

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, September 10th: Sunday Before the Elevation of the Cross
Church School Year begins & Luncheon hosted by
The Order of St. Ignatius
Outreach Committee Meeting during Coffee Hour

Saturday, September 16th: 9:30 A.M.– Ladies Cooking (sfeeha)
4pm-6pm- Teen SOYO/ Church School Bowling Outing

Sunday, September 17th: Sunday After the Elevation of the Cross

Saturday, September 23rd: 9:30 A.M.– Ladies Cooking (date fingers & apricot crescents)

Sunday, September 24th: Proto-Martyr Thekla & First Sunday of Luke

Thursday, September 28th: 7:00P.M.– Bazaar Committee meeting in the Church Hall

Sunday, October 1st: Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
Ladies Meeting during Coffee Hour

Saturday, October 7th: 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy
9:30 A.M.– Ladies Cooking (sfeeha)
St. Mary's Got Talent *(**Please note: date changed from Sept. 23rd)*

Sunday, October 8th: Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Outreach Committee Meeting during Coffee Hour



Coffee Hour Sponsorships

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Sponsored by:</u>	<u>Sponsored for:</u>
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	St. Mary Church	Bazaar Kick-Off Luncheon
October 8, 2017	Keith & Marlene Marshall	Health of their Family
October 15, 2017	Ed & Sue Ayoub	Health of the Ayoub Family
October 22, 2017	Open for sponsorship	
October 29, 2017	Open for sponsorship	
November 5, 2017	no coffee hour	Annual Christmas Bazaar
November 12, 2017	Al, Ron, Jim Hallal & Families	James Hallal (20 year memorial)
November 19, 2017	Open for sponsorship	
November 26, 2017	Open for sponsorship	
December 3, 2017	St. Mary Church	Outreach Luncheon for the Elderly
December 10, 2017	St. Mary Church	Choir Appreciation Luncheon
December 17, 2017	St. Mary Church	Sunday School Pageant

SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, September 10, 2017
Sunday Before the Elevation
of The Holy Cross

Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

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**His Grace Bishop JOHN, Auxiliary and Bishop of the
Diocese of Worcester and New England**

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395 Brown St.-Unit 2, Attleboro, MA 02703
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Schedule of Services

<i>Sunday: Orthros (Matins)</i>	<i>9:00 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*****



Prayer Line

St. Mary ~ Internet Prayer Line
Prayer requests can be sent to us via the internet at
office@stmarypawtucket.org

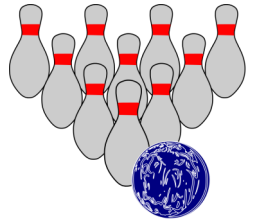
All requests must be received by Wednesday noon to be included in that week's bulletin.
Any requests received after that time will be included in the following week's bulletin.

Teen SOYO / Church School Bowling Outing

We're organizing a bowling outing for all Teen SOYO, Sunday School students, parents and teachers. We hope you can join us for two hours of "all you can bowl"!

The charge is \$55 per lane (4 bowlers/lane), ***so that's \$13.75 per bowler*** and you get the following:

- 2 hours of bowling (as many strings you want to play)
- shoe rental
- cheese pizza and drinks



Town Hall Lanes
1463 Atwood Ave., Johnston, RI

September 16th
4pm-6pm

Please ***RSVP by Thursday, September 14***, so we have a proper headcount to book the lanes. Thank you!

Contact: Nancy Sterpis (401) 573-8557

St. Mary's Got Talent

October 7th (*Please note date change*) 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.



Outreach-Item Donations

The '***Soup Kitchen***' Outreach project is kindly looking for the following items: ***Adult backpacks (new and gently used)***. Please put them in the coat room at the Parish Center.



Thank you for your support!

St. Mary Annual Bazaar ~2017~

The Bazaar Committee has started its preparations for the 2017 Bazaar to be held at the Parish Center November 3rd, 4th, 5th. Your generous support and participation are needed to help ensure the success of this annual event for our church and community. Please contact Bazaar Co-Chairs Charlotte Mitri (401) 651-9295 or Salwa Khoury (401) 434-8877 if you are interested in helping. *The next meeting of the Bazaar Committee will be held on Thursday, September 28th at 7pm.*

The Bazaar Committee is looking for new items for the Penny Social & Silent Auction table. Please give items to Charlotte or drop off at the Church Office.

Schedule for Bazaar Cooking / Baking:

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
Saturday, October 28th:	9:30am– Sfeeha



Men's Fellowship Night Scotch Tasting Dinner

October 6, 2017 ~ 6 pm

Come join us for a 4 course Beef Tenderlion dinner! Each course is paired with a delightful scotch. A professional will be on hand to add tasting notes and answer any questions. You won't want to miss this!

This private dinner will be held at Flemings in Providence. \$100 per person (gratuity & tax is additional).

Please RSVP to Joe Samra:
joesamra@gmail.com | 401-440-0029



THE EPISTLE

*O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.
To Thee, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (6:11-18)

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the Law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all, who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (3:13-17)

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but He who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him."



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

Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur



Sunday School Children & Teachers
Offered by: St. Mary Church

Patricia Nazarian
David, Jodi, George, John & Grace Nazarian
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

Al Hallal
Tala Estephan
Fr. Elie, Kh. Rouba, Chadi & Bassam Estephan
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Mary & Joyce Kandalaft
Offered by: Elias Kandalaft

Mary Kandalaft
Offered by: John & Russell Kandalaft & Families

Gregory Nazarian
Offered by: Joe & Marlene Samra

Leon Thomas Matook (Birthday Remembrance)
Offered by: His Loving Family

Leon Matook
Richard McNeal
Offered by: George & Sandra Matook & Family

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.

CHARITABLE GIFT PROGRAM – THANK YOU

It was with appreciation and gratitude that the Parish Council accepted a requested distribution of \$5,000 from the Charitable Gift Program fund. This brings the total distribution over three years to \$13,000 used by the Parish Council for the benefit of our parishioners and our Church community.

On behalf of all the parishioners of St. Mary, we would like to thank the participants in the Charitable Gift Program that make this possible. We are sure that as the fund grows its financial contribution to the Church will also grow.

For those participants no longer with us, May Their Memories Be Eternal and all present participants, May God Grant Them Many Years!

In Christ,
Fr. Elie, Pastor
Salwa Khoury, Parish Council President

~Thank you~

St. Mary Church School New Year

St. Mary Church School year begins today with the blessing of the children at Divine Liturgy and the first class of the new year.

Attention All Parents: Please bring your children to the Liturgy before Church School. Church School starts every Sunday following communion (Approx. 11:15am).



**St. Mary Church School Luncheon
*TODAY~ 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. We will enjoy a Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings (mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, vegetables, Syrian hashweh, cranberry sauce, coffee, rolls, gravy, dessert.

Donations appreciated to help defray the costs.

Upcoming events:

- ◆ **Today:** 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 3rd:** *Luncheon honoring "over 80 years" at the Parish Center*
- ◆ **December 10th:** *Choir Appreciation Luncheon at the Parish Center*
- ◆ **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*