

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Saturday, May 27th: 5:00 P.M.-Teen SOYO Bowling night & dinner at the Parish Center

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

Sunday, June 18th: Second Sunday After Pentecost



Coffee Hour Sponsorships

| <u>Date:</u> | <u>Sponsored by:</u> | <u>Sponsored for:</u> |
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| 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> | |
| September 10, 2017 | The Order of St. Ignatius | First Day of Church School |

SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, May 21, 2017

Sunday of the Blind Man

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

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| <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.

*****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, during coffee hour, at the parish center, a presentation “*saints among us*” and luncheon is being presented by Church School. All are welcome to come and we look forward to seeing you all there.



Pledge News

We have received 90 pledges totaling \$92,000 thus far. Thank you!

Please note:

Our projected budget for St. Mary in 2017 is \$273,000. That is \$22,750 per month of needed income. As part of the budget is our Archdiocese Assessment which is calculated as a percentage of our overall income. In 2017, this amount is around \$27,000. While in past years we would separately invoice each family \$125 to help meet the Archdiocese Assessment, the council removed this invoicing system and asks that each family include at least \$125 more in their Pledge for 2017 so we can comfortably meet this obligation.

If you have any questions please contact Fr. Elie, Salwa Khoury, Steven Kilsey or Joe Samra.

Ladies Society Evening

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

AEF Annual Awards Breakfast

Welcoming Everyone to attend the

Annual Awards Brunch

Saturday, June 10th at 10am

St. Basil’s Cultural Center ~ 15 Skyview Dr., Lincoln, RI

Ticket Donation: \$15pp / contact George & Sandy Matook

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!



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!

~THANK YOU~

Thank you to everyone that helped make our Hafli a success!! A wonderful time was had by all. Thank you to everyone that helped cook, serve, clean, shop & attend. Our net profit from the Hafli is: **\$8,000!!!**

THE EPISTLE

Their voice has gone out into all the earth. The heavens declare the glory of God.

The Reading from the Acts of the Saintly and Pure Apostles. (26:1, 12-20)

In those days, King Agrippa said to Paul, "You have permission to speak for yourself." Then Paul stretched out his hand and made his defense: "I journeyed to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. At midday, O king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining round me and those who journeyed with me. And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It hurts you to kick against the goads.' And I said, 'Who art Thou, Lord?' And the Lord said, 'I am Jesus Whom you are persecuting. But rise and stand upon your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you to serve and bear witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you, delivering you from the people and from the Gentiles, to whom I send you to open their eyes, that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.' Wherefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those at Damascus, then at Jerusalem and throughout all the country of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God and perform deeds worthy of their repentance."

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (9:1-38)

At that time, when Jesus was passing, He saw a man blind from his birth. And His Disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. I must work the works of Him Who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As He said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" [which means Sent]. So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for He does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about Him, since He has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether He is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become His disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where He comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where He comes from, and yet He opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, He could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him He said, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" He answered, "And Who is He, Sir, that I may believe in Him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen Him, and it is He who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshiped Him.



40 Day Memorial Service



A Forty Day Memorial Service is being offered for the servant of God *Wajiha Chamoun* offered by John, Anita, Anthony & Reyna Chamoun.

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

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Sue Ayoub
Lorice Hallal
Joe & Marlene Samra
Barbara Samra
Sandra Conca
Joe & Rebecca Samra & Family
Marlene & Keith Marshall & Family
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Lily Massiwer
Diana Hashway
Offered by: Holly Lazieh & Sons & Bob Dessaint

John, Anita, Anthony & Reyna Chamoun
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Leah, Bianca & Johnna Macaruso
Michael, Maria, Mark & Meika Matook
Offered by: Nora Matook

John, Anita, Anthony & Reyna Chamoun
Offered by: Bassam & Pauline Khabbaz

Suzanne Ayoub
Matthew & Amani Kelley
Al & Vicki Hallal
Offered by: Elaine Swistak



PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Wajiha Chamoun
Offered by: John, Anita, Reyna & Anthony Chamoun

Wajiha Chamoun
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Leon Thomas Matook
Offered by: Nora Matook

Wajiha Chamoun
Offered by: Bassam & Pauline Khabbaz

John Kelley
Emil Awad
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Sophie Hallal
Sarah Massiwer
Nellie Hallal
Offered by: Holly Lazieh & Sons & Bob Dessaint

Special Prayers of Good Health & Blessing are being offered for Evan Hallal on the occasion of his Graduation from Law School.

Offered by: Elaine Wilbur



Special Prayers of Good Health & Blessing are being offered for Christopher Kilsey on the occasion of his Graduation.

Offered by: George, Lois & Mary Kilsey



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Offered by: Mary Lou & Bill Catelli



Charitable Gift Program Annual Memorial Service ~ Sunday, May 28th

This is the twenty-third year that Memorial Trisagion services are offered for those deceased parishioners in our Charitable Gift Program who have made their contribution to the fund.

The Trisagion service will be offered this year in memory of: Assad Ayoub, Mary Ayoub, Naseem Ayoub, Joseph Bowab, Linda Salhany Bowab, Alice David, Florence David, George David, Mary Elizabeth David, Nora David, Christopher Gauthier, Ronald Gauthier, Esma Gorab, Jacqueline Gorab, John Gorab, Edward J. Hallal, Sr., Fred Hallal, Sophie Hallal, Donald Hayes, Matilda Josephs, Theodore Juczyk, Michelle Kilsey, Ida Lavin, Theodore Lavin, John Massiwer, Sarah Massiwer, Esma Matook, Wadi Matook, Kamal Nassif, Ruth Ganim Salhany, Rita Sayegh, Joseph Samra, Mary Samra, Jameela Tahmouh and Nora Walker. May their Memory Be Eternal!

We would also like to offer prayers for the health and safety of the following individuals who have committed to the Charitable Gift Program.

Fr. Leonard Faris
Fr. Timothy Ferguson
Anonymous--Four
Lisa Andrew
Cindy Antypas
Bette Ayoub
Edward Ayoub
Philip Ayoub
Philip G. Ayoub
Suzanne Ayoub
Janet Bowab
Christine Briggs
Liam Burke
Mary Lou Catelli
William Catelli
Bryan Chowning
Stephanie Chowning
Linda Dvelis
Fred Elliott
Renda Ferrari
Elaine Gauthier
Maureen Gurghigian
Paul Gurghigian
Janice Bowab Hallal
Jim Hallal
Keith Hallal
Lorice Hallal

Maria Hallal
Paula Hallal
Ronald Hallal
Dianna Hashway
Fareed Hawwa
Olga Hawwa
Tawfik Hawwa
Cindy Hayes
Daniel Hayes
Donald Hayes, Jr.
Sarah Hayes
Hilda Jarjoura Juczyk
Fadia Kabak
Eli Karam
Julia Karam
Naji Karam
Nabil Khoury
Salwa Khoury
Audrey Kilsey
Fred Kilsey
George Kilsey
Lois Kilsey
Melissa Ann Kilsey
Patricia A. Kilsey
Steven G. Kilsey
Steven W. Kilsey
Robert Laffey

Holly Lazieh
Lily Massiwer
Mary Massiwer
Keith Marshall
Marlene Marshall
Donna Maurice
Glen Maurice
Mary Mechrefe
Louise Megalli
Melanie Ann Merner
Mirna Nakhoul
Walid Nakhoul
William Salhany
Barbara M. Samra
Joseph J. Samra
Joseph J. Samra III
Marlene Samra
Rebecca Samra
Florence Spenard
Phil Spenard
Carol Wartenburg
Susan Warzycha
Mary Jane Wehbe
Elaine Wilbur
Our Teens