

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Monday, May 29th: Memorial Day

9:00 A.M.– Memorial Day Prayers at Walnut Hill Cemetery



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 Nakhoul	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

SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, May 7, 2017

Sunday of the Paralytic

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**

V. Rev. Father Elie Estephan
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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.

*****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 in memory of *Georges Karam* by his Loving Family. Coffee hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.



Orthodox Vocabulary

Naos

Naos, Greek, 'temple'. (1) The Temple in Jerusalem. (2) A church building. (3) The nave area of a church. (4) Mary, hymned as the *naos* in which God makes his dwelling by the incarnation. (5) Every Christian, as a *naos* where God dwells by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

"We receive salvation by grace and as a divine gift of the Spirit. But to attain the full measure of virtue we need also to possess faith and love, and to struggle to exercise our free will with integrity.

~St. Macarius of Egypt

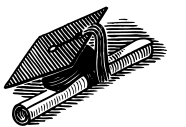


There will be a meeting of the Outreach Committee Ministry *TODAY*-Sunday, May 7th during the Coffee Hour. Please make every effort to attend.

Thank you,
Outreach Committee

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.



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!

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.

Diocese of N.E. upcoming events

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

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.

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 Bethesda, 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.



Memorial Services



- ♦ 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.

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Cindy, Don, Dan & Sarah Hayes
John and Anita Chamoun & Family
Karam Family
Offered by: Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian

Elie Karam & Family
Cindy Hayes & Family
Janet Laffey
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



Elie, Julia & Naji Karam
Offered by: John, Anita, Reyna & Anthony Chamoun

Elie, Julia & Naji Karam
Offered by: Bassam, Pauline, Jordan & Alex Khabbaz

Cindy Hayes & Family
Elie, Julia & Naji Karam
Elaine Gauthier
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Josephine, Elie, Julia & Naji Karam
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

Dennis, Tatum, Ella & Gia Loomis
Allyson Loomis
Offered by: Donna Slemon

Sam Matook & Family
Elie & Julia Karam & Family
Tony & Fadia Kabak
Offered by: Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki

Elaine Gauthier (75th birthday celebration)
Nicholas Chowning (Happy birthday)
Stephanie Chowning (Happy birthday)
Offered by: Mary Lou & Bill Catelli



**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 & Lillian 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 Hashway
Tawfik & Olga Hawwa
Cindy Hayes
Tony & Fadia Kabak
Eli Kandalraft
Elie & Julia Karam
Dr. Bassam & Pauline Khabbaz
Jack & Violet Khoury
Jack Khoury
Nabil & Salwa Khoury
George & Lois Kilsey
Steven & Pat Kilsey
Steven & Missy Kilsey 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 Nakhoul

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 Schillawski
Fred & Adele Shwaery
Bobby 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

***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!

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| Melissa Kilsey | Julia Harvey | Reyna Chamoun |
| Mark Matook | Stephanie Chowning | Aimee Decristoforo |
| Elaine Gauthier | Olga Hawwa | Mary Khoury |
| Kristen Silva | Jordan Lazieh | George Daikh |
| Violette Amirhom | Matthew Duncan | Etienne Mechrefe |
| Jennifer Kilsey | Nicholas Chowning | Maria Matook |
| Vanessa Wehbe | Alex Khabbaz | Barbara Samra |
| Keith Marshall | | |

*****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.*****

ONLINE BULLETIN

The Bulletin is available online on our website at:
<http://stmarypawtucket.org>



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

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

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| Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur | Donald Hayes
Wajiha Chamoun
Georges Karam
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| Georges Karam
Don Hayes
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra | Donald Hayes
Georges Karam
Offered by: Elaine Swistak |
| Antoinette Slemon
Offered by: Donna, Fred, Chris, Ellen
& Their Families | Georges Karam
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos |
| | Kay Matook
Rose Khoury
Georges Karam
Offered by: Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki |



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.



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

CHRIST IS RISEN, TRULY HE IS RISEN!



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