

## CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Outreach "Soup Kitchen" 12pm-12:30pm

**Saturday, April 29th:** 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy (**this will replace May Arabic Liturgy**)

**Sunday, April 30th:** Sunday of Myrrh-bearers

Church School- *Walk-a-Thon*

**Saturday, May 6th:** 6:00 P.M.– Byzantine Night (Chanting at Church followed by refreshments at the Parish Center)

**Sunday, May 7th:** Sunday of the Paralytic

10 year Memorial Service for Don Hayes

40 day Memorial Service for Georges Karam

**Tuesday, May 9th:** 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

**Saturday, May 13th:** 8pm-1am– Mother's Day Celebration Hafli at the Parish Center

**Sunday, May 14th:** Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Mother's Day

**Sunday, May 21st:** Sunday of the Blind Man

**Sunday, May 28th:** Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council

**Monday, May 29th:** Memorial Day

**Saturday, June 3rd:** 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy

**Sunday, June 4th:** Holy Pentecost

**Sunday, June 11th:** First Sunday After Pentecost (All Saints Sunday)

Church School Graduation & Luncheon

**Tuesday, June 13th:** 7:00 P.M.– Parish Council Meeting

**Saturday, June 17th:** PLC *Pre-Conference* St. George Orthodox Cathedral, Worcester

**Sunday, June 18th:** Second Sunday After Pentecost

Father's Day

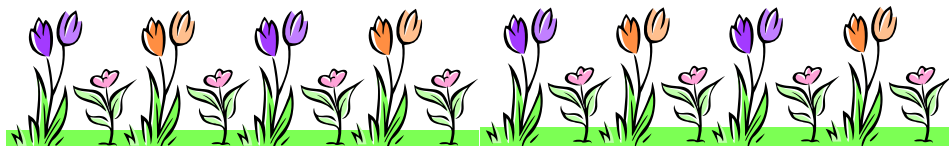
**June 23rd-25th, 2017–** PLC St. George Orthodox Cathedral, Worcester

**Sunday, June 25th:** St. Mary Church will be closed for PLC ***\*\*please note\*\****

**Saturday, July 1st:** 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy

**Sunday, July 2nd:** Fourth Sunday of Matthew

**Tuesday, July 4th:** Independence Day (church office closed)



## SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



*Sunday, April 23, 2017*

*Sunday of St. Thomas (New Sunday)*

CHRIST IS RISEN, TRULY HE IS RISEN!

## *Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church*

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**His Grace Bishop JOHN, Auxiliary and Bishop of the  
Diocese of Worcester and New England**

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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](mailto:stkhoury@cox.net) or any member of the Parish Council with any questions or concerns\*\***

## *Orthodox Vocabulary*

### **Parousia**

**Parousia:** from a Greek word meaning "presence." This is the term used to refer to the second coming of the Lord. On that day, all persons will arise, their bodies transfigured, and all creation will be transformed: new earth and new heavens. This will also be the day of judgment, when the Lord "*will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead*" .  
(Creed: Mt 25:31; Rom 2:5-11)

Dearly beloved, what do you see in these events? Do you really believe that it was by chance that this chosen disciple was absent, then came and heard, heard and doubted, doubted and touched, touched and believed? It was not by chance but in God's providence. In a marvelous way God's mercy arranged that the disbelieving disciple, in touching the wounds of his Master's body, should heal our wounds of disbelief. The disbelief of Thomas has done more for our faith than the faith of the other disciples. As he touches Christ and is won over to belief, every doubt is cast aside and our faith is strengthened. So the disciple who doubted, then felt Christ's wounds, becomes a witness to the reality of the resurrection.

~St. Gregory Dialogos



**Family Day  
July 16th**

**More info to follow soon....**



### Byzantine Night

With the blessing and the presence of our beloved Bishop John, our Arabic Choir, led by Kh. Rouba, invites you to a Byzantine Night on Saturday, **May 6** at 6:00 pm.

Immediately following, we will meet at the Parish Center for refreshments.

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

Please make sure to bring your Food for Hungry People collection boxes to the Church Office if you have not done so already.

### Please note:

St. Mary Church will be closed on Sunday, June 25th due to the Parish Life Conference at St. George Orthodox Cathedral, Worcester.



## 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, April 23, 2017*

## *Sunday of St. Thomas (New Sunday)*

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### APOLYTIKION FOR THOMAS SUNDAY: Tone 7

While the tomb was sealed, Thou didst shine forth from it, O Life. While the doors were closed, Thou didst come in to Thy Disciples, O Christ God, Resurrection of all, renewing in us through them an upright spirit, according to the greatness of Thy mercy.

### APOLYTIKION FOR ST. GEORGE: Tone 4

Since thou art a liberator and deliverer of captives, a help and support of the poor and needy, a healing physician of the sick, a contender and fighter for kings, O great among Martyrs, the victory-clad George; intercede with Christ God for the salvation of our souls.

### KONTAKION OF PASCHA: Tone 8

O Immortal One, when Thou didst descend into the tomb, Thou didst destroy the power of Hades; and Thou didst rise victorious, O Christ God. Thou hast said to the ointment-bearing women: Rejoice! And Thou gavest peace to Thy Disciples, O Bestower of Resurrection to those Who had fallen.

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## THE EPISTLE

*The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord. Hear my voice, O God.*

**The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (12:1-11)** In those days, Herod the king laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He killed James the brother of John with the sword; and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. So Peter was kept in prison; but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the Church. The very night when Herod was about to bring him out, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison; and behold, an angel of the Lord appeared, and a light shone in the cell, and he struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his hands. And the angel said to him, "Wrap your mantle around you and follow me." And he went out and followed him; he did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened to them of its own accord, and they went out and passed on through one street; and immediately the angel left him. And Peter came to himself, and said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

## THE GOSPEL

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (20:19-31)**

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the Disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the Disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other Disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not believe." Eight days later, His Disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the Disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His Name.

## 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.

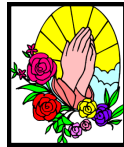
**~Please consider sponsoring a Coffee Hour~**

<u><b>Date:</b></u>	<u><b>Sponsored by:</b></u>	<u><b>Sponsored for:</b></u>
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	His Loving Family	Memory of Georges Karam (40 day)
May 14, 2017	Chadi Saad	Health of Hadi Saad & Family
May 21, 2017	Steve Kilsey & Students	“Saints among us”
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	The Kilsey Family	Memory of Mary Kilsey (20 years)
June 25, 2017	no coffee hour	Church closed for PLC
July 2, 2017	Elaine Swistak & Family	Memory of John Swistak (5 years)
July 9, 2017	His Loving Family	Memory of Frederick Hallal
July 16, 2017	St. Mary Church	Family Day
July 23, 2017	Dr. Zeyad & Norma Morcos	Health of our son Elias Morcos
July 30, 2017	Mirna & Walid Nakhoul	Health of Family
August 6, 2017	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
August 13, 2017	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
August 20, 2017	St. Mary Church	Feast Day Dinner
August 27, 2017	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
September 3, 2017	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
September 10, 2017	The Order of St. Ignatius	First Day of Church School
September 17, 2017	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
September 24, 2017	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
October 1, 2017	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
October 8, 2017	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
October 15, 2017	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
October 22, 2017	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
October 29, 2017	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
November 5, 2017	no coffee hour	Annual Christmas Bazaar

## 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



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### **Christ is Risen!**

Thanks to all of you who supported the Teen's Easter breakfast. We hope you all enjoyed it!



## 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:

**Sunday, April 30th:** Walk-a-Thon

**Sunday, June 11th:** Church School Graduation & Luncheon

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

Kevin Hashway  
Mark Hashway  
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Edward and Lillian Betor & Family  
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The Matook Family  
Offered by: Charles & Angela Abosamra

Mark Hashway  
Holly, Paula, Cheryl, Nancy & Families  
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

The Family of Sophie Hallal  
Charles & Angela Abosamra  
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Alexander & Jack Silva  
Lily & Violet Dvelis  
Layla & Lucas Melcher  
Offered by: Fred, Adele & Robert Shwaery

Mary Calache  
Amad & Alexa Tayebi  
Spiro Saati & Jo Pandolpho  
Sheryl Kogut  
Sam Matook & Family  
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

The Hallal Family  
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Holly Lazieh & Sons & Bob Dessaint  
Cheryl & Anthony Nassaney & Family  
Paula Hallal  
Lily Massiwer  
Diana Hashway  
Mary Massiwer & Family  
Fadia & Tony Kabak & Family  
Janet Laffey  
Offered by: Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian

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

Fred Hashway Jr.  
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Ameen and Nafee Sabath  
Petros and Afife Betor  
Helen Betor  
Fred Sabath  
Fritz and Jimmy Sabath  
Offered by: Edward and Lillian Betor

Sophie Hallal  
Frederick Hallal  
Offered by: Holly Lazieh & Sons & Bob Dessaint  
Paula Hallal  
Cheryl & Anthony Nassaney & Family  
Nancy & Dimitrios Sterpis & Sons

Kay Matook  
Offered by: Charles & Angela Abosamra

Sophie Hallal  
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

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Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Sophie Hallal  
Fred Hallal  
Offered by: Fred, Adele & Robert Shwaery

Kay Matook  
Sophie Hallal  
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

Sophie Hallal  
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Sophie Hallal  
Fred Hallal  
Moses Lazieh  
Rose Khoury  
Offered by: Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian

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### Coffee Hour

Today, Coffee Hour is offered in memory of *Sophie Hallal* by her Loving Family. Coffee hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.



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### 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.

### **Come kick off the start of summer with the Arabic Educational Foundation!!!**

The A.E.F. will host a scholarship Wine Tasting at Diamond Hill Vineyards on Friday, June 23rd from 5:30-7:30. Light hors d'oeuvres along with a sampling of Vineyard wines will be offered with surprise Arabic music! Come socialize with friends and family in a beautiful outdoor setting while supporting the AEF in providing college scholarships to the next generation of Arabic students.

Since its inception in 1966, the AEF has provided over \$250,000 in college scholarships to local students of Arabic heritage.

Tickets are \$25 and are available from board members. Please call or e-mail:  
George Matook– [clubbie75@hotmail.com](mailto:clubbie75@hotmail.com) or (401) 231-8377  
Tammy McMichael– [TammyMcMichael@cox.net](mailto:TammyMcMichael@cox.net) or (401) 334-4450

## **Mother's Day Celebration** **Spring Hafle**

**Saturday, May 13th**

Doors open at 8:00pm \* Dinner 8:30pm



*Come and enjoy an evening of Music & Dabke with singer*

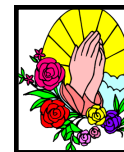
*Salah Kurdi*

*Adult: \$50 ~ Children under 12 years: \$25*

### **For tickets & reservations please contact:**

Fr. Elie (240) 205-9079 / [elieruba@gmail.com](mailto:elieruba@gmail.com)

Tony Kabak (401) 744-6317, (401) 769-4915 / [fadiakabak@verizon.net](mailto:fadiakabak@verizon.net)



### **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.

### **Arabic Liturgy**

Arabic Liturgy will be held on Saturday, April 29th at 6:00 P.M. (*This replaces May Arabic Liturgy*). All are welcome and encouraged to attend.