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
   Outreach Committee Meeting during Coffee Hour

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

Sunday, February 5, 2017

Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican & After-Feast of Presentation (Meeting) of Christ
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

Transcendence:

Transcendence: From the Latin verb transcendere, meaning “to go beyond.” God, who created all things out of nothing, is by nature totally beyond and different from his creatures, and he cannot be understood or described through human intelligence. He cannot be reduced to concepts, but he reveals himself to humanity through love.

The great work of God, the creation of man, and then after his fall, his restoration by redemption, ought to be well known to every Christian. Without this knowledge one cannot know and fulfill the obligations of a Christian; but the knowledge of this great work of God cannot be acquired with distraction.

~St. Ignatious Brianchaninov

"SOUPER BOWL" Collection
As we enjoy the Superbowl later today, the Ladies Society would like you to remember those in need. This morning the Ladies will be collecting for the SOUPER BOWL. The funds collected will be donated to local soup kitchens. This has been a program that the Ladies have supported for many years and your generosity has helped feed many in need in our local community. Once again we ask that you please be generous to this worthy cause and we thank you for your continued support.

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

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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Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican & After-Feast of Presentation (Meeting) of Christ

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RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: Tone 8
From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE PRESENTATION: Tone 1
Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace, for from thee arose the Sun of Justice, Christ our God, lighting those who are in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous old man, carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, Who granteth us Resurrection.

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 vows to the Lord thy 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 St. Timothy. (3:10-15)

Timothy my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, and my sufferings; and what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. What persecutions I endured; yet from them all, the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:10-14)

The Lord spoke this parable: “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank Thee that I am not like other men, extortionists, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to Heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Stewardship Ministry

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 Bahlaki
Bill & Mary Lou Catelli
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 Kandalaft
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
Nora Matook
Anthony & Etienne Mechrefe
Adib & Mary Mechrefe
Makram & Louise Megalli
George & Barbara Moussalli
Wald & 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 Slemon
Jim & Beth Schillawski
Fred & Adele Shwaery
Bobby Shwaery
Bob & Kristen Silva
Dimitrios & Nancy Sterpis
Elaine Swistak
Raymond & Leila Trabulsii
Virginia Trahan
Julia Vale
Susan Warzych
Deb Whyte

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

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

- Kevin Hashway
- Mark Hashway
- Ronnie Hallal
- Paula Hallal
- Elaine Gauthier
- Vicky Hallal
- Ray Trabulsi
  Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

- Ronnie Hallal
- Paula Hallal
  Offered by: Lorice Hallal

- Ron Hallal
- Mark Hashway
  Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi

- Tony Kabak
  Offered by: Philip & Bette Ayoub

- Al & Vicki Hallal
- Ron Hallal
- Tony Kabak
- The Ayoub Family
- Geoff Ayoub
  Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

- Barbara Aubin & Family
- Walid & Mira Nakhoul
- The Ayoub Families
- Al & Vicki Hallal
- Ron Hallal
  Offered by: Elaine Swistak

**Coffee Hour**

Coffee hour today is sponsored by The Ayoub Family in memory of Naseem Ayoub (3 years). Coffee hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.
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.

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 as soon as possible.
- 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