

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**Sunday, January 15th, 2017:** Twenty-Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
Outreach Meeting during coffee hour

**Sunday, January, 22, 2017:** Thirty-Second Sunday after Pentecost  
Outreach Program- 'Soup Kitchen'

**Sunday, January 29th, 2017:** Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Presentation on how to use our online database held at the  
Parish Center during coffee hour.

**Sunday, February 5, 2017:** Sunday of the Pharisee & Publican  
Souper-Bowl Special Collection

**Monday, February 6th, 2017:** 7:00 P.M.– Ladies Society Meeting

**Saturday, February 11th, 2017:** 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy

**Sunday, February 12th, 2017:** Sunday of the Prodigal Son  
General Assembly Meeting following Liturgy

**Tuesday, February 14th, 2017:** 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

**Wednesday, February 15th, 2017:** 9:30am– Ladies cooking Sfeeha at Parish Center

**Sunday, February 19th, 2017:** Sunday of Last Judgment (Meat Fare)

**Sunday, February 26, 2017:** Sunday of Forgiveness (Cheese Fare)  
Ladies Society Dinner at the Parish Center

**Wednesday, March 1st, 2017:** 9:30am– Ladies cooking Kibbee at Parish Center

**Saturday, March 4th, 2017:** 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy

**Sunday, March 5th, 2017:** First Sunday of Lent (Orthodoxy)

**Monday, March 6th, 2017:** 7:00 P.M.– Ladies Society Meeting

**Saturday, March 11th, 2017:** 9:30am– Ladies making String Cheese at Parish Center

**Sunday, March 12th, 2017:** Second Sunday of Lent  
Daylight Savings Time begins

**Tuesday, March 14th, 2017:** 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

**Sunday, March 19th, 2017:** Third Sunday of Lent

**Wednesday, March 22nd, 2017:** 9:30am– Ladies cooking Maamoul at Parish Center

**Sunday, March 26th, 2017:** Fourth Sunday of Lent  
Ladies Society Dinner at the Parish Center

**Sunday, April 2nd, 2017:** Fifth Sunday of Lent

**Sunday, April 9th, 2017:** Palm Sunday

**Sunday, April 16th, 2017:** Great & Holy Pascha



## SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



*Sunday, January 15, 2017*

*Twenty-Ninth Sunday After Pentecost*

## *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**  
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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*

### **Christians**

**Christians:** in the primitive Church, those who followed Christ and who “were of one heart and soul” (Acts 4:32) were called disciples, believers, saints, brethren. It seems that it was from non-Christian surroundings that the term “Christian” originated: it meant a partisan, a follower of Christ (from the Greek *christos*, “Christ”, “anointed”).

In the Acts of the Apostles, St. Luke writes: “*And it was at Antioch that, for the first time, the name of ‘Christians’ was first given to the disciples.*”

At the end of our every petition, we should say: “Not as I will, but as you will” (Matthew 26:39). There is only one petition where we do not need to add this: in that petition for our salvation, because God “wishes all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:4).

~ Father Epiphanius Theodoropoulos



### **ONLINE BULLETIN**

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

### **Outreach Program Blanket Donations**

**Please donate gently USED (clean) blankets to be distributed to homeless Veterans and to the Pawtucket Food Shelter. They can be brought to the Parish Center. The last day for donations is January 22nd. Please see Linda Dvelis or any other Outreach Committee Member if you have any questions.**

## Church News & Organization Activities

### St. Mary Liturgical Choir

The St. Mary Liturgical Choir welcomes new members to join its Ministry of Sacred Music. Anyone interested in joining the choir (whatever their level of musical experience) is asked to contact the choir director Dawn Boukari @ (401) 465-8909 or email her: daboukari@gmail.com

### SAVE THE DATE

Spring Hafli  
April 29th ~ 8pm-1am  
More info to follow.....



### Arabic cooking/food orders

The Ladies will be cooking on the following dates:

*Sfeeha Wednesday February 15th-9:30am*

*Kibbe Wednesday March 1st-9:30am*

*String Cheese Saturday March 11th-9:30am*

*Dates Maamoul Wednesday March 22nd-9:30am*



***Please save the date and help cook if you can!***

The Ladies will also be taking orders for these items. Foods will be available by pre-order only! The order form will be available online soon on our website, by calling the office, and an order form will also be included in the bulletin. More details to follow.

## *Twenty-Ninth Sunday After Pentecost*

**Tone 5 / Eothinon 8**

### RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: 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.

### APOLYTIKION OF ST. PAUL OF THEBES: Tone 8

The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundredfold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father Paul, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

### APOLYTIKION OF ST. JOHN THE HUT-DWELLER: Tone 4

*(\*\*Be quick to anticipate\*\*)*

Since thou hadst with fervor longed after the Lord from thy youth, \* thou leftest the world with its delights and nobly didst strive in valiant ascetic deeds. \* Thou didst pitch thy hut before the gates of thy parents; \* thou didst break the demons' snares, O all-blessed Father. \* And therefore, as is meet, hath Christ God glorified thee, O John.

### TROPARION OF THE DORMITION: Tone 1

In giving birth, Thou didst keep Thy virginity and in thy repose, Thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos, for Thou art the mother of life, and Thou didst pass over into life; and through thy intercession from death Thou dost redeem our souls.

### KONTAKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST: Tone 1

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.





## THE EPISTLE

*How magnified are Thy works, O Lord; in wisdom hast Thou made them all.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul.*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians. (3:4-11)**

Brethren, when Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

## THE GOSPEL

### **The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (17:12-19)**

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus said, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."



## 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 \$200 to the church so that a Parish Council member will handle the coffee hour on your behalf.

### ~Please consider sponsoring a Coffee Hour~

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Sponsored by:</u>	<u>Sponsored for:</u>
January 15, 2017	Fred Kilsey & Family	Memory of Michelle Kilsey
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	St. Mary Church	General Annual Meeting
February 19, 2017	Sam & Kay Matook & Family	40 Day Memorial for Rita Sayegh
February 26, 2017	Ladies Society	Dinner to Benefit NAB Project
March 5, 2017	Massiwer/Gurghigian/Hayes Families	Memory of John Massiwer
March 12, 2017	Open for sponsorship	
March 19, 2017	Open for sponsorship	
March 26, 2017	Ladies Society Dinner	
April 2, 2017	William Salhany & Family	Memory of Ruth Salhany
April 9, 2017	no coffee hour	Palm Sunday
April 16, 2017	no coffee hour	Pascha
April 23, 2017	Her Loving Family	Memory of Sophie Hallal
April 30, 2017	Open for sponsorship	
May 7, 2017	Cindy Hayes	Memory of Don Hayes (10 years)
May 14, 2017	Open for sponsorship	
May 21, 2017	Open for sponsorship	
May 28, 2017	Charitable Gift Program	Memory / Health of all Participants
June 4, 2017	Nabil & Salwa Khoury	Health of Family
June 11, 2017	not available	
June 18, 2017	Open for sponsorship	
June 25, 2017	Elaine Swistak & Family	Memory of John Swistak (5 years)
July 2, 2017	Open for sponsorship	
July 9, 2017	Open for sponsorship	
July 16, 2017	Open for sponsorship	
July 23, 2017	Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos	Memory of Elias Morcos (dad)
July 30, 2017	Open for sponsorship	



**We are grateful for the following members who have completed their 2017 Commitment Cards.  
Thank you!**

Fr. Elie & Kh. Rouba Estephan  
Philip & Bette Ayoub  
Edward & Sue Ayoub  
Philip G. Ayoub  
Geoff Ayoub  
Elias & Samar Baalbaki  
Matthew & Megan Duncan  
Linda Dvelis  
Dimitri & Susan Ganim  
Jonathan & Tanya Gaudioso  
Roula & Ricky Greigre  
Paul & Maureen Gurghigian  
Lorice Hallal  
Keith & Maria Hallal  
Ron & Janice Hallal  
Jim & Susan Harvey  
Dianna Hashway  
Tawfik & Olga Hawwa  
Cindy Hayes  
Tony & Fadia Kabak  
Eli Kandalajt  
Elie & Julia Karam  
Nabil & Salwa Khoury  
George & Lois Kilsey  
Steven & Pat Kilsey

Steven & Missy Kilsey Jr.  
Keith & Marlene Marshall  
Lily Massiwer  
Mary Massiwer  
Nora Matook  
Anthony & Etienne Mechrefe  
Adib & Mary Mechrefe  
George & Barbara Moussalli  
Walid & Mirna Nakhoul  
Sbdn. Chadi Saad  
Bill & Susan Salhany  
Saliba Michel & Robin Saliba  
Joseph & Rebecca Samra  
Joseph & Marlene Samra  
Donna Slemon  
Jim & Beth Schillawski  
Fred & Adele Shwaery  
Bobby Shwaery  
Bob & Kristen Silva  
Dimitrios & Nancy Sterpis  
Elaine Swistak  
Raymond & Leila Trabulsi  
Julia Vale

***If you have not completed a card yet, please ask a member  
of the Vestry or download one from our website.***



## **Memorial Service**



Today, a Six Year Memorial Service is offered by Fred Kilsey & Family for the repose of the soul of the servant of God, *Michelle Kilsey*. Following the service, a Memorial Coffee Hour will be offered by the family at the St. Mary Parish Center.

*May God grant her eternal peace and may her memory be eternal.*

### **PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:**

Kevin Hashway  
Mark Hashway  
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Vicki Hallal  
Mark Hashway  
Bobby Shwaery  
Elaine Gauthier  
Offered by: Ron & Janice Hallal

Louise & Jeff Dinsmore  
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

Elaine Gauthier  
Lois Kilsey  
Mark Hashway  
The Abdalah, Kilsey, Josephs &  
Chowning Families  
Offered by: Mary Lou & Bill Catelli

Elaine Gauthier  
Mark Hashway  
Offered by: Lorice Hallal & Family

Fatat ElKhouli & Family  
Fred Kilsey & Family  
Ann Ayoub  
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Sue Ayoub  
Offered by: Ed Ayoub

Lisa & Marc Parent  
Ann Ayoub  
Geoffrey Ayoub & Jenna  
Fr. Elie Estephan & Family  
Offered by: Ed & Sue Ayoub

Ann Ayoub  
Fred Kilsey & Family  
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury



## **Epiphany 2017- Blessing of Homes**

**With the up-coming celebration of The Feast of Epiphany and the Great Sanctification of the Water, house blessings are starting for the new year. If you would like to have your house blessed, please contact Fr. Elie and schedule an appropriate time. While it is traditional to begin house blessings following Epiphany, homes may be blessed throughout the year. May the Blessing of the Jordan River sanctify and protect each and every home and family in our community.**



**PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED**  
**IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

Fred Hashway Jr.  
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Mary & James Hallal  
John Hallal  
Linda Bowab  
Offered by: Ron & Janice Hallal

Matilda Josephs  
Joanne Abdalah  
Offered by: Mary Lou & Bill Catelli

Michelle Kilsey  
Offered by: Audrey & Wayne Kilsey

Bishop Anthanasius Saliba  
Ellen Keegan  
Offered by: Lorice Hallal & Family

Florence David  
Offered by: George & Sandra Matook

Nicholas ElKhaouli  
Michelle Kilsey  
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Naseem Ayoub  
Bishop Anthanasius Saliba  
Offered by: Ed & Sue Ayoub

Michelle Kilsey  
Offered by: Steven & Patricia Kilsey  
Steven & Missy Kilsey  
Melanie & Patrick Merner

Michelle Kilsey  
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury



**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.

**Learn How to Use St. Mary's Online Directory**

During Coffee Hour on January 29th, a presentation will be given on how to use our Online Database - every member can use it.

- Member search - name, address, phone, email
- Pay Pledges Online
- Download Financial Giving Statements

**Annual Parish Meeting**

*The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 12th, 2017 at the Parish Center following Liturgy.*

- \* All Church Organizations and standing committees are kindly reminded to submit their annual reports to the Church Office before January 31st.
- \* All parishioners in good standing who "accept, profess and practice the faith and discipline of the Holy Orthodox Faith" are welcome to participate and to vote at the meeting. Practicing the discipline of the faith involves regular and consistent attendance at Divine Liturgy and participation in the Sacraments of the Church, as well as completing a stewardship pledge for the year 2016 and making a pledge commitment for the year 2017.

The Nominating Committee will be meeting to prepare a list of eligible candidates to be submitted at the Parish Meeting. This year, five positions must be filled. (four elected and one appointed).

***Summer Camp 2017 Registration is  
NOW OPEN!!!***

**Make sure you register your child for camp! Spots fill up fast!**

**Summer 2017 Dates:**

Session 1 (2-weeks) - June 18-30

Session 1 (1-week) - June 18-25

Session 2 - July 2-14

Session 3 - July 16-28

Session 3 (Iconography Camp) - July 16-24

Session 4 - July 30-August 11



For any questions and information,  
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