

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, June 11th: First Sunday After Pentecost (All Saints Sunday)

Church School Graduation &

Luncheon (hosted by The Order of St. Ignatius)

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

Father's Day

June 23rd-25th, 2017– PLC St. George Orthodox Cathedral, Worcester

Sunday, June 25th: St. Mary Church will be closed for PLC *****please note*****

Saturday, July 1st: 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy

40 Day Memorial Service for Mary Kasatli Shagouri

Sunday, July 2nd: Fourth Sunday of Matthew

Tuesday, July 4th: Independence Day (church office closed)

Sunday, July 9th: Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, July 16th: Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council



Coffee Hour Sponsorships

Date:

Sponsored by:

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June 11, 2017	The Order of St. Ignatius	Church School Graduation Luncheon
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 Luncheon
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
September 17, 2017	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
September 24, 2017	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
October 1, 2017	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	

SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, June 11, 2017

*All Saints Sunday: First Sunday after Pentecost
& First Sunday of Matthew*

Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

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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.

*****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*****

Outreach-Item Donations

The '***Soup Kitchen***' Outreach project is kindly looking for the following items: *baby wipes, hand sanitizer, & spiral notebooks* to be distributed with the boxed lunches handed out each month.

Thank you for your support!

The Feast of all the Saints

The first Sunday after Pentecost is dedicated to the commemoration of all the saints. Sanctity is the work of the Holy Spirit; all Christian holiness is a fruit of Pentecost. There is therefore a logical link between today's feast and that of last Sunday.

At the liturgy a portion of the epistle to the Hebrews (11:33-12:2) is read which evokes the sufferings of the cloud of witnesses', that is to say the prophets, the martyrs, the righteous, those who were storied, put to the sword, or tortured, 'of whom the world was not worthy'. We know this passage well, for the Church has already given it to us to hear twice during the liturgical year: first on the Sunday before Christmas, then on the first Sunday of Great Lent. It seems that the Church, in calling our attention to this text before the Nativity, before Easter, and immediately after Pentecost, wants to emphasize that we draw near to these great mysteries 'catholicly', surrounded by the saints and helped by their prayers; she wishes above all to tell us that saintliness is not an abnormal or exceptional state; that, on the contrary it is the normal flowering of every Christian life. The call to holiness is addressed to each one of us.

The gospel for the liturgy (Matt. 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30) is a selections of the sayings of Our Lord which relate to the actual conditions of holiness: 'He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me...And he that taketh not his cross' and followeth after me, is not worthy of me...Everyone that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or land, for my name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold and shall inherit everlasting life'. Once again, our Lord brings us into the presence of his Cross and the personal renunciations that it involves. There is, however, a great difference between the way we read these words today and the way we read them (or similar texts) during the preceding months: read after Pentecost, this invitation to sacrifice is now clothed in fire, in the light and power of the Holy Spirit. The apostles did not really follow their master on his painful road until after the coming of the Paraclete, the saints, whose collective feast we celebrate today, only carried the cross when they were under the inspiration of the Spirit. The cross that Jesus set before our eyes, on this first Sunday after Pentecost, is a cross of fire– the fire of the Spirit descending on the disciples.



~The Year of Grace of the Lord.



St. Mary Church School News

- ♦ **TODAY- June 11th:** Church School Graduation & Luncheon
(Hosted by The Order of St. Ignatius)

Menu for Graduation Luncheon: Pasta, Meatball, Eggplant Parmesan, Salad, Bread/
Butter, Coffee, Ice Cream Bar



Family Fun Day

July 16th at 1pm
~ Masonic Youth Center, 116 Long Street, Warwick, RI

Food * Games * Fun

St. Mary's Got Talent

September 23rd at the Parish Center~

Open to all parishioners....

Talent show for both young and old....

If you have any talents- dance, sing, play instrument, magic- come and share them with us! Please contact Fr. Elie if you are interested in participating (240) 205-9079.



Please Note: Prayer requests must be either on a prayer request card, mailed or emailed to office@stmarypawtucket.org No phone requests for prayers for the bulletin will be accepted anymore. ~Thank you

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>

The Epistle **Hebrews 11:33-12:2**

Prokeimenon: God is wonderful among his saints.

Verse: Bless God in the congregations.

The reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Hebrews.

Brethren all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world is not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfection of our faith.

The Gospel **Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30**

The Lord said to his disciples, "Every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but who ever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven. "He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. "Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on his twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands; for my name's sake, will receive manifold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first.

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

Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Church School Students & Teachers
Offered by: St. Mary Church

George & Sandra Matook
Offered by: Nora Matook

Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Cindy Hayes & Family
Elaine Swistak
Very Rev. Herbert Nahas
Offered by: Albert & Victoria Hallal

Nabil & Salwa Khoury & Family
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

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

George Matook
Gina Saad
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Antwanet Kasatli
George, Kristen & Gabriella Baalbaki
Eli & Michael Baalbaki
Riad & Rosette Eid & Family
Rowayda Shouaa & Family
Offered by: Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki

Cheese is available for purchase
\$6/ball at the parish center during
coffee hour today.

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

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Daniel Hayes
Offered by: Albert & Victoria Hallal

Leon T. Marook
Offered by: Nora Matook

Mary & Ethel Kilsey
Offered by: Audrey & Wayne Kilsey

Mary & Ethel Kilsey
Offered by: Deborah Kilsey & Victoria Azar

Ameen and Nafee Sabath
Petros and Afife Betor
Helen Betor
Fred Sabath
Fritz and Jimmy Sabath
Offered by: Edward and Lillian Betor

Mary Kasatli Shagouri
Abdulah Shagouri
Aboud Shouaa
George H. Baalbaki
George A. Saggal
Offered by: Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki

A 40 Day Memorial Service will be
held Saturday, July 1st during Arabic
Liturgy in memory of Mary Kasatli
Shagouri and is being offered by her
sister Antwanet Kasatli Baalbaki &
Children

Time to pick Grape Leaves
The weather is good, and the picking should
be better! Now is the time to help us gather
grape leaves for the bazaar! The grape leaves
should be blanched, frozen and counted.

St. Mary Church, teachers & students would like to graciously thank Rebecca Samra for her time and leadership to make it a very successful Church School this year for all our students.

We would also like to thank all of the teachers & parents who volunteered their time & talents to educate our church school students in the Orthodox Faith.



Church School Graduation Luncheon

Today, a Luncheon is graciously being offered by The Order of St. Ignatius for Church School Graduation and will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy. Everyone is invited. Donations are greatly appreciated.

Upcoming events:

- ♦ **June 17th:** PLC Pre-Conference at St. George Orthodox Cathedral, Worcester
- ♦ **June 23rd-25th:** PLC at St. George Orthodox Cathedral, Worcester
(St. Mary Church closed on June 25th)
- ♦ **July 16th:** Family Fun Day– 1:00pm ~ *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 10th:** Church School ~ *First day of Church School & Luncheon*
- ♦ **September 16th:** Bowling– *Church School & Teen SOYO outing*
- ♦ **September 23rd:** *St. Mary’s Got Talent*
- ♦ **October 21st:** Halloween Party at the Parish Center (church school & Teens)
- ♦ **November 3rd-5th:** *St. Mary Annual Bazaar*
- ♦ **November 11th:** *Hafli at the Parish Center*
- ♦ **November 18th:** *Game night at the Parish Center (church school & Teens)*
- ♦ **December 17th:** *Christmas Pageant and Luncheon at the Parish Center*
- ♦ **December 30th:** *Movie Night at the Parish Center (church school & Teens)*
- ♦ **December 31st:** *Hafli at the Parish Center*