CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 5th, 2017: First Sunday of Lent (Orthodoxy)

Special collection for theological education

Ladies Society Meeting during coffee hour

Last day to order Cheese

Monday, March 6th: 7:00 P.M.-Great Compline at St. George, Lawrence, MA

(Bishop JOHN presiding)

Tuesday, March 7th: 7:00 P.M.- Great Compline at St. Mary Church, Pawtucket

Wednesday, March 8th: 7:00 P.M.- Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at St. Mary Church, Pawtucket

Thursday, March 9th: 7:00 P.M.- Great Compline at St. Mary Church, Pawtucket

Friday, March 10th: 7:00 P.M.- Akythyst Hymn at St. Mary Church, Pawtucket, followed

by a Potluck Dinner at the Parish Center

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

Outreach Committee Meeting during coffee hour

Last day to order Date Mamoul

Monday, March 13th: 7:00 P.M.-Great Compline at St. George Church, West Roxbury

(Bishop JOHN presiding)

Tuesday, March 14th, 2017: 7:00 P.M.- Parish Council Meeting

7:00 P.M.– Great Compline at St. Mary Church, Pawtucket

Wednesday, March 15th: 7:00 P.M.- Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at St. Mary Church

Thursday, March 16th: 7:00 P.M.- Great Compline at St. Mary Church, Pawtucket

Friday, March 17th: 7:00 P.M.- Akythyst Hymn at St. Mary Church, Pawtucket, followed

by a Potluck Dinner at the Parish Center

Sunday, March 19th: Third Sunday of Lent

Outreach Committee 'Soup Kitchen'

Monday, March 20th: 7:00 P.M.-Great Compline at St. George, Lowell, MA

(Bishop JOHN presiding)

Tuesday, March 21st: 7:00 P.M.- Great Compline at St. Mary Church, Pawtucket

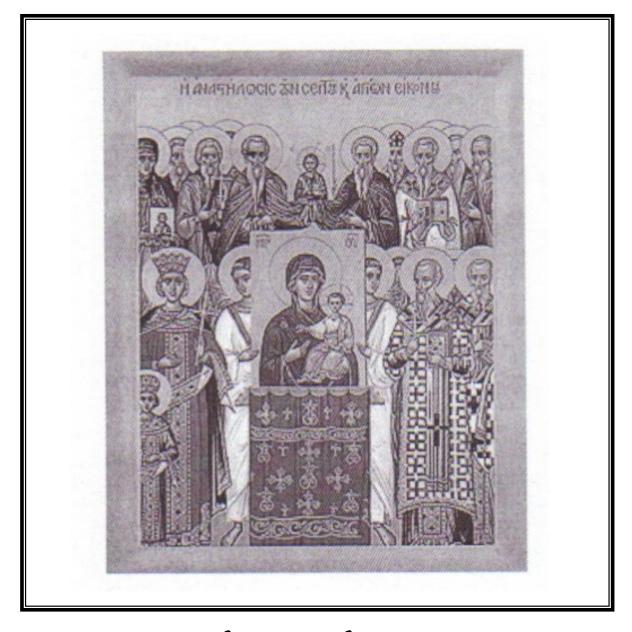
Wednesday, March 22nd: 7:00 P.M.- Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at St. Mary Church

Thursday, March 23rd: 7:00 P.M.- Great Compline at St. Mary Church, Pawtucket

Friday, March 24th: 7:00 P.M.- Akythyst Hymn at St. Mary Church, Pawtucket, followed

by a Potluck Dinner at the Parish Center

SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, March 5, 2017

First Sunday of Great Lent: Sunday of Orthodoxy

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 Cell- 1-(240) 205-9079

Schedule of Services

Sunday: Orthros (Matins) 8:45 a.m.
Church School 11:15 a.m.
Sunday: Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

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



Orthodox Vocabulary

Prostration

A bodily posture of reverence and homage to God made by kneeling on both knees while touching the hands and forehead to the ground. The sign of the Cross is often made preceding or following each prostration. In prostrating, the believer demonstrates humility to God and at the same time trains the body in physical enactment and discipline of that foundational Spiritual posture.

The mathematics of God is completely different from the mathematics of humans. For us two and two equal four. For God two and two can make five or fifteen or anything else.

~Elder Epiphanios of Athens





Byzantine Night

Please join us for Byzantine Night on Saturday, May 6th. Arabic chanting and Blessing by Bishop JOHN will be held at 6pm. Immediately following, we will meet at the Parish Center for refreshments.

SAVE THE DATE

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



Arabic Educational Foundation Scholarship

The Arabic Educational Foundation is now taking applications for the 2017 school year. Applicants of Arabic descent that are enrolled full-time as an undergraduate student are eligible to apply. Applications and Scholarship Eligibility Requirements are available online at www.aef-ri.org. Scholarship applications must be submitted by April 15th.

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.



Prayer Line

 $St. \ Mary \sim Internet \ Prayer \ Line$ Prayer requests can be sent to us via the internet at

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.

Diocese of N.E. upcoming events

We are happy to announce this year's Parish Life Conference, hosted by St. George Orthodox Cathedral of Worcester. This year's PLC is filled with events for the whole family to enjoy. Some of the scheduled events include: Divine services, Teen SOYO baseball game outing, Young Adults Summer BBQ Bash, presentation on the conference theme by Fr. George Eber, Oratorical, Bible Bowl, Hafli, delicious food and much more... Event rates are very affordable so be sure to register your family today: http://www.antiochianevents.com/worcester.html

Sunday of Orthodoxy

Tone 4 / Eothinon 4

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION: Tone 4

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT: Tone 2

Thy pure image do we venerate, O good One, asking forgiveness of our sins, O Christ our God; for by Thine own will Thou didst ascend the Cross in Thy body, to save Thy creatures from the bondage of the enemy. Thou hast verily filled all with joy, since Thou didst come, O our Savior, to save the world.

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 ANNUNCIATION (AND GREAT LENT): Tone 8

To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.



The Epistle Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40

Prokeimenon: Blessed are you, O Lord, God of our Fathers. Verse: For you are righteous in all things you have done for us. The reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Hebrews.

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. And what more shall I say? For time will fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets - who through faith conquered kingdoms, and enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, illtreated (of whom the world is not worthy) wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

The Gospel John 1:43-51

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Beth-saida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to Jesus, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And Jesus said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

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> :	Sponsored by:	Sponsored for:	
March 5, 2017	Massiwer/Gurghigian/Hayes Far	milies Memory of John Massiwer	
March 12, 2017	Dr. & Mrs. Bassam Khabb	az & 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)	
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	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 Morco		
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	·	

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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 *Ann* Avoub. This Memorial Service is being offered by Geoffrey & Michael Ayoub.

May God grant her peace and repose and may her memory be eternal.

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

Kevin Hashway Mark Hashway Kay Matook George Matook Alan Matook Pattie Kilsev Nora Abdelahad Elaine Agaty Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Geoff Avoub The Ayoub Family Kav Matook George Matook Ray Trabulsi Mary Gurghigian ~Happy Birthday~ Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Alan Matook Phil & Flo Spenard & Family The Massiwer Family Offered by: George & Sandra Matook & Family

Dennis, Tatum & Ella Loomis Allison Loomis Offered by: Donna Slemon

Patricia Kilsey Joseph & Marlene Samra Mark Hashway Offered by: Lorice Hallal

Sam & Kav Matook Steve & Pattie Kilsey George & Sandra Matook Offered by: Ron & Janice Hallal

Kav Matook George Matook Alan Matook Pattie Kilsey Nora Abdelahad Elaine Agaty Offered by: Lorice Hallal



Kay Matook George Matook Alan Matook Pattie Kilsey Nora Abdelahad Elaine Agaty Offered by: Barbara Samra

The Massiwer Family Offered by: Nora Abdelahad Elaine Agaty

Geoffrey Ayoub Philip & Bette Ayoub Ed & Sue Ayoub Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi

Dr. Alan Matook George Matook Offered by: Auntie Nora

Edward and Lillian Betor & Family Offered by: Edward and Lillian Betor

Special Prayers of Good Health and Blessing are being offered for Mary Gurghigian on the occasion of her 17th Birthday. These prayers are being offered by Paul and Maureen Gurghigian.



PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

Mary Massiwer

Our Family & Grandchildren

Dr. Alan Matook George Matook Hallal Family

Lil Massiwer Diana Hashway Michael Massiwer

Offered by: Mary Massiwer & Family

Mary Massiwer & Family

Elaine Gauthier Ronald Hallal Albert Hallal Victoria Hallal

Offered by: Holly Lazieh and Sons & Bob Dessaint

Alexander Silva Jack Silva Lily Dvelis Violet Dvelis Layla Melcher Lucas Melcher Mark Hashway

Offered by: Fred, Adele & Robert Shwaery

Pattie Kilsey Geoff Ayoub Kay Matook

Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Patricia Kilsey

Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

Geoffrey Ayoub

Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos



Installation of Parish Council Members

St. Mary Church offers congratulations and prayers for the blessing of the newly elected and appointed members of the Parish Council, and their officers:

Salwa Khoury (President), Cindy Hayes (Vice-President), Fadia Kabak (Treasurer), Jamie Mitri (Secretary), Geoff Ayoub, Scott Barnes, Mattthew Duncan, Linda Dvelis, Keith Hallal, Fred Kilsey, George Kilsey, Walid Nakhoul, Chadi Saad, Hadeel Samaan, Joseph Samra

May God bless them, strengthen and guide them, that together with their Pastor, Fr. Elie and with the Arch-Pastoral guidance of Bishop JOHN, they may in unity and concord under take their Ministry to the Glory of God.



Church News & Organization Activities

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

Foods will be available by pre-order only!

Ladies meeting today (March 5th) during Coffee Hour. Outreach committee report will be given at the beginning of the meeting.

Outreach Committee Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Outreach Ministry Sunday, March 12th during Coffee Hour. All members please plan on attending for we have new business that needs attention.

On Sunday, March 19th we will be giving out boxed lunches as part of our "Soup Kitchen" Project at 12:00pm.

Great Lent and Holy Pascha 2017 Easter Flowers (Holy Friday and Pascha)

Please make a donation to help decorate the Church for Holy Week and Easter.

For Good Health and Blessing of:	
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n Loving Memory of:	
Your name:	
Donation:	
To all those who would like to contribute for the Easter Flowers; checks sho	ould
be made out to St. Mary Orthodox Church and earmarked "Easter Flowers".	
All donations should be received by April 9th.	



PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr. Charles Agaty

Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

John Massiwer

Offered by: Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian

John Massiwer Sophie Hallal Frederick Hallal Moses Lazieh Ronald Gauthier John Swistak

Offered by: Holly Lazieh and Sons & Bob Dessaint

John Massiwer Sr. Sarah & George Massiwer Fred & Sophie Hallal Moses Lazieh

John & Helen Matook Offered by: Mary Massiwer & Family

Naseem Avoub Ann Ayoub

Offered by: Geoffrey Ayoub

Ann Ayoub

Offered by: Ed & Sue Ayoub Lisa & Mark Parent

Ann Ayoub

Offered by: Susan Warzycha & Family Philip, Bette & Phil G. Ayoub

Ann Ayoub

Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Charles Agaty

Offered by: Lorice Hallal

Charles Agaty Fred Hashway

Offered by: Barbara Samra

John Massiwer

Offered by: Nora Abdelahad

Elaine Agaty

John Massiwer Alma Matook

Offered by: George & Sandra Matook & Family

Ann Avoub

Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi

Fred Hashway

Offered by: Lorice Hallal

Ann Avoub

Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Ameen and Nafee Sabath Petros and Afife Betor

Helen Betor Fred Sabath

Fritz and Jimmy Sabath

Offered by: Edward and Lillian Betor

Ann Ayoub

Offered by: Nancy Penta & Family

Ann Avoub

Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

Ann Ayoub

Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

John Massiwer Walter Schroder Josephine Yaghoobian

Leon Matook Louis Slemon

Offered by: Fred, Adele & Robert Shwaery

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.

GREAT LENT 2017

February 27th ~ April 16th (Holy Pascha)



What is Lent?

Prayer ⊕ Fasting ⊕ Acts of Mercy



Sacrament of Confessions

Great Lent is the season to "Open the Gates of Repentance". The faithful are encouraged to enter into the sacrament of confession during the Forty-Day Fast. Confessions can be made before or after Diving Services, or by special appointment with the Priest.

Liturgical Supplies and Offerings for Lent

During Great Lent the Church offers an intensified schedule of Divine Services and Prayers. Donations are being sought from the faithful for the many extra Liturgical Supplies needed for the Holy Season. These offerings include candles, wine, oil, incense, bread, service books, music and printed materials. Please earmark your donations and offerings "Liturgical Supplies." Along with these offerings, bring also yourselves to pray the beautiful Lenten Services.

Food For Hungry People Collection (F.F.H.P.)

"When you see a poor person, remember the words of our Lord Jesus Christ by which He declared that it is He Himself who is fed. For through that which appears to be not Christ, yet in that person's form, it is Christ Himself who receives and begs."

~St. John Chrysostom

During the Holy Season of Lent, we collect alms to feed the hungry, as an act of Christian Mercy. Food for Hungry People collection boxes are available in the Vestibule & Church Hall. Take one home, fill it with coins during Lent and return it at Holy Pasha (Easter). Donations will also be accepted. To: St. Mary Orthodox Church earmarked "F F.H.P."

> May we be generous to reach out to those who hunger and who are in need. This "reaching out" and caring will help us to witness the resurrection.

Extra Collection

Today on the Sunday of Orthodoxy, as is the custom in our Archdiocese, an extra collection will be taken in support for Theological education and our Seminarians. Please be generous so that the Church can afford to train, equip and support the formation and education of our future pastors and educators.

Coffee Hour

Coffee hour today is sponsored by the Massiwer, Gurghigian & Hayes Families in memory of John Massiwer. Coffee hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.





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.

	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
	English/Arabic	
March 19th:	Jamie Mitri/Charlotte Mitri Beth Schillawski/Roula Greigre Nora Matook/Mirna Nakhoul Jiana Daikh/Carol Daikh	Linda Dvelis & Fadia Kabak Julia Vale & Mary Massiwer Janice & Maria Hallal Elaine Wilbur & Lorice Hallal