

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, November 19th: Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Stewardship Sunday Brunch at the Parish Center following Liturgy
12:00pm-12:30pm Outreach Committee 'Soup Kitchen'
Outreach Committee "Hat, Glove & Scarf donations"
(donations of these items accepted throughout November)

Monday, November 20th: 7:00pm Bazaar Meeting in Church Hall

Thursday, November 23rd: Thanksgiving (church office closed)

Sunday, November 26th: Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday, December 2nd: 6:00 P.M.– Arabic Liturgy

Sunday, December 3rd: Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Outreach Committee "Athletic Socks & Blankets donations"
(donations of new socks & gently used blankets accepted throughout December)

Wednesday, December 6th: 6:00 P.M.- Ladies Society Christmas Party at La Familia Restaurant

Sunday, December 10th: Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
40 Day Memorial for George Matook
Choir Appreciation Sunday

Tuesday, December 12th: 7:00P.M.- Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, December 17th: Sunday of the Forefathers (Ancestors) of Christ
Church School Pageant at the Parish Center
12:00pm-12:30pm Outreach Committee 'Soup Kitchen'

Sunday, December 24th: Sunday before the Nativity (Genealogy)

Monday, December 25th: The Nativity of Christ (Christmas)

Saturday, December 30th: Movie Night at the Parish Center (Church School & Teens)

Sunday, December 31st: Sunday Before Theophany
8pm-1am– New Year's Eve Hafli at the Parish Center

Sunday, January 28th, 2018: Annual Meeting at the Parish Center following Liturgy
****Annual Meeting- Please note date change from prior year****

Sunday, February 4th, 2018: "Souper" Bowl Sunday Luncheon (soups, salad, bread)

*Happy
Thanksgiving*

ONLINE BULLETIN

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<http://stmarypawtucket.org>

SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, November 19, 2017

Twenty Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

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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

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|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| <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.

CHARITABLE GIFT PROGRAM

It is with appreciation and gratitude that we announce the participation of *Geoffrey Ayoub* in our Charitable Gift Program.

It is very encouraging to have young people understand Jesus's teaching in *Luke 12:16-21*, "*it is a fool who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.*"

May God continue to bless Geoff with good health and happiness.

St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

Come and celebrate your New Year with us!!!

Featuring the dynamic singer Koko and his band.

Dinner & cash bar

Bring in the New Year with a Champagne Toast

Sunday, December 31st 2017 @ 8:00 pm

- ♦ *St. Mary Parish Center at:
1 St. Mary Way, Pawtucket, RI*
- ***Tickets: Adults: \$75.00
Children: \$25.00 (under 17)***



For Tickets and Reservations, please contact:

***Fr. Elie Estephan:** (240) 205-9079, elieruba@gmail.com.*

***Tony Kabak:** (401) 744-6317, fadiakabak@verizon.net.*

*****Deadline for tickets is December 10th*****

BULK SALES ORDER FORM BAZAAR 2017



ORDER # _____

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

| ITEM: | PRICE | QUANTITY | SUBTOTAL |
|-------------|---------|----------|----------|
| KIBBEE | \$50.00 | | |
| SFEEHA | \$36.00 | | |
| GRAPELEAVES | | | |
| 100 CT | \$50.00 | | |
| 25 CT | \$12.50 | | |
| 5 KABOBS | \$15.00 | | |
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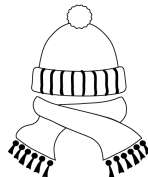
ORDER TOTAL _____

If you have any questions please contact
Marlene Samra (401) 334-2465

Hat, Glove & Scarf Donations



The Outreach Committee is looking for donations of hats, gloves & scarfs (children & adult sizes) through the month of November to be distributed to families from our "Soup Kitchen" outreach project. Please bring them to the Parish Center during Coffee Hour. Thank you!!



THE EPISTLE

*The Lord will give strength to His people.
Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (2:14-22)

Brethren, Christ is our peace, Who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in His flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the Cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And He came and preached peace to you, who were far off, and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in Whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in Whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (12:16-21)

The Lord spoke this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As He said this, Jesus called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR
GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Dr. Nabil Khoury
Stella Mary Samra (God Bless her on her Baptism)
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Offered by: John, Anita, Reyna & Anthony Chamoun

Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Offered by: Linda Dvelis

Nabil & Salwa Khoury & Family
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Offered by: Nora Abdelahad
Elaine Agaty
Sandra Matook

Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Offered by: Nora Matook & Family

Paul Gurghigian
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

Dr. Nabil Khoury
Offered by: Holly Lazieh & Sons & Bob Dessaint

Chadi & Francoise Saad
George & Samia Saad
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Stella Mary Samra
Paul Gurghigian
Nabil Khoury
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

Kevin Hashway
Fr. Harry & Kerry Pappas
Joe & Marlene Samra
Joe & Rebecca Samra
Stella Mary Samra (on the occasion of her Baptism)
Offered by: Barbara Samra

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Anthony Agaty
James & Mary Hallal
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

George Matook
Offered by: Ed & Sue Ayoub

Margaret Khouri
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

Margaret Khouri
Offered by: Nora Matook & Family

Nabil Ghali
Alexandra Khoury
Mona Toma
Yousef Khoury
Offered by: Wadih & Mireille Karam

Ronald Gauthier
Christopher Gauthier
Elsie Godbout
Margaret Khouri
Sophie Hallal
Fred Hallal
Moses Lazieh
Offered by: Holly Lazieh & Sons & Bob Dessaint

William Saad
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury



Special Prayers of Good Health & Blessing
are being offered for Anthony Chamoun on
the occasion of his 18th Birthday.

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Parish Christmas Poinsettia Fund

*In anticipation of Christmas, we present our very important
“Poinsettia Fund” Project*

Please accept my donation of \$ _____
to be used in decorating the Church for Christmas.
This donation is made with the following intentions.

For the Good Health and Blessing of:

In Loving Memory of:

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From: _____

Please remember to return the form to the Parish Office by Sunday, Dec. 10th

Christmas Blessings

Once again the holiday season is upon us, and, once again, it is time to start thinking about sending Christmas cards to those with whom we worship and love. Every year the choir sponsors a card which is sent to every family in our parish- sending **your** best wishes for a happy and blessed Christmas and New Year.

This letter is to ensure that **all** parish members are approached and have an opportunity to participate in the Christmas card being prepared- we do not wish to overlook anyone!

Below is a form, which you may complete and submit- either in person or by mail- containing your family name and your holiday greetings. Your holiday wishes will be sent to all parishioners. This is a wonderful way to be remembered by our community during this busy season- it is also an inexpensive and easy way to have your card sent to all your friends and relatives. All proceeds go into the choir fund, which is our only source of revenue to continue to upgrade our supplies and continue to provide you with meaningful liturgical music.

In order to be listed in this year’s card, your response must be received no later than Sunday, December 3rd. If there are any questions, or if you wish to give your response and donation in person, please contact the church office.

Thank you for helping us in this endeavor. All of us in the choir sincerely appreciate your continued support and look forward to serving you in the coming year.



Family Name_____

Amount of Donation:_____

Please remember:
~LAST DATE TO SUBMIT INFORMATION AND DONATION IS DECEMBER 3RD!
By mail, send to St. Mary Orthodox Church, Choir Christmas Fund,
249 High Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860



Stewardship Sunday
November 19, 2017

We ask that you join the entire parish in celebrating our Stewardship – those gifts of time, talent and treasure.

Please bring your 2018 completed card to Liturgy on Stewardship Sunday, November 19th.

Our gifts will be offered in prayer on the altar and blessed. Following Liturgy we will join in fellowship for complementary brunch.

Post-Bazaar Meeting

We will be having a post-bazaar meeting on Monday, November 20th at 7pm in the church hall. All are welcome to attend.

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.

| <u>Date:</u> | <u>Sponsored by:</u> | <u>Sponsored for:</u> |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| November 19, 2017 | St. Mary Church | Stewardship Brunch |
| November 26, 2017 | <i>not available</i> | |
| December 3, 2017 | Dani Saad | Memory of his Father (1 year Memorial) |
| December 10, 2017 | Sandra Matook & Family | George Matook (40 Day Memorial) |
| | St. Mary Church | Choir Appreciation |
| December 17, 2017 | St. Mary Church | Sunday School Pageant |
| December 24, 2017 | <i>not available</i> | |
| December 31, 2017 | <i>not available</i> | |
| January, 7, 2018 | Ghassan & Fifi Alarmani | Health of Family |
| January 14, 2018 | Fred Kilsey | Memory of Michelle Kilsey |
| January 28, 2018 | St. Mary Church | Annual Parish Meeting |
| February 4, 2018 | St. Mary Church | “Souper” Bowl Sunday Luncheon |
| February 11, 2018 | <i>Open for sponsorship</i> | |
| February 18, 2018 | <i>Open for sponsorship</i> | |
| February 25, 2018 | <i>Open for sponsorship</i> | |
| March 4, 2018 | <i>Open for sponsorship</i> | |
| March 11, 2018 | <i>Open for sponsorship</i> | |
| March 18, 2018 | The Karam Family | Georges Karam (1 Year Memorial) |
| March 25, 2018 | Nora Matook & Family | Leon T. Matook (10 Year Memorial) |
| | | Memory of the Deceased Members |
| | | of Toofik & Elizabeth Matook Family |
| | | Palm Sunday |
| April 1, 2018 | <i>not available</i> | PASCHA |
| April 8, 2018 | <i>not available</i> | |
| April 15, 2018 | Sam Matook & Family | Kay Matook (1 Year Memorial) |
| April 22, 2018 | John & Anita Chamoun | Wajeha Chamoun (1 Year Memorial) |
| April 29, 2018 | William Salhany & Family | Memory of Ruth Salhany |
| May 6, 2018 | <i>Open for sponsorship</i> | |
| May 13, 2018 | <i>Open for sponsorship</i> | |
| May 20, 2018 | <i>Open for sponsorship</i> | |
| May 27, 2018 | Their Loving Family | Memory of Fred & Sophie Hallal |

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.

LADIES’ CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 6th AT 6 O’CLOCK

LA FAMILIA RESTAURANT
1666 DIAMOND HILL ROAD, CUMBERLAND, RI

PRICE: \$40 (INCLUDES TIP)- CHECKS MADE OUT TO:
ST. MARY CHURCH ~ LADIES’ SOCIETY

PLEASE FILL OUT FORM ATTACHED FOR CHOICE OF
ENTRÉE WITH YOUR CHECK AND RETURN TO
MARLENE SAMRA BY NOVEMBER 29, 2017.

_____ SPINACH RAVIOLI
_____ BAKED STUFFED SHRIMP
_____ CHIPOTLE MAPLE GLAZED SALMON
_____ PLAIN GRILLED SALMON

NAME: _____

