

CHURCH CALENDAR

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
Ladies Society Meeting during coffee hour

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

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)
Ladies Society Meeting during coffee hour

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

Saturday, April 1st, 2017: 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy

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

Sunday, April 9th, 2017: Palm Sunday

Tuesday, April 11th, 2017: 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

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



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, January 22, 2017

Thirty-Second 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**

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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

****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

Sign of the Cross

Sign of the Cross- Orthodox Christians, from the very first days of the faith, have used the Sign of Christ's Cross as a blessing. We make the Sign of the Cross by joining our thumb and first two fingers, touching our forehead, right shoulder, and then the left. The three fingers that we touch together represent the Holy Trinity and the two fingers we touch to the palm of our hand represent the divine and human natures of Christ, in that He was both God and man. Bishops and priests bless others with the "Christogram" making the sign of Christ with their right hands. It is customary for any Orthodox Christian to bless children, food, or oneself placing the person or object in the "Sign of Our Lord." A traditional Orthodox practice is when parents make the Sign of the Cross (often with an icon or Handcross) over a child, particularly if the child is about to take a journey, go off to college, or get married.

Pray like a child, in simplicity of heart, concerning all your needs and sorrows. And entrust yourself to God's will. For the Lord arranges our salvation.

~Saint Nikon



~Thank you~

Father Elie, Family, Friends and Parishioners of St. Mary's,

It is with gratitude for all the prayers, telephone calls and support for my son Mark. He is coming home today (Wednesday) and thank God he is getting stronger everyday.

**Thank you,
Elaine Wilbur**

Thanks

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. Pick-up will be on the dates of cooking.

Thirty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 6 / Eothinon 9

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: Tone 6

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. TIMOTHY THE APOSTLE: Tone 4

Since thou hadst been instructed in uprightness thoroughly and wast vigilant in all things, thou wast clothed with a good conscience as befitteth one holy. Thou didst draw from the Chosen Vessel ineffable mysteries; and having kept the Faith, thou didst finish the course, O Hieromartyr and Apostle Timothy. Intercede with Christ God that our souls may be saved.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. ANASTASIOS THE PERSIAN: Tone 4

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

Thy Martyr, O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee * received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. * For since he possessed Thy strength, he cast down the tyrants * and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. * O Christ God, by his prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

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

The Lord will give strength to His people.

Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God; ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (4:9-15)

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, Who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties; devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (19:1-10)

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see Who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, for He was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."



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 22, 2017	Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos	Memory of Elias Morcos
January 29, 2017	Open for sponsorship	
February 5, 2017	The Ayoub Family	Naseem Ayoub (3 year)
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	St. Ignatius	Memory of Archbishop PHILIP
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	Church School Graduation Dinner	
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	His Loving Family	Memory of Frederick Hallal
July 23, 2017	Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos	Health of our son Elias Morcos
July 30, 2017	Open for sponsorship	
August 6, 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
Charles & Angela Abosamra
Philip & Bette Ayoub
Edward & Sue Ayoub
Philip G. Ayoub
Geoff Ayoub
Elias & Samar Baalbaki
Yaacoub Daher
Matthew & Megan Duncan
Linda Dvelis
Dimitri & Susan Ganim
Rich & Marie Ganim-Kinslow
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 Kandalraft
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
Makram & Louise Megalli
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
Virginia Trahan
Julia Vale
Susan Warzycha
Deb Whyte
Elaine Wilbur



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

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

Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Paula Hallal
Offered by: Ron & Janice Hallal

Ron Hallal
Paula Hallal
Ray & Leila Trabulsi
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Ray & Leila Trabulsi
Geoff Ayoub
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

Paula Hallal
Ronald Hallal
Elaine Gauthier
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Holly Lazieh & Sons
& Bob Dessaint

Mary Massiwer
Ron Hallal
Paula Hallal
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Raymond Trabulsi
(50th Wedding Anniversary)
Offered by: Leila Trabulsi

Leila Trabulsi
(50th Wedding Anniversary)
Offered by: Ray Trabulsi

Ron Hallal
Offered by: John & Anita Chamoun

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

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Louis Slemon
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

Frederick L. Kilsey
Offered by: Audrey & Wayne Kilsey

Frederick L. Kilsey
Offered by: George, Lois, Mary &
Christopher Kilsey

Frederick L. Kilsey
Offered by: Deborah Kilsey & Victoria Azar

George & Nora David
Offered by: Their Children & Grandchildren

Frederick Hallal
Sophie Hallal
Moses Lazieh
Mitchell Hallal
Louis Slemon
Michelle Kilsey
Lorice Issa
Offered by: Holly Lazieh & Sons
& Bob Dessaint



Margaret Tager
Offered by: Elaine Agaty

Ann Ayoub
Offered by: Ed & Sue Ayoub
Lisa & Marc Parent

Don Aubin
Offered by: Barbara Aubin & Family

Margaret Tager
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Louis Slemon
Ann Ayoub
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Ann Ayoub
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

Coffee Hour

Coffee hour today is sponsored by Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos in memory of his father Elias Morcos. Coffee hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.



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.

- **Learn how to:** Member search - name, address, phone, email, Pay Pledges Online, Download Financial Giving Statements



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

Therese Haddad
Magdy Guirguis
Lorice Hallal
Jiana Daikh
Philip Ayoub
Michael Muller
Marlene Samra
John Chamoun

Suzanne Ayoub
Joseph Samra III
Joseph Samra
Philip Spenard
Jim Harvey
Maher Daoud
Renna Salhany
Mary Kilsey

Anthony Mechrefe
Mary Massiwer
Deb Whyte
Fred Shwaery
Madison Saliba
Jamie Mitri

****if you have a January 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.****

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,
call 724-238-9565 or e-mail office@avcamp.org