Sunday, May 7th: Sunday of the Paralytic
    10 year Memorial Service for Don Hayes
    40 day Memorial Service for Georges Karam
    Outreach Committee Meeting during Coffee Hour

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
    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

Coffee Hour Sponsorships

Date: Sponsored by: Sponsored for:
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 Nahkoul       Health of Family
August 6, 2017             Open for sponsorship
August 13, 2017             Open for sponsorship
August 20, 2017             St. Mary Church          Feast Day Dinner
August 27, 2017             John & Anita Chamoun        Memory of Wajiha Chamoun

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**

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Worship in Reverence, Depart in Peace to Serve

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~St. Macarius of Egypt

Coffee Hour

Today, Coffee Hour is offered in memory of Georges Karam by his Loving Family. Coffee hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.

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.

Orthodox Vocabulary

Naos


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**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!_

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**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.

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**Diocese of N.E. upcoming events**

Parish Life Conference, hosted by St. George Orthodox Cathedral of Worcester~June 23rd-25th.  

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**Antiochian Archdiocese Scholarships available**

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

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**The Epistle**

_Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Clap your hands, all you nations._

_The Reading from the Acts of the Saintly and Pure Apostles. (9:32-42)_

_In those days, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, “Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed.” And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, “Please come to us without delay.” So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments, which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, “Tabitha, rise.” And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord._

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**The Gospel**

_The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (5:1-15)_

_At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethsaida, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first, after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for 38 years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, He said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” The sick man answered Him, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me.” Jesus said to him, “Rise, take up your pallet, and walk.” And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, “It is the Sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet.” But he answered them, “The man who healed me said to me, ‘Take up your pallet, and walk.’” They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take up your pallet, and walk’?” Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, “See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befalls you.” The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus Who had healed him._
Today, a 40 Day Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the soul of Georges Karam. This Memorial Service is being offered by his Loving Family.

Today, a 10 Year Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the soul of Donald Hayes. This Memorial Service is being offered by Cindy Hayes & Children.

*May God grant them peace and repose and may their memories be eternal.*

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**Memorial Services**

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

- Kevin Hashway
- Mark Hashway
- Cindy, Don, Dan & Sarah Hayes
- John and Anita Chamoun & Family
- Karam Family
- Offered by: Elaine Wilbur
- Elie Karam & Family
- Cindy Hayes & Family
- Janet Laftype
- Fred Shwaery
- Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury
- Elaine Wilbur
- Lorice Hallal
- Tony & Fadia Kabak
- Mark Hashway
- Offered by: Philip & Bette Ayoub
- Mark Hashway
- Linda Dvelis & Family
- Fred Shwaery & Family
- Robert Shwaery
- Offered by: Fred, Adele & Robert Shwaery
- The Hayes Family
- Offered by: Nora Abdelahad
- Elaine Agaty
- George & Sandra Matook & Family

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**We are grateful for the following members who have completed their 2017 Commitment Cards. Thank you!**

- Fr. Elie & Kh. Rouba Estephan
- Charles & Angela Abosamra
- George Arees
- Philip & Bette Ayoub
- Edward & Sue Ayoub
- Philip G. Ayoub
- Geoff Ayoub
- Elias & Samar Baalbaki
- Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki
- Edward & Lilian Betor
- Azzam Bittar
- Bob & Christine Briggs
- Christopher Briggs
- Bill & Mary Lou Catelli
- Yaacoub & Jamal Daher
- Jiana Daikh
- Matthew & Megan Duncan
- Linda Dvelis
- Caesar El-Khoury
- Dimitri & Susan Ganim
- Rose Ganim
- Rich & Marie Ganim-Kinslow
- Jonathan & Tanya Gaudioso
- Roula & Ricky Greigre
- Paul & Maureen Gurghigian
- Therese Haddad
- Albert & Victoria Hallal
- Lorice Hallal
- Keith & Maria Hallal
- Ron & Janice Hallal
- Jim & Susan Harvey
- Dianna Haswasy
- Tawfiq & Olga Hawwa
- Cindy Hayes
- Tony & Fadia Kabak
- Eli Kandalaft
- Elie & Julia Karam
- Dr. Bassam & Pauline Khabbaz
- Jack & Violet Khoury
- Jack Khoury
- Nabil & Salwa Khoury
- George & Lois Kilsiey
- Steven & Pat Kilsiey
- Steven & Missy Kilsiey Jr.
- Keith & Marlene Marshall
- Lily Massiwer
- Mary Massiwer
- George & Sandra Matook
- Michael & Maria Matook
- Nora Matook
- Anthony & Etienne Mechrefe
- Adib & Mary Mechrefe
- Makram & Louise Megalli
- Yacoub (Jacob) & Charlotte Mitri
- Jamie Mitri
- Samy & Helen Morcos
- George & Barbara Moussalli
- Walid & Mirna Nakhou
- Ziad & Narcisa Nasrallah
- Loris Pimental
- Sbdn. Chadi Saad
- Bill & Susan Salhany
- Saliba Michel & Robin Saliba
- Joseph & Rebecca Samra
- Joseph & Marlene Samra
- Emile & Ling Huang Sarkis
- Donna Slemon
- Jim & Beth Schilllawski
- Fred & Adele Shwaery
- Bobbby Shwaery
- Bob & Kristen Silva
- Dimitrios & Nancy Sterpis
- Elaine Swistak
- Raymond & Leila Trabulsi
- Virginia Trahan
- Julia Vale
- Susan Warzycha
- Albert & Mary Jane Wehbe
- Deb Whyte
- Elaine Wilbur

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If you have not completed a card yet, please ask a member of the Vestry or download one from our website.
**Happy Birthday to everyone who has a birthday during the month of May!**

- Melissa Kilsey
- Mark Matook
- Elaine Gauthier
- Kristen Silva
- Violette Amirhom
- Jennifer Kilsey
- Vanessa Webbe
- Keith Marshall

- Julia Harvey
- Stephanie Chowning
- Olga Hawwa
- Jordan Lazieh
- Matthew Duncan
- Nicholas Chowning
- Alex Khabbaz

- Reyna Chamoun
- Aimee Decristoforo
- Mary Khoury
- George Daikh
- Etienne Mechrefe
- Maria Matook
- Barbara Samra

- **If you have a May birthday and do not see your name– we do not have it in our database– please email or call the church office to have you and your family members added.**

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**ONLINE BULLETIN**

The Bulletin is available online on our website at:

http://stmarypawtucket.org

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

- Fred Hashway Jr.
  Offered by: Elaine Wilbur
- Fred Hashway, Jr.
  Russell Wilbur
  Offered by: Philip & Bette Ayoub
- Don Hayes
  John Massiwer
  Leon Matook
  Offered by: Fred, Adele & Robert Shwaery
- Don Hayes
  Offered by: Nora Abdelahad
  Elaine Agaty
  George & Sandra Matook & Family
- Georges Karam
  Don Hayes
  Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra
  Antoinette Slemon
  Offered by: Donna, Fred, Chris, Ellen & Their Families

**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.

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**Prayer Line**

St. Mary ~ 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.
Church News & Organization Activities

Upcoming events:
- May 13th: Spring Hafle – 8:00pm ~ call Fr. Elie or Tony Kabak for tickets
- 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

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

More details to follow….

***Braided Cheese will be sold during coffee hour today- $6 ball***

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

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 or (401) 231-8377
Tammy McMichael– TammyMcMichael@cox.net or (401) 334-4450