

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**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  
Last day to order Sfeeha

**Saturday, February 11th, 2017:** 9am-2:30pm– Pre-Lenten Retreat & Youth Day at  
St. John of Damascus Church, 300 West Street, Dedham, MA  
6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy **\*\*please note date change\*\***

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

**Wednesday, February 15th, 2017:** 9:30am– Ladies cooking Sfeeha at Parish Center  
7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting **\*\*please note date change\*\***

**Sunday, February 19th, 2017:** Sunday of Last Judgment (Meat Fare)  
Last day to order Kibbee

**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  
Last day to order Cheese

**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  
Last day to order Date Mamoul

**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



## SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



*Sunday, January 29, 2017*

*Seventeenth 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

**\*\*Please feel free to contact Salwa Khoury at (401)434-8877 / [stkhoury@cox.net](mailto:stkhoury@cox.net) or any member of the Parish Council with any questions or concerns\*\***

## *Orthodox Vocabulary*

### **Cherubim**

Cherubim: according to St. John Chrysotom, the word cherubim means “wisdom”, or “fullness of knowledge”. The cherubim are part of the angelic hierarchy. Just as the other immortal beings, angels, seraphim, etc., they fulfill a mysterious role as God’s messengers to humanity.

‘Strive for peace with all men, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord’ (Heb.12:14), Why did he say ‘strive’? Because it is not possible for us to become holy and to be saints in an hour! We must therefore progress from modest beginnings toward holiness and purity. Even were we to spend a thousand years in this life we should never perfectly attain it. Rather we must always struggle for it every day, as if mere beginners.

~St. Symeon the New Theologian



### **Bulletin Submissions**

***Please help us provide a quality weekly bulletin by submitting all prayer requests and announcements to the church office by Noon on Wednesdays. Any requests received after this time will be in the following week’s bulletin. Thank you for your cooperation.***

### **ONLINE BULLETIN**

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

### **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 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 29, 2017	Joe & Rebecca Samra	Health of Family
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)
May14, 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	
August 13, 2017	Open for sponsorship	

*Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost*

**Tone 7 / Eothinon 10**

**RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: Tone 7**

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

**APOLYTIKION OF ST. IGNATIUS 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 Holy Martyr among bishops Ignatius. Entreat the Lord our God to save our souls.

**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**

*Make your vows to the Lord your God, and perform them.  
In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel.*

**The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:16-7:1)**

Brethren, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, “I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore, come out from them, and be separate from them,” says the Lord, “and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters,” says the Lord Almighty. Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

**THE GOSPEL**

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (15:21-28)**

At that time, Jesus went to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon.” But He did not answer her a word. And His disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before Him, saying, “Lord, help me.” And He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.” Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.



**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](mailto:daboukari@gmail.com)

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

During Coffee Hour today, 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*

**SAVE THE DATE**

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



**St. Mary Church School News**

**Attention All Parents:** Please bring your children to the Liturgy before Church School. Church School starts every Sunday following communion (Approx. 11:15am)

## TEEN SOYO NEWS

### Upcoming Events:

Diocese of Worcester and New England YOUTH DAY is February 11, 2017 from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm at St. John of Damascus Church in Dedham:

9:00 am	Divine Liturgy
10:00 am	Registration and Continental Breakfast
10:30 am	Session 1
Noon	Lunch
1:00 pm	Session 2

***\*\*Please let Matt Duncan know if you can attend.\*\****

### Special Olympics Coaching Opportunities at Antiochian Village

The 2017 Special Olympics Sports Camp is scheduled to be held at the Antiochian Village August 11-20, 2017. This ministry is sponsored by the North American Council of Teen SOYO, and is the second longest running program of Special Olympics Pennsylvania, serving over 340 Special Olympics Athletes, Coaches, and Staff each season. It is the premier SOYO outreach program, now in its 36th year of service. Each year SOYO teens raise the funds on Special Olympics Awareness Day. ***Please see Matt Duncan if you are interested in submitting an application.***

### Thank You!

***Thank you to our generous donors and sponsors. Your generosity enabled Teen SOYO to provide Christmas gifts to 8 teenage boys in a group program.***

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

Kevin Hashway  
Mark Hashway  
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Elaine Gauthier  
Paula Hallal  
Mary Massiwer  
Ron Hallal  
Geoff Ayoub  
The Ayoub Family  
Ray & Leila Trabulsi  
Offered by: Linda Dvelis



Ron Hallal  
Paula Hallal  
Offered by: Ron & Janice Hallal

Helga (my uncle's wife)  
Offered by: Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos

Mr. Ron Hallal  
Paula Hallal  
Eddie & Sue Ayoub  
Geoff and Michael Ayoub  
Offered by: John, Anita, Reyna &  
Anthony Chamoun

Edward & Lillian Betor  
Paul & Kerrie Betor  
Thomas & Lynn Marcotte  
Matthew & Adrienne Dykstra  
Peter Marcotte  
Laurice Zambie  
William & LaVerne Ameen  
Great-Grandchildren Daniel, Rose &  
Joelle Dykstra  
Offered by: Edward & Lillian Betor

The Ayoub Family  
Offered by: Lisa & Marc Parent

Ron Hallal  
Paula Hallal  
Geoff & Michael Ayoub  
Al & Vicki Hallal  
Ray Trabulsi  
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury  
Ray & Leila Trabulsi  
Barbara Aubin & Family  
Walid & Mirna Nakhoul  
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Ray & Leila Trabulsi  
Samy & Helen Morcos  
Ron Hallal  
Offered by: Philip & Bette Ayoub

### Coffee Hour

Coffee hour today is sponsored by Joe & Rebecca Samra for the health of their Family. Coffee hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.



### Arabic Liturgy– \*\*date change\*\*

Arabic Liturgy has been rescheduled to Saturday, February 11th (for the month of February) at 6:00 P.M. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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

Fred Hashway Jr.  
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Ann Ayoub  
Rita Sayegh  
Louis Slemon  
Offered by: Ron & Janice Hallal

Elias Morcos (26th anniversary)  
Offered by: Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos

Ameen and Nayfey Sabath  
Petros and Afife Betor  
Helen Betor  
Fred Sabath  
Fred "Fritzie and Jimmy Sabath  
Offered by: Edward & Lillian Betor



Ann Ayoub  
Offered by: Joe & Rebecca Samra  
Mary Ayoub  
Assad Ayoub  
Adele Maloof  
Edward Maloof  
Maurice Parent  
Offered by: Lisa & Marc Parent

Louis Slemon  
Ann Ayounb  
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Donald Aubin  
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Ann Ayoub  
Offered by: George & Sandra Matook

Louis Slemon  
Offered by: Philip & Bette Ayoub

## **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).

## **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.***

**Foods will be available by pre-order only!**

The Ladies are taking orders for these items. The order form is available on our website [www.stmarypawtucket.org](http://www.stmarypawtucket.org), by calling the office (401)726-1202, or by contacting Salwa Khoury (401) 434-8877.

## ***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](mailto:office@avcamp.org)