

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**Sunday, May 14th:** Sunday of the Samaritan Woman  
Mother's Day

**Sunday, May 21st:** Sunday of the Blind Man  
40 Day Memorial Service for Wajiha Chamoun  
Church School- *Walk-a-Thon*  
Outreach Program 'Soup Kitchen'



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

**Monday, May 29th:** Memorial Day  
9:00 A.M.– Memorial Day Prayers at Walnut Hill Cemetery

**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

### Coffee Hour Sponsorships

| <u>Date:</u>      | <u>Sponsored by:</u>        | <u>Sponsored for:</u>               |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 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   | John & Anita Chamoun        | Memory of Wajiha Chamoun            |
| September 3, 2017 | <i>Open for sponsorship</i> |                                     |

## SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



*Sunday, May 14, 2017*

*Sunday of the Samaritan Woman*

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*

**We welcome our Visitors & Guests:** Please take a moment to fill out a Visitor Card.  
We invite you to join us for coffee hour at the Parish Center following Liturgy.

**Receiving Communion:** Only those Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves may approach the chalice for Holy Communion. Everyone is welcome to partake of the Holy Bread after the Liturgy.

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***\*\*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\*\****

### **Coffee Hour**

Today, Coffee Hour is offered for the health of *Hadi Saad & Family* and is being offered by Chadi Saad. Coffee hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.



### **Memorial Day Prayers**

This year Memorial Day falls on May 29th. Prayers for the deceased will be held at Walnut Hill Cemetery starting at 9am on Monday, May 29th.

Please bring a list of the names of your beloved deceased and give them to Fr. Elie at the central cross for the offering of the Trisagion Prayers (9am).

May God grant peace and repose to the beloved deceased and may their memories be eternal!



### **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.

## **CHARITABLE GIFT PROGRAM**

### **What is it?**

***A program designed 22 years ago to help stabilize the financial future of our Church.***

### **Is it successful?**

***121 Participants to date  
\$355,000 in assets***

### **Is it complicated to become a participant?**

***Very simple to do. No lawyers or legal documents necessary.  
No money needed now. Just your commitment.***

***We are suggesting a small percentage of what God has blessed you with. Leave the major portion of God's gifts to your family.***

***To those of you who are participating: Thank you!***

***For those of you who have not as yet committed...Please consider doing so!***

## Church News & Organization Activities

### Upcoming events:

- ♦ **June 5th: Ladies Night** ~ *All Ladies from the parish invited ( see details below)*
- ♦ **June 11th: Church School** ~ *Graduation & Luncheon*
- ♦ **July 16th: Family Fun Day** (following Liturgy) ~ *Masonic Youth Center, 116 Long Street, Warwick, RI*
- ♦ **August 20th: Feast Day** (following Hierarchial Liturgy-with Bishop JOHN) ~ *Music & Luncheon at the Parish Center*
- ♦ **September 9th: St. Mary's got Talent** ~ *at the Parish Center*
- ♦ **September 10th: Church School** ~ *First day of Church School & Luncheon*

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

### Ladies Night

Come join us for a fun night and a delicious dinner on the water.

**Monday, June 5th at 6:30pm**

**at**

**Wharf Tavern on the Water  
215 Water Street  
Warren, RI 02885**

**Menu:** *Choice of 8oz Prime Rib, Chicken Terriaki, Grilled Chicken, Baked Stuffed Shrimp, Scrod (also served with salad, baked potato, vegetable, coffee, tea, dessert)*

**Price:** \$40pp– Please see or call Lorice Hallal (401) 726-1858

### THE EPISTLE

*How great are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul!*

#### **The Reading from the Acts of the Sainly and Pure Apostles. (11:19-30)**

In those days, the Disciples, who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen, traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the Word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who, upon coming to Antioch, spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the Disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the Disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea; and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

### THE GOSPEL

#### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (4:5-42)**

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as He was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." For His Disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to Him, "How is it that Thou, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and Who it is that is saying to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." The woman said to Him, "Sir, Thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Art Thou greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst forever; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered Him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that Thou art a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and Thou sayest that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship Him. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming [He Who is called Christ]; when He comes, He will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I Who speak to you am He." Just then His Disciples came. They marveled that He was talking with a woman, but none said, "What dost Thou wish?" or, "Why art Thou talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city, and said to the people, "Come, see a man Who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to Him. Meanwhile the Disciples besought Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the Disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him Who sent Me, and to accomplish His work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in Him because of the woman's testimony, "He said to me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to Him, they asked Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His words. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

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

Kevin Hashway  
Mark Hashway  
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Sue Ayoub  
Offered by: Ed & Lisa

Edward and Lillian Betor  
Paul & Kerrie Betor  
Thomas & Lynn Marcotte  
Peter Marcotte  
William & LaVerne Ameen  
Laurice Zambie  
Matthew & Adrienne Dykstra  
Gr. Grandchildren– Joelle, Rose & Daniel Dykstra  
Offered by: Edward and Lillian Betor

Ed & Lillian Betor  
Offered by: George & Sandra Matook

Suzanne Ayoub  
Offered by: Philip & Bette Ayoub  
Philip G. Ayoub

Suzanne and Edward Ayoub  
Michael & Mary Saati  
John & Anita Chamoun  
Matthew & Amani Kelley  
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

Matthew & Amani Kelley  
Suzanne Ayoub  
Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi

Sue Ayoub  
Matthew & Amani Kelley  
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Anthony Nassaney  
Sue Ayoub  
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

Metri Zainah  
Firas Zainah  
Eyad Samaan  
Elias Samaan  
Offered by: Fadi & Hadeel Samaan

Matthew & Amani Kelley  
Offered by: St. Mary Choir

Matthew & Amani Kelley & Family  
Elie, Julia & Naji Karam & Family  
John & Anita Chamoun & Family  
Offered by: Cindy Hayes & Children



**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

Wajiha Chamoun  
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

John Kelley  
Emile  
Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi

Mary Samra  
Nellie Hallal  
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

John Kelley  
Emile  
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Mary Agaty  
Jeannette Swistak  
Offered by: Elaine Swistak & Family

Georges Karam  
Wajiha Chamoun  
Don Hayes  
John Massiwer  
Tom Andrew  
Offered by: Cindy Hayes & Children

*May God bless our Mothers*



*Today, May 14th is Mother's Day on our secular calendar. May God bless each and every Mother and Grandmother to whom he has given the great Grace of childbearing and the nurturement of children in the Christian Family. The vocation of the Mother is a Holy, Sacred and Sacrificial one and it is foundational to the Christian Life. May God bless and strengthen our Holy Mothers and may their children learn to say "Thank You" to them on this day.*

**Congratulations**

St. Mary Church offers its congratulations to all of our young men and women who are or will be graduating from both High School and College in the next few weeks. May God bless them as they continue their education and pursue new work and careers. And may God bless their parents and families for nurturing and supporting them.



Parish Life Conference, hosted by St. George Orthodox Cathedral of Worcester~ June 23rd-25th. <http://www.antiochianevents.com/worcester.html>

**Antiochian Archdiocese Scholarships available**

Applications and scholarship info: [www.antiochian.org/scholarships](http://www.antiochian.org/scholarships)



**St. Mary Church School News**

***Sunday, May 21st:*** Walk-a-Thon– ***\*\*note date change\*\****  
(If you would like to donate, you can either send a check to the church office or sponsor the student directly)  
***Sunday, June 11th:*** Church School Graduation & Luncheon