Sunday, August 6th: Transfiguration of Christ
   Ladies Society Meeting during Coffee Hour
Sunday, August 13th: Tenth Sunday After Pentecost
   Outreach Meeting during Coffee Hour
Sunday, August 20th: Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
   Churching of Stella Mary Samra
   40 Day Memorial Service for Emile Moussalli
   Feast Day Luncheon at the Parish Center
   12:00-12:30 P.M.- Outreach Project– boxed lunches
Saturday, August 26th: 11:00 A.M.-Baptism of Natalia Rose Ferrari
Sunday, August 27th: Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
Saturday, September 2nd: 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy
Sunday, September 3rd: Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Monday, September 4th: Labor Day (church office closed)
Saturday, September 9th: 9:30 A.M.– Ladies Cooking (grape leaves)
Sunday, September 10th: Sunday Before the Elevation of the Cross
   Church School Year begins & Luncheon hosted by
   The Order of St. Ignatius

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Sunday, August 6, 2017
Transfiguration of Christ
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
Coffee Hour today is being sponsored by The Saad Family in memory of Sami Saad. Coffee hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.

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.

There are still many open dates to sponsor a coffee hour. Either call the church office, or see Mirna Nakhoul on Sunday after Liturgy. Please consider sponsoring a coffee hour.

Upcoming events:
- **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 at the Parish Center
- **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:** New Year’s Hafli at the Parish Center
Orthodox Vocabulary

Apostolic Fathers

The Apostolic Fathers were Church leaders and writers of the 1st and 2nd centuries of the life of the Church. They successfully defended the Church against internal and external foes. Cardinal among serious internal threats was Gnosticism, a heresy that almost disestablished the young Church.

The Apostolic Fathers succeeded in grounding the Church on a truly Apostolic foundation. They contributed greatly to the spiritual, dogmatic, and liturgical stability of the early Church. They include Clement of Rome, Ignatius, Hermas, Polycarp, Papias, and the authors of some well-known Epistle and the treatise Didache.

Do all in your power not to fall, for the strong athlete should not fall. But if you do fall, get up again at once and continue the contest. Even if you fall a thousand times because of the withdrawal of God’s grace, rise up again each time, and keep on doing so until the day of your death.

~ John of Karpathos

Visitation

Please contact Fr. Elie or Salwa Khoury with any names of parishioners that are in need of visitation either at home, in hospital or nursing homes.

ONLINE BULLETIN

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

THE EPISTLE

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; in wisdom hast Thou made them all. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Peter. (1:10-19) Brethren, be the more zealous to confirm your call and election, for if you do this you will never fall; so there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Therefore, I intend always to remind you of these things, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to arouse you by way of reminder, since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. And I will see to it that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things. For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when He received honor and glory from God the Father and the voice was borne to Him by the Majestic Glory, “This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased,” we heard this voice borne from heaven, for we were with Him on the holy mountain. And we have the prophetic word made surer. You will do well to pay attention to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (17:1-9) At that time, Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart. And He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with Him. And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is well that we are here; if Thou wilt, I will make three booths here, one for Thee and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased; hear Him.” When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces, and were filled with awe. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of man is risen from the dead.”
Dormition of the Theotokos

As you may know, August 15th is a great Feast at our Orthodox Church, and especially for us at St. Mary’s (our Patron Saint), for we celebrate the Dormition of our Lady Theotokos. As a preparation for this Great Feast, we abstain from meat and dairy products from today until the 14th. Since “Fast and Prayer” are inseparable, we are having a Paraklesis service on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, at 7:00 pm. I encourage you all to come and participate. The service is 45 minutes long. ~Fr. Elie

With the blessing of His Grace Bishop JOHN, I am happy to announce our first Diocese Family Camp will be held the weekend of October 13-15, 2017 at the St. Methodios Faith & Heritage Center in Contoocook, NH.

Our Family Camp is modeled after the program at Antiochian Village. We will have daily services, Christian Education for children, a Keynote Speaker (TBD) for the parents, sports and games for the whole family to participate. I am in the process of recruiting experienced AV Staff Members to serve as counselors for the weekend.

More registration details, promotional flyer, bulletin insert, and tentative schedule are online at http://antiochian.org/FamilyCampNE. We also have a facebook event under the Diocese Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/events/1425084937546643 I ask that you please share this information with the families in your parish. Families of all ages are welcome to attend.

If you have any questions about Family Camp, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours in Christ,

Khalil Samara

Dear Parishioners,

Due to a high consensus of parishioners wanting a TV for the Parish Center, we would like to buy a big screen TV. Please contact Walid Nakhoul if you would like to help (401) 692-1250.

Donations are very much appreciated!

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.
Schedule for Bazaar Cooking / Baking:

Saturday, September 9th: 9:30am–Grape leaves
Saturday, September 16th: 9:30am–Sfeeha
Saturday, September 23rd: 9:30am–Date Fingers
Saturday, September 30th: 9:30am–Apricot Crescents
Saturday, October 7th: 9:30am–Sfeeha
Saturday, October 21st: 9:30am–Mamoul Nuts

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to help with the cooking! Come help us in making these delicious foods for our Bazaar.

Help Needed!

Please come help roll grape leaves on Saturday, September 9th. Join us in fellowship as we roll grape leaves for our annual Holiday Bazaar.

There will be a Ladies Society Meeting held TODAY during coffee hour.

SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

INVITES YOU TO ITS FEAST DAY CELEBRATION:
“THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS”

Schedule of Services and Events:
Sunday, August 20th, 2017
9:00am: Matins
10:00am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy with His Grace Bishop JOHN
12:00pm: Luncheon at the Parish Center
2:00pm: Music DJ—Roy El Hachem (“English & Arabic”)

Menu

Mazza: Falafel, Za’atar & Labneh
Entrée: Fattoush, Grilled Chicken Kabab, Kibbee Meshwee (Grilled), Laban with Cucumbers, Vegetables & Rice
Dessert: Assorted Pastries, Rice Pudding
Coffee, Tea

$25– per person  ~  Children under 12– Free

Please obtain tickets by August 11th, so we may have an accurate number to help make our Feast Day a Success!

For tickets contact: Fr. Elie (240) 205-9079, Church Office (401) 726-1202 or Salwa Khoury (401) 434-8877

Donations are welcome to help defray the cost.
If you have not completed a card yet, please ask a member of the Vestry or download one from our website.

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

Fr. Elie & Kh. Rouba Estephan
Charles & Angela Abosamra
Elaine Agaty
Lisa & Michael Andrews
George Arees
Paul & Michele Astphan
Philip & Bette Ayoub
Edward & Sue Ayoub
Philip G. Ayoub
Geoff Ayoub
Elia & Samar Baalbaki
Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki
Edward & Lillian Betor
Azzam Bittar
Bob & Christine Briggs
Christopher Briggs
Bill & Mary Lou Catelli
Yacoub & Jamal Daher
Jiana Daikh
Edward J. Doura, Sr
Lorraine A. Doura
Matthew & Megan Duncan
Linda Dvelis
Caesar El-Khoury
Dimitri & Susan Ganim
Rose Ganim
Rich & Marie Ganin-Kinslow
Jonathan & Tanya Gaudioso
Roula & Ricky Greigre
Paul & Maureen Gurghian
Therese Haddad
Albert & Victoria Hallal
Lorice Hallal

If you have an August birthday and do not see your name—we do not have it in our database—we will make sure to add you and your family members. **

Stewardship Ministry

Happy Birthday to everyone who has a birthday during the month of August!

Salwa Khoury
Nancy Muller
George Arees
Bria Bleasdale
Keith Hallal

Elaine Swistak
Jonathan Gaudioso
Dimitrios Sterpis
Nicholas Elias

Julia Vale
Bette Ayoub
Mary Mechrefe
Chadi Estephan

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Outreach Committee

Sunday, August 13th: Outreach meeting during coffee hour. Please plan on attending to discuss new things on agenda.

Sunday, August 20th: Soup Kitchen distribution of box lunches.

St. Mary Church School Luncheon

Sunday, September 10th

We will be having a luncheon, hosted by The Order of St. Ignatius, on Sunday, September 10th to welcome back teachers & students of Church School. Everyone is welcome to attend.