

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**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  
Outreach Committee Meeting during Coffee Hour

**Wednesday, February 22nd:** 6:30-7:30pm: Church School PTC Meeting at Parish Center

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

**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  
Outreach Committee 'Soup Kitchen'

**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  
5:00P.M.- RI Orthodox Clergy Fellowship Lenten Sunday  
Vespers & refreshments

**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

**Sunday, April 23rd, 2017:** Sunday of St. Thomas



## SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



*Sunday, February 12, 2017*  
**Sunday of the Prodigal Son**

## *Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church*

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Diocese of Worcester and New England**

**V. Rev. Father Elie Estephan**  
**395 Brown St.-Unit 2, Attleboro, MA 02703**  
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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\*\***

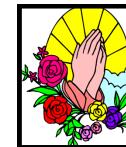
## *Orthodox Vocabulary*

### **Economy**

Economy: in contemporary life, this term refers to the avoidance of unnecessary expenses, or the art of administering a household. In the Church, the term is used on the one hand to designate God's plan for the salvation of man, *the whole divine plan from creation to the end of time*, accomplished by the redemptive incarnation of Jesus Christ, his death, and his resurrection. The work of Christ "*is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God*" (Eph 3:9). On the other hand, "economy" also refers to the totality of the decisions which the Church makes—in the face of certain problems—in the application of rules and canons. In the case of specific persons or situations, the bishop can waive strict rules. The "law" is needed, but it must be tempered by mercy; but these special cases can never themselves change the law. According to an expression by Patriarch Nicholas Mystikos (10th century), economy in this case is an "imitation of the love of God for man," and not a simple exception to the rule.

*Moderation adorns all things; for without moderation even things deemed good become harmful.*

~*St. Isaac the Syrian*



## **SAVE THE DATE**

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



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>
February 12, 2017	Nakhoul & Mitri Families	Health of their Families Memory of Nicola & Jamile Mitri
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	Dr. & Mrs. Bassam Khabbaz & Family	Memory of Bahjat Khabbaz (1 year)
March 19, 2017	St. Ignatius	Memory of Archbishop PHILIP
March 26, 2017	St. Mary Ladies Society	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	Elaine Wilbur	Health of son Mark & Memory of son Fred & husband Russell Memory of Don Hayes (10 years)
May 7, 2017	Cindy Hayes	
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	St. Mary Church	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	

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Tone 1 / Eothinon 1

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: Tone 1

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

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 FOR THE PRODIGAL SON: Tone 3

(\*\*Special Melody: Today the Virgin\*\*)

Foolishly I sprang away \* from Thy great fatherly glory, \* and dispersed in wicked deeds \* the riches that Thou didst give me. \* With the Prodigal I therefore \* cry unto Thee now: \* I have sinned against Thee, O compassionate Father. \* But receive me in repentance; \* make me as one of \* Thy hired servants, O Lord.





**THE EPISTLE**

*Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.*

**The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:12-20)**

Brethren, all things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be enslaved by anything. Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food; but God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two shall become one flesh.” But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.

**THE GOSPEL**

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (15:11-32)**

The Lord spoke this parable: “There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.’ And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.”’” And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.’ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, ‘Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!’ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

**TEEN SOYO NEWS**

**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.***



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

***On Wednesday, February 22nd, all parents & teachers are invited to attend our first Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) meeting from 6:30-7:30pm at the Parish Center. All parents & teachers are encouraged to attend to offer their valuable input and support!***

**Upcoming Events:**

- Friday, April 14th:*** Good Friday Retreat
- Sunday, April 30th:*** Walk-a-Thon
- Sunday, June 11th:*** Church School Graduation & Dinner

## 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.

## 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.

## Soup Kitchen Donations

Kindly place your donation in the 'breadbox' (at the rear of the Church on the candle stand) to help defray the costs of the '*Soup Kitchen*' Outreach project.

**Thank you for your support!**

The Soup Kitchen provides boxed lunches to people from the community every 3rd Sunday of the month.

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

Kevin Hashway  
Mark Hashway  
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Mr. Ron Hallal  
Janice Hallal  
Offered by: Anita, John, Reyna & Anthony  
Chamoun

Walid & Mirna Nakhoul  
Renda & John Ferrari  
Natalia Rose Ferrari  
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Natalia Rose Ferrari  
Offered by: GG1 & GG2



## PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr.  
Ann Ayoub  
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Kamel & Ethel Salhany  
Theodore & Ida Lavin  
Offered by: John Salhany

Nicholas, Mary, Fouad & Madeleine  
Offered by: The El Khaouli Family

## Churching

*Natalia Rose Ferrari*



daughter of  
John & Renda Ferrari  
of Canton, Mass.

*"May God grant her many years"*



## Prayer Line

St. Mary ~ Internet Prayer Line

Prayer requests can be sent to us via the internet at

**[office@stmarypawtucket.org](mailto:office@stmarypawtucket.org)**

All requests must be received by Wednesday noon to be included in that week's bulletin.  
Any requests received after that time will be included in the following week's bulletin.

## Coffee Hour



Coffee hour today is sponsored by The Nakhoul & Mitri Families for the health of The Nakhoul Family, the health of Jacob, Charlotte, Jamie, Melissa & Nicholas Mitri, and also in memory of Nicholas & Jamille Mitri. Coffee hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.

## **Annual Parish Meeting**

*The Annual Parish Meeting will be held **TODAY** at the Parish Center following Liturgy.*

- \* 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.

## **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.

## ***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)



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

Rebecca Samra  
Ray Trabulsi  
Amani Kelley  
Cheryl Stanley  
Nidal Saliba

Rouba Estephan  
Susan Salhany  
Robert Briggs  
John Salhany  
Lisa Andrews

Susan Warzycha  
Michael Matook  
Mireille Karam  
Tony Kabak  
Anita Chamoun

***\*\*if you have a February 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.\*\****

## **ONLINE BULLETIN**

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

## **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)