

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

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'

Saturday, March 25th, 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

Saturday, April 8th, 2017: 9:00 A.M.– Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday

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

Saturday, April 29th, 2017: 8pm-1am– Spring Hafli at the Parish Center

Sunday, April 30, 2017: Sunday of Myrrh-bearers



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, February 26, 2017

**Sunday of Forgiveness
(Cheese Fare)**

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
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 2017:

President: Salwa Khoury
Vice-President: Cindy Hayes
Secretary: Jamie Mitri
Treasurer: Fadia Kabak



Council Members: Geoff Ayoub, Scott Barnes, Matthew Duncan (Sunday School), Linda Dvelis, Keith Hallal, Fred Kilsey, George Kilsey, Walid Nakhoul, Chadi Saad, Hadeel Samaan, Joseph Samra III

****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****



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

Fr. Elie & Kh. Rouba Estephan
Charles & Angela Abosamra
George Arees
Philip & Bette Ayoub
Edward & Sue Ayoub
Philip G. Ayoub
Geoff Ayoub
Elias & Samar Baalbaki
Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki
Bob & Christine Briggs
Bill & Mary Lou Catelli
Yaacoub & Jamal Daher
Matthew & Megan Duncan
Linda Dvelis
Dimitri & Susan Ganim
Rich & Marie Ganim-Kinslow
Jonathan & Tanya Gaudioso
Roula & Ricky Greigre
Paul & Maureen Gurghigian
Therese Haddad
Lorice Hallal
Keith & Maria Hallal
Ron & Janice Hallal
Jim & Susan Harvey
Dianna Hashway
Tawfik & Olga Hawwa
Cindy Hayes
Tony & Fadia Kabak
Eli Kandalaf
Elie & Julia Karam
Dr. Bassam & Pauline Khabbaz
Nabil & Salwa Khoury
George & Lois Kilsey
Steven & Pat Kilsey

Steven & Missy Kilsey Jr.
Keith & Marlene Marshall
Lily Massiwer
Mary Massiwer
George & Sandra Matook
Michael Matook
Nora Matook
Anthony & Etienne Mechrefe
Adib & Mary Mechrefe
Makram & Louise Megalli
Samy & Helen Morcos
George & Barbara Moussalli
Walid & Mirna Nakhoul
Loris Pimental
Sbdn. Chadi Saad
Bill & Susan Salhany
Saliba Michel & Robin Saliba
Joseph & Rebecca Samra
Joseph & Marlene Samra
Emile & Ling Huang Sarkis
Donna Slemmon
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
Albert & Mary Jane Wehbe
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.***

Orthodox Vocabulary

Hosanna

This is the Greek form for the Hebrew word for petition, 'save, we beseech Thee'. It was used by the people when they proclaimed Jesus to be their Messiah during His triumphant entry into Jerusalem, commemorated on Palm Sunday. It was introduced at a very early date into the Christian liturgies.

You should not wait until you are cleansed of wandering thoughts before you desire to pray; such distraction is not banished from the mind except by assiduous prayer requiring much labor. If you only begin to pray when you see that your mind has become perfect and exalted above all recollection of the world, then you will never pray.

~St. Isaac the Syrian



March is Antiochian Women's Month

During the month of March, in all the Churches of our Archdiocese, we highlight and remember the Ministry of Women in our Church. Being founded on the model of Mary the Mother of God herself and the Service of the Myrrh-bearer ministry is foundational for without it the Church would not exist. During March, the Women will be reading the Epistle, taking the collection, and ushering as they do all year long.

May God bless all of the Women of the Holy Church and bless their ministry.

Epistle

Ushers

English/Arabic

March 5th:	Jamie Mitri/Charlotte Mitri	Linda Dvelis & Fadia Kabak
March 12th:	Beth Schillawski/Roula Greigre	Julia Vale & Mary Massiwer
March 19th:	Nora Matook/Mirna Nakhoul	Janice & Maria Hallal
March 26th:	Jiana Daikh/Carol Daikh	Elaine Wilbur & Lorice Hallal

Sunday of Forgiveness (Cheese Fare)

Tone 3 / Eothinon 3

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: Tone 3

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

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 FORGIVENESS SUNDAY: Tone 6

O Thou Who guidest to wisdom, and givest understanding and intelligence, the Instructor of the ignorant, and Helper of the poor, strengthen my heart and grant it understanding, O Master. Give me word, O Word of the Father; for behold, I shall not refrain my lips from crying to Thee, O merciful One, have mercy upon me who am fallen.



THE EPISTLE

*Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Sing praises to our King, sing praises.
O clap your hands, all ye nations.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (13:11-14:4)

Brethren, salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Master is able to make him stand.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (6:14-21)

The Lord said to His Disciples: If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father Who is in secret; and your Father Who sees in secret will reward you. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

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 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
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	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	
August 13, 2017	Open for sponsorship	
August 20, 2017	St. Mary Church	Feast Day Dinner
August 27, 2017	Open for sponsorship	

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.***



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)

Upcoming Events:

Friday, April 14th: Good Friday Retreat

Sunday, April 30th: Walk-a-Thon

Sunday, June 11th: Church School Graduation & Dinner

ONLINE BULLETIN

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



40 Day Memorial Service



Today, a 40 Day Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the soul of *Louis Slemon*. This Memorial Service is being offered by His Loving Family.

May God grant him peace and repose and may his memory be eternal.

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Francine & Charles Robat & Family
Offered by:
Very Rev. Constantine & Sharon Nasr & Family
Charles & Gail Slemon & Family
Cindy, George & Michael Antypas

Maria, Jacob, Sophia & Emelia Khoury
Samy Morcos
Ray & Leila Trabulsi
Pattie Kilsey
Slemon Family
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

George Moussalli
Offered by: His Family

William Salhany
Ron & Janice Hallal
Offered by: Barbara & George Moussalli

Elaine Agaty
Offered by: Elaine Swistak & Family

Sam & Kay Matook
Elaine Wilbur
Mark Hashway
Kevin Hashway
Offered by: Nora Abdelahad
Elaine Agaty
George & Sandra Matook

Elaine Agaty
Offered by: George & Sandra Matook
Nora Abdelahad

Pattie Kilsey
Offered by: Steve, Joyce, Amen, Fred &
Jeffrey Kilsey

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Louis Slemon
Offered by:
Very Rev. Constantine & Sharon Nasr & Family
Charles & Gail Slemon & Family
Cindy, George & Michael Antypas

Louis Slemon
Offered by: Charles, Francine, Julie, Marie Robat
Marcos Valentin
Brian, Christine & Emma Gilmore

Charlie Agaty
Offered by: Elaine Agaty
Nora Abdelahad
Elaine Swistak & Family

Louis Slemon
Offered by: Donna, Ellen, Christina, Fred
& Families

Louis Slemon
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Rita Sayegh
Ruth Salhany
Ida & Ted Lavin
Zaki & Mary Moussalli
Wadia Taireh
Offered by: Barbara & George Moussalli

Special prayers of Good Health & Blessing
are being offered for Elias
Morcos on the occasion of his
8th Birthday. These prayers
are being offered by:

Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos



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

George Panichas
John Matook
Alma Matook
Nicholas Matook
Fred Hashway
Charles Agaty
Offered by: George & Sandra Matook



Fred Hashway
Offered by: Nora Abdelahad
Elaine Agaty

Louis Slemon
Offered by: Rosemary, Jihad & Shadia Al-Dajani

George Kilsey (32 years)
Offered by: Joyce, Amen, Fred, Jeffrey,
Steve & Patti Kilsey

Ladies Society Dinner ~ Today~ February 26th

to benefit the NAB Antiochian Women’s Project

“Strengthening the Ministries of our Church”

The funds we raise this year will go to strengthen the following ministries in our Archdiocese: planning senior housing projects; founding missions; supporting seminarians; encouraging youth ministries; protecting the unborn; teaching the Faith; caring for the elderly and those in prisons, nursing homes and hospitals; helping to feed, house, and clothe the poor; and inspiring monastic vocations.

ALL proceeds will be sent to our Project

Menu: Fish, Syrian Rice, Vegetables, Salad, Pizza, Dessert, Coffee

\$15- Adult * \$8 Children-12 and under * 6 years and under-free

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:
String Cheese Saturday March 11th-9:30am
Dates Maamoul Saturday, March 25th-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.

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.