

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**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



### Coffee Hour Sponsorships

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Sponsored by:</u>	<u>Sponsored for:</u>
August 6, 2017	The Saad Family	Memory of Sami Saad
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	Fadia Kabak	Health of Tony Kabak
September 24, 2017	Dr. Hadeel & Fadi Samaan	Memory of Munir Zainah (uncle)
October 1, 2017	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
October 8, 2017	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
October 15, 2017	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
October 22, 2017	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	
October 29, 2017	<i>Open for sponsorship</i>	

## SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



*Sunday, August 6, 2017*  
*Transfiguration of Christ*

## ***Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church***

249 High Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860  
Phone (401) 726-1202 Fax: (401) 729-1203  
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**His Grace Bishop JOHN, Auxiliary and Bishop of the  
Diocese of Worcester and New England**

**V. Rev. Father Elie Estephan**  
**395 Brown St.-Unit 2, Attleboro, MA 02703**  
**Cell- 1-(240) 205-9079**

### **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**

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.



### **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.



### **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, Ignatios, 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 Gods' grace, rise up again each time, and keep on doing so until the day of your death.

~ John of Karpathos



### **Visitations**

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."



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

Kevin Hashway  
Mark Hashway  
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Edward & Lillian Betor  
Paul & Kerrie Betor  
Thomas & Lynn Marcotte  
Matthew & Adrienne Dykstra  
Peter Marcotte  
Laurice Zambie  
William & LaVerne Ameen  
Great-Grandchildren Daniel, Rose &  
Joelle Dykstra  
Offered by: Edward & Lillian Betor

Estella Mary Samar  
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

Newborn child of God Stella Mary Samra  
Joseph & Rebecca Samra & Children  
Julia Norris & Family  
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

George & Barbara Moussalli & Family  
Joseph Moussalli & Family  
Antwanet Baalbaki  
Hallal Family  
Elaine Swistak & Family  
George, Kristen & Gabriella Baalbaki  
Elias & Michael Baalbaki  
Offered by: Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki & Family

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

Fred Hashway Jr.  
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Ameen and Nayfey Sabath  
Petros and Afife Betor  
Helen Betor  
Fred Sabath  
Fred "Fritzie and Jimmy Sabath  
Offered by: Edward & Lillian Betor

George & Nora David  
Offered by: Their Children & Grandchildren

Darrell Norris  
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Emil Moussalli  
Mary Kasatli Shagouri  
Fred & Sophie Hallal  
John Swistak  
Deceased Members of our Families & Friends  
Offered by: Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki & Family



**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



**Prayer Line**

St. Mary ~ Internet Prayer Line  
Prayer requests can be sent to us via the internet at  
**[office@stmarypawtucket.org](mailto: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.

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!***

# Ladies Society News

## 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



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



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

Fr. Elie & Kh. Rouba Estephan	Keith & Maria Hallal
Charles & Angela Abosamra	Ron & Janice Hallal
Elaine Agaty	Jim & Susan Harvey
Lisa & Michael Andrews	Dianna Hashway
George Arees	Tawfik & Olga Hawwa
Paul & Michele Astphan	Cindy Hayes
Philip & Bette Ayoub	Tony & Fadia Kabak
Edward & Sue Ayoub	Eli Kandalaft
Philip G. Ayoub	Elie & Julia Karam
Geoff Ayoub	Wadih & Mireille Karam
Elias & Samar Baalbaki	Matthew & Amani Kelley
Nabil & Gloria Baalbaki	Dr. Bassam & Pauline Khabbaz
Edward & Lillian Betor	Jack & Violet Khoury
Azzam Bittar	Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Bob & Christine Briggs	George & Lois Kilsey
Christopher Briggs	Steven & Pat Kilsey
Bill & Mary Lou Catelli	Steven & Missy Kilsey Jr.
Yaacoub & Jamal Daher	Holly Lazieh
Jiana Daikh	Keith & Marlene Marshall
Edward J. Doura, Sr	Lily Massiwer
Lorraine A. Doura	Mary Massiwer
Matthew & Megan Duncan	Alan E. Matook
Linda Dvelis	George & Sandra Matook
Caesar El-Khoury	Michael & Maria Matook
Dimitri & Susan Ganim	Nora Matook
Rose Ganim	Anthony & Etienne Mechrefe
Rich & Marie Ganim-Kinslow	Adib & Mary Mechrefe
Jonathan & Tanya Gaudioso	Makram & Louise Megalli
Roula & Ricky Greigre	Monika & Robert Messorre
Paul & Maureen Gurghigian	Yacoub (Jacob) & Charlotte Mitri
Therese Haddad	Jamie Mitri
Albert & Victoria Hallal	Samy & Helen Morcos
Lorice Hallal	George & Barbara Moussalli

Nagwa Saed
Walid & Mirna Nakhoul
Ziad & Narcisa Nasrallah
Loris Pimental
Sbdn. Chadi Saad
Dani & Georgina Saad
Nidal Saliba
Saliba Michel & Robin Saliba
Joseph & Rebecca Samra
Joseph & Marlene Samra
Emile & Ling Huang Sarkis
Jim & Beth Schillawski
Fred & Adele Shwaery
Bobby Shwaery
Bob & Kristen Silva
Donna Slemmon
Dimitrios & Nancy Sterpis
Elaine Swistak
Raymond & Leila Trabulsi
Virginia Trahan
Tammam & Monika Turkmani
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 August!**

**Salwa Khoury  
Nancy Muller  
George Arees  
Bria Bleasdale  
Keith Hallal**

**Elaine Swistak  
Bette Ayoub  
Jonathan Gaudioso  
Dimitrios Sterpis  
Nicholas Elias**

**Julia Vale  
George Kilsey  
Mary Mechrefe  
Chadi Estephan**

***\*\*if you have an August 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. \*\****

### **Outeach 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.**