

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**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

**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

**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

**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:** 12-3:30 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:** 12-3:30 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:** 12-3:30 P.M.– Candy Making Workshop at the Parish Center

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

*Hafli: November 12th*



## SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



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

## *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

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## *Orthodox Vocabulary*

### **Charismata**

Charismata signify a Christian's blessings from above, spiritual and temporal, enabling him to fulfill his vocation in life. In a more Biblical sense, the term is used specifically for the supernatural gifts Christians need to carry out the specific tasks expected of them in promoting the spiritual welfare and advancement of their fellow-Christians. In his I Epistle to the Corinthians (12:8-11), St. Paul gives a list of these charismata that include wisdom, knowledge, prophesy, discerning of spirits, tongues, and the interpretation of tongues, as also the charismata given to Apostles, prophets, teachers, and those to whom the government of the Church is entrusted.

When the burden of the righteous is too heavy, their ship will sink, while if it is moderate, it floats and sails safely. Indeed, our life is similar to sailing, the world-to a sea, the body-to a ship; the soul within the body is like a man inside the ship, and a man's deeds are the freight. If the ship is empty, the wind will cause it to capsize. If it is overloaded, it can easily sink even if there are no waves and no wind-and if waves and wind arouse, it will soon sink. It is only by moderate loading it that you will be able to sail safely

*St. John Chrysostom*



Greetings in Christ,

***"Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place" 2 Corinthians 2:14***

We thank everyone who helped make our Family Day as successful as it was. Thanks to those who donated , those who organized, those who helped setting it up, those who prepared the food and thanks to anyone who helped in anyway to make this Family Day an enjoyable event to all who attended. The location was perfect and with the grace of God we had a beautiful weather. Everyone who attended had a great time, especially when everyone participated in Fr. Elie's famous game. If you did not make it this time we missed you. We hope you will be able to join us next summer.

We will always work for the glory of God.  
Sincerely in Christ,  
Salwa

  
*Thanks*

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 4, 2016	Makram & Louise Megalli	Health of Madison, Taylor, Edgar & Logan
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

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 thresher 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.”

# Ladies Society News

**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

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

~Candy Committee



# 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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

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 News

### 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.**

