a Water Blessing will be served and a homily reflection offered by Fr Andrew George (who serves as president of the fellowship). Refreshments will follow at the Parish Center.

All are invited from throughout the Orthodox parishes in RI.

Sonia's Run

The 8th 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.

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

Al & Vicki Hallal
William Panzari & Family
Offered by: Ron & Janice Hallal

Ann Ayoub
Geoff Ayoub
Sunday School Children & Teachers
Offered by: Helen & Samy Morcos

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

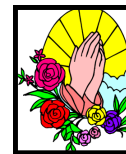
Sandi Panzari
Offered by: Ron & Janice Hallal

Leon Matook
Richard McNeil
Offered by: George & Sandra Matook & Family



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.



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 Church School News

St. Mary Church School New Year

Today the 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)- beginning September 11th, 2016.

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

Appreciation Luncheon

Please join us **TODAY** following Liturgy for a Luncheon to welcome back the students & teachers of Church School and to also welcome the new families that have joined our Parish.

We will enjoy a Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings (mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, vegetables, Syrian hashewh, cranberry sauce, coffee, rolls, gravy, dessert.

Church School students, teachers & guests– complimentary
Adults: \$15



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.

AEF– 50th Year Anniversary

The Arabic Educational Foundation is honoring Mary Lou Catelli, Sam Matook & Dr. Alan Matook during their 50th Year Anniversary Celebration being held on September 24th at the Pawtucket Country Club. Tickets are still available.

St. Mary Church congratulates each of them on this wonderful achievement!



Happy Birthday to everyone who has a birthday during the month of September!

Gary Dahrooge
Wadih Karam
Susan Moussalli
Victoria Hallal
Bob Silva
Angela Abosamra
Linda Dvelis
Tawfik Hawwa

Mary Lou Catelli
Bianca Saliba
Joseph Karneeb
Edward Betor
Hadeel Samaan
Philip G. Ayoub
Denise Saliba
Lorraine Doura

****if you have a September birthday and do not see your name– we do not have it in our database– please email or call the church office to have you and your family members added.****