**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 ‘Soap 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

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**Sunday, May 14, 2017**  
**Sunday of the Samaritan Woman**  
**CHRIST IS RISEN, TRULY HE IS RISEN!**
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.

**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**

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.

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!
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 Hierarchical 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

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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 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 marvelled 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.’ And he who received the work of the sower 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.”

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 Saints 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 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 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.

CHRIST IS RISEN, TRULY HE IS RISEN!
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.


Antiochian Archdiocese Scholarships available

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

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Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur
Sue Ayoub
Offered by: Ed & Lisa
Edward and Lillian Betor
Paul & Kerrie Betor
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Peter Marcotte
William & LaVerne Ameen
Laurice Zambie
Matthew & Adrienne Dykstra
Gr. Grandchildren – Joelle, Rose & Daniel Dykstra
Offered by: Edward and Lillian Betor
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Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi
Sue Ayoub
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Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Anthony Nassaney
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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

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

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur
Ameen and Nafee Sabath
Petros and Affie Betor
Helen Betor
Fred Sabath
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**Parish Life Conference** hosted by St. George Orthodox Cathedral of Worcester June 23rd-25th. [Antiochian Events](http://www.antiochianevents.com/worcester.html)

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**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