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
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

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 immoral 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

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

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~

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Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 7 / Eothenon 10

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTICON: 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.

APOLYTICON 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, “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

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
Spring Hafli
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 Massiever
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 & Mira Nakhoul
Offered by: Elaine Swistak
Mr. Ron Hallal
Paula Hallal
Eddie & Sue Ayoub
Geoff and Michael Ayoub
Offered by: John, Anita, Reyna &
Anthony Chamoun

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.
**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, by calling the office (401)726-1202, or by contacting Salwa Khoury (401) 434-8877.

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**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

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**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).