Sunday, September 4th: Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
Saturday, September 10th: 9:30 A.M.– Ladies Cooking at the Parish Center (Grapeleaves)
6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy (**please note date change**) 
St. Mary’s Got Talent at the Parish Center following Liturgy
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
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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)
Monday, October 3rd: 7:00 P.M.– Ladies Society Meeting
Thursday, October 6th: 12:30 P.M.– Candy Making Workshop at the Parish Center
Saturday, October 8th: 9:30 A.M.- Ladies Baking at the Parish Center (Mamoul Nuts)
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: 12:30 P.M.– Candy Making Workshop at the Parish Center
Saturday, October 15th: 9:30 A.M.- Ladies Baking at the Parish Center (Graybee)
Thursday, October 20th: 12:30 P.M.– Candy Making Workshop at the Parish Center
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
Thursday, October 27th: 12:30 P.M.– Candy Making Workshop at the Parish Center

Looking Ahead: St. Mary Holiday Bazaar: November 4th-6th
Haflı: November 12th

Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church
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**

Enter in Quietness, Rest in Prayer,  
Worship in Reverence, Depart in Peace to Serve
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~

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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.

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost & Eleventh Sunday of Matthew
Sunday, September 4, 2016

Tone: 2         Eothinon: 11

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 St. Babylas of Antioch: Tone 4
By choosing the Apostles’ way of life, thou hast succeeded to their throne. Inspired by God, thou didst find the way to divine contemplation through the practice of virtue. After teaching the Word of Truth without error, thou didst defend the Faith to the very shedding of thy blood, O Hieromartyr Babylas. Entreat the Lord 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 the Nativity of the Theotokos: Tone 4
By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life.
THE EPISTLE

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

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (9:2-12)

Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the Law of Moses, “You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain.” Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the threshner thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the Gospel of Christ.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (18:23-35)

The Lord spoke this parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also My heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

Schedule for Bazaar Cooking:
Saturday, September 10th: 9:30am– Grapeleaves
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

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to help with the cooking! Come help us in making these delicious foods for our Bazaar.

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 starting at 12:00 and ending at 3:30pm at the Parish Center. Hope to see you there!

~Candy Committee
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.

**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 preschool 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 bounce house, dunk tank, face-painting, clown show & balloon animals, vendor tables, food, and more! We invite everyone to participate.

**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.

**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

Sue Ayoub
Offered by: Ed Ayoub

Lisa Ayoub Parent
Ann Ayoub
Geoffrey Ayoub
Evelyn Ayoub
Philip & Bette Ayoub
Philip G. Ayoub
Offered by: Ed & Sue Ayoub

Ann Ayoub
Offered by: Phil G. Ayoub

Ann Ayoub
Offered by: Susan Warzycha & 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

Naseem Ayoub
Lila Bargoot
Vinny Penta
John Swistak
Ron Gauthier
Offered by: Ed & Sue Ayoub

**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.

**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.

**Please note that Arabic Liturgy for September will be held September 10th due to the Labor Day Holiday weekend falling on the 1st Saturday of the month. With St. Mary’s Got Talent following Liturgy at the Parish Center.**
St. Mary Church School New Year

On Sunday, September 11th, the 2016-2017 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 on Sunday, September 11th 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.

Coffee Hour

Coffee hour today is sponsored by Makram & Louise Megalli for the Health of Madison, Taylor, Edgar & Logan. Coffee hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.

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!

ONLINE BULLETIN

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

St. Mary’s Got Talent

Saturday, September 10th – at the Parish Center following Arabic Liturgy

If you like to sing or play a musical instrument and would like to be part of the St. Mary’s Got Talent show, please contact either Fr. Elie (240) 205-9079 or Tony Kabak (401) 744-6317.

Come and join us for an evening of talent performed by our own Parish members and friends.