

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

5:00 P.M.– Protection of the Environment Observance for all
Orthodox parishes being held at St. Mary Church, Pawtucket

Monday, September 26th: 7:00 P.M.– Holiday Bazaar Meeting in the Church Hall

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: 12:00-3:30 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: 12:00-3:30 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: 12:00-3:30 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
Fall Harvest Party

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

Sunday, October 30th: Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Teen SOYO Dinner

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

Hafli: November 12th



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, September 25, 2016

*Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost &
First Sunday of Luke*

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

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Orthodox Vocabulary

Heaven

HEAVEN is the place of God’s throne beyond time and space. It is the abode of God’s angels, as well as of the saints who have passed from this life. We pray, “Our Father, who art in heaven. . . “Though Christians live in this world, they belong to the Kingdom of heaven, and that Kingdom is their true home. But heaven is not only for the future. Neither is it some distant place billions of light years away in a nebulous “great beyond.” For the Orthodox, heaven is part of Christian life and worship. The very architecture of an Orthodox church building is designed so that the building itself participates in the reality of heaven. Saint Paul teaches we are raised up with Christ in heavenly places (Ephesians 2:6), “fellow citizens with the saint and members of the household of God” (Ephesians 2:19). At the end of the age, a new heaven and a new earth will be revealed (Revelation 21:1).

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What is true for parents is also true for teachers. With prayer and sanctity you can also help children at school. The grace of God can overshadow them and make them good. Don’t attempt with human methods to correct bad situations. No good will come of this. Only with prayer will you produce results. Invoke the grace of God on all the children - for divine grace to enter their souls and transform them. That is what it means to be a Christian.

~Elder Porphyrios the Kapsokalivite



**From the Synaxarion (The Lives of the Saints)
September 24th**

Holy Protomartyr Thekla-

The Apostles Paul and Barnabas taught in Iconium and worked miracles there. A betrothed eighteen-year-old Thekla went to hear them. For three days she listened, neither eating, drinking, nor sleeping, and there resolved to forsake her betrothed. Her mother angrily removed her from their presence and beat her. Her fiancé complained of his abandonment caused by Apostle Paul, and the prince had Paul imprisoned. Thekla followed him to prison, where the teachings continued. When Theklas mother learned of this, she demanded that she be burned. The prince ordered that Paul be beaten and released, and then he arranged to burn Thekla. Rain and hail extinguished the fire, and Thekla fled with Paul to Antioch. There, a counselor quickly became enamored with her, and when she thwarted him, he had her taken to the prince of that city for punishment. She underwent many tortures, emerging unharmed. The prince gave up and released her. She went into the wilderness and there lived a life of prayer and fasting. When the sick came to her, she taught them about Christ and then healed them. Young men were sent to rape her. She fled, and when they almost caught her, she prayed and a large stone broke open to shelter her. Therein, she died at the age of nineteen.

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 25, 2016	Chadi Saad	Health of His Family
October 2, 2016	Open for sponsorship	
October 9, 2016	Samy & Helen Morcos	In Memory of Youssef & Elise Masry Morcos
October 16, 2016	Tony & Fadia Kabak	Health of their Family
October 23, 2016	Open for sponsorship	
October 30, 2016	Teen SOYO	Teen SOYO Dinner
November 6, 2016	no coffee hour	2016 Annual Holiday Bazaar
November 13, 2016	Open for sponsorship	
November 20, 2016	not available	
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.

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost &
First Sunday of Luke

Sunday, September 25, 2016

Tone: 5 Eothinon: 3

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 St. Euphrosyne: Tone 8

Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O mother Euphrosyne; for thou didst carry the cross and follow Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body, because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels.

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

*Thou, O Lord, shalt keep and preserve us.
Save me, O Lord, for the godly man is no more.*

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (1:21-2:4)
Brethren, it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; He has put his seal upon us and given us His Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. But I call God to witness against me—it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. For I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (5:1-11)
At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And He saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, Jesus asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when Jesus had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at Thy word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish, which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.

Ladies Society News

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 3:00-6.30pm at the Parish Center. Hope to see you there!



We are looking for 2 clean highchairs for the Parish Center. If you have one to donate, please contact Salwa Khoury. Thank you!



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)

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.

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

The Outreach Committee would like to inform the parish about their new ***'Soup Kitchen'*** Outreach project that will start this Sunday.

The Outreach Committee members will be handing out approximately 100 boxed lunches on the third Sunday of each month at the Parish Center to people from the local community.

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!

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

Alan Matook
Offered by: Phil & Flo Spenard & Family

Michael & Mary Saati
Offered by: Helen & Samy Morcos

Mark Hashway
Offered by: Lorice Hallal & Family

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

Scott Bleasdale
Offered by: Phil & Flo Spenard & Family

Edward Hallal Sr.
Perry Panagakos
Offered by: Lorice Hallal & Family



Coffee Hour

Coffee hour today is sponsored by Chadi Saad for the Health of his Family. Coffee hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.



Outreach Committee Meeting

There will be an Outreach Ministry meeting on Sunday, October 2nd during Coffee Hour. Please plan on attending for we will be discussing the outcome of our first 'Soup Kitchen' attempt that will be held on Sunday, September 25th. Hope to see you all on October 2nd.

~ Outreach Ministry Committee

COMING SOON !

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 Cheese
Penny Social
Silent Auction
Santa Claus
Cash Raffle & Grand Raffle



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For more information please call 726-1202
or view our website at www.stmarypawtucket.org

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 cleaning, set-up, booths, raffles, penny social, etc. We are also in need of new items or gift certificates for the penny social table.

The next Bazaar meeting will be on Monday, September 26th at 7:00pm in the Church Hall. Please make every effort to attend.



Arabic Classes

Arabic classes start October 2nd and will be held after Sunday school for an hour and a half from 12:30-2:00. The cost is \$90 for 8 sessions. If anyone is interested or has questions, please contact: Jiana Daikh Phone: 401-644-643 or Email: jiana.dayekh@hotmail.com

Protection of the Environment Observance - Tonight, Sept. 25th 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 homily reflection will be 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.