

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, September 17th: Sunday After the Elevation of the Cross
 Second Collection for Hurricane Relief
 12:00pm-12:30pm Outreach Committee 'Soup Kitchen'
 Outreach Committee "Personal Hygiene Products donations"
 (donations of these items accepted throughout September)

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
 Bazaar Kick-Off Luncheon & Bazaar "Shower" at the Parish Center
 Outreach Committee "Coat Drive donations"
 (donations accepted throughout October of new or gently used coats)

Saturday, October 2nd: 7:00 P.M.– Ladies Society Meeting at the Parish Center

Friday, October 6th: 6:00P.M.-Men's Fellowship Night Scotch Tasting Dinner at Flemings

Saturday, October 7th: 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy
 9:30 A.M.– Ladies Cooking (sfeeha)
 St. Mary's Got Talent at the Parish Center following 6pm Liturgy

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

October 13th– 15th: Teen SOYO Retreat & Diocesan Family Camp Weekend

Sunday, October 15th: Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council
 12:00pm-12:30pm Outreach Committee 'Soup Kitchen'

Saturday, October 21st: 9:30 A.M.– Ladies Cooking (mamoul nuts)
 5:30 P.M.- Church School Halloween Party at the Parish Center

Sunday, October 22nd: Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Tuesday, October 24th: 7:00P.M.- Parish Council Meeting

Saturday, October 28th: 9:30 A.M.– Ladies Cooking (sfeeha)

Sunday, October 29th: Twenty-Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Annual Bazaar Weekend Friday, November 3rd– Sunday, November 5th

Saturday, November 4th: 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy

Sunday, November 5th: Daylight Savings Time Ends
 Outreach Committee "Hat, Glove & Scarf donations"



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, September 17, 2017
Sunday After the Elevation
of The Holy Cross

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>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*****

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.

THE CROSS

The Holy Cross has central significance for the Church. An instrument of death, it has become the instrument of salvation. Basil the Great identifies the ‘sign of the Son of man’ mentioned by Christ in connection with his Second Coming with the arms of the Cross pointing towards the four ends of the universe. The Cross is a symbol of Christ himself and is infused with miraculous power. The Orthodox Church believes that Christ’s energy is present in the Cross. Therefore Christians not only make crosses and place them on the same level as icons in churches, they also wear crosses hung around their necks, make the sign of the Cross over themselves and bless each other with the sign of the Cross. They even address the Cross as something capable of hearing them: ‘Rejoice, life-bearing Cross’, ‘O most honourable and life-creating Cross of the Lord’.

The Church knows about the salvific and healing power of the Cross and of the sign of the Cross from her experience. The Cross protects a person travelling, working, sleeping, praying. Indeed, in all places, through the sign of the Cross, Christ’s blessing comes upon every good deed which we undertake: ‘The Cross is the protector of the whole world, the Cross is the beauty of the Church, the Cross is the power of kings, the Cross is the foundation of the faithful, the Cross is the glory of the angels and the sore of the demons’, sings the Church at festivals of the Cross.

The teaching on the Holy Cross as a symbol of divine dispensation and as an object of religious veneration is expounded by Isaac the Syrian in one of his newly discovered works from the fourth century.

Blessed is God who uses corporeal objects continually to draw us close in a symbolic way to a knowledge of his invisible nature... Let our hearts rejoice in the mysteries of the faith which we hold; let us exult in God who is so concerned with us... How much to be worshipped is the God who, for our salvation, has done everything in the world to bring us close to him, before the time when what has been prepared will be revealed... How much to be worshipped is the symbol of the Cross, seeing that it has given to us all these things, and through it we have been deemed worthy of the knowledge of angels — that is, through the power by which all created things, both visible and invisible, were created.

~Bishop Hilarion Algeyev



Church News & Organization Activities

Outreach-Item Donations

The '***Soup Kitchen***' Outreach project is kindly looking for the following items: ***personal hygiene products*** during the month of September. Please put them in the coat room at the Parish Center.

Thank you for your support!

St. Mary's Got Talent

October 7th (*Please note date change*) at the Parish Center following 6pm Liturgy~



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!

Upcoming events:

- ♦ **October 7th:** *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 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*
- ♦ **January, 28th, 2018:** *Annual Meeting at the Parish Center*

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 Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (2:16-20)
Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. Even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the Law died to the Law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (8:34-9:1)
The Lord said, "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Kingdom of God come with power."



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

Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Fr. Elie & Family
Dr. Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Dr. Joe & Marlene Samra
Philip & Bette Ayoub
Offered by: Tony & Fadia Kabak

Eli Kandalaft
Offered by: Russ & Joanne Kandalaft

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

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Hnean & Rose Khoury
Ramez & Gabriella Kabak
Offered by: Tony & Fadia Kabak

Mary Kandalaft
Offered by: Russ & Joanne Kandalaft

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



St. Mary Bazaar 2017 Kick-Off Luncheon & ‘Shower’

You are cordially invited to the St. Mary Bazaar Kick-Off Dinner on Sunday, October 1st at 12:00pm (following Liturgy) at the Parish Center. All proceeds will support the cost of undertaking our annual bazaar.

Donation: Adults: \$15 / Children 12years & under: \$7

*Hope to see everyone at the Kick-off Luncheon
in support of our Annual Bazaar.*

Please don't forget your shower gifts!
(gifts to be used for silent auction & penny social)



Menu:

Fattoush, Yogurt, Chicken, Hashwey, Lasagna, Roasted Potatoes, Coffee & Dessert



St. Mary Church School News

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

Upcoming events:

- ♦ October 21st– 5:30 P.M.- Halloween Party at the Parish Center
- ♦ November 18th: Game night at the Parish Center
- ♦ December 30th: Movie Night at the Parish Center



St. Mary Teen SOYO News and Events

2017 Teen SOYO Retreat

All Teens, Grades 7-12:

Annual Gathering at the Saint Methodios Faith & Heritage Center in Contoocook, NH

October 13th-15th

Cost: \$85 per teen ~ Registration forms must be returned by October 1st

For information or scholarship information, contact:

Father Joseph Kimmett- geonorwood@aol.com, (781)762-4396

John Abdud– abudjohn@gmail.com, (810)252-5769

Upcoming events:

- ♦ October is Youth Month
- ♦ November 3rd, 4th, 5th: Annual Bazaar
- ♦ November 18th: Game night at the Parish Center
- ♦ December 30th: Movie Night at the Parish Center



SAVE THE DATE....

St. Mary's Famous Annual Bazaar

Friday, November 3rd, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Saturday, November 4th, 10:00 am - 9:00 pm

Sunday, November 5th, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

FEATURING

Middle Eastern Cuisine & Pastry

Salad Bar

Penny Social

Silent Auction

Cash Raffle & Grand Raffle

Homemade Braided Cheese

Arts & Crafts

Pictures with Santa



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For more information please call 726-1202
or view our website at www.stmarypawtucket.org

Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour today is being sponsored by Tony & Fadia Kabak in memory of her mother, Rose Khoury (6 months). Coffee hour will be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.



Coffee Hour Sponsorships

The Parish Council has decided to implement a new system to organize our coffee hours. There are two ways to handle this: when a couple, family, or an individual decides to sponsor the coffee hour, you may do it on your own which entails purchasing the pastry & juice, making the coffee, setting up the table, and cleaning up. The second option is to donate \$200 to the church so that a Parish Council member will handle the coffee hour on your behalf.

Date:

Sponsored by:

Sponsored for:

September 17, 2017	Tony & Fadia Kabak	Memory of Rose Khoury (6 months)
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	not available	
December 3, 2017	Open for sponsorship	
December 10, 2017	St. Mary Church	Choir Appreciation Luncheon
December 17, 2017	St. Mary Church	Sunday School Pageant
December 24, 2017	Open for sponsorship	
December 31, 2017	Open for sponsorship	

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

Please consider sponsoring a coffee hour.

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 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



ST. MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
ANNUAL BAZAAR

NOVEMBER 3rd, 4th and 5th, 2017

*The Bazaar Committee is establishing a
Leg of Lamb Drive Program
To help defray the kitchen costs of our annual event.*

*Everyone has an opportunity to donate
Legs of lamb at a cost of \$30 each.
You simply make your donation,
And the committee will purchase the lamb.*

Just fill out the donation form below and return it to the church with your check. We'll do the rest!

Thanks for your generosity and support.
Bazaar Committee

Lamb Drive Donation Form

Quantity _____ @ \$30 each Total enclosed: _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Payable to: *St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church*
Attention: Bazaar Committee
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