

CHURCH CALENDAR

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: Ladies Society Christmas Party at La Familia Restaurant

Sunday, December 10th: Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

40 Day Memorial Service 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

Upcoming events:

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)



SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



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- ♦ **February 4th, 2018:** “Souper Bowl Sunday” Luncheon (soups, salad, bread)

Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

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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

Sunday: Orthros (Matins) 9:00 a.m.
Church School 11:15 a.m.
Sunday: Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

*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.

2017

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:

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

THE EPISTLE

*Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.
God is known in Judah; His Name is great in Israel.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (4:1-7)

Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, Who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:18-27)

At that time, a man came testing Jesus and asking, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery. Do not kill. Do not steal. Do not bear false witness. Honor your father and mother.'" And the man said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when the man heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus, seeing him sad, said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

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

Fred & Adele Shwaery
Robert Shwaery
Linda Dvelis & Family
Fred Shwaery & Family
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Tom Trabulsi
Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi

Fred & Adele Shwaery
Bobby Shwaery
Linda Dvelis & Family
Offered by: Philip & Bette Ayoub

Fred & Adele Shwaery
Bobby Shwaery
Linda Dvelis & Family
Offered by: Susan Warzycha

Fred & Adele Shwaery
Offered by: Elaine Gauthier

Fred & Adele Shwaery
Robert Shwaery
Linda Dvelis & Family
Fred Shwaery & Family
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Fred Shwaery & Family
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos



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

Anthony Agaty
Offered by: Elaine Agaty

George Matook
Offered by: Tony & Fadia Kabak

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

Special Prayers of Good Health & Blessing are
being offered for Fred Shwaery in recognition
of him receiving the Meritorious Award from
the Antiochian Archdiocese. May God grant
him many more years!

Offered by:
Adele Shwaery

Linda Dvelis & Peter Salcone
Kristen & Robert Silva
Alex & Jack Silva
Jason & Stephanie Dvelis
Lily & Violet Dvelis

Frederick Jr. & Catherine Shwaery
Nicholas Shwaery
Michael & Elizabeth Melcher
Layla & Lucas Melcher

Robert Shwaery



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

~Do not forget your \$10 Yankee Swap~

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: _____



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:

November 26, 2017	His Loving Family	Fred Shwaery
December 3, 2017	Dani Saad	Memory of his Father (1 year Memorial)
December 10, 2017	Sandra Matook & Family	George Matook (40 Day Memorial
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
April 1, 2018	<i>not available</i>	Palm Sunday
April 8, 2018	<i>not available</i>	PASCHA
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.

Coffee Hour

Today, Coffee Hour is being offered for Fred Shwaery in recognition of him receiving the Meritorious Award and is being offered by his wife Adele, and his children Linda, Frederick Jr. & Robert Shwaery at the Parish Center following Liturgy.



ONLINE BULLETIN

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

St. Mary Teen SOYO News and Events

Upcoming events:

- ◆ December 30th: Movie Night at the Parish Center



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:

- ◆ December 17th: Church School Pageant
- ◆ December 30th: Movie Night at the Parish Center



Arabic Food & Pastry Sale

On Saturday, December 9th there will be a food sale at the Parish Center from 9am-1pm. Both Arabic food & pastry will be for sale. Arabic Foods available are: Sfeeha, grape leaves, kibbe, cheese. Arabic Pastries available are: date fingers, mamoul nuts, apricot crescents, rolled baklava, dates in filo dough, round kaik. Get ready for the holidays!



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.

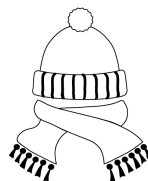
St. Mary Parish Bookstore

Many beautiful Orthodox religious items are available from the St. Mary Parish bookstore and display case. These include Icons, Christmas and greeting cards, Liturgical music CD's, prayer books, coloring books, Crosses and Orthodox Bibles. These make wonderful gifts and reflect the *Tradition of our Orthodox Faith*. All proceeds benefit the general fund of the Church. Please see Fr. Elie if you wish to purchase these gifts.



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!!



Congratulations & Best Wishes

Today, Fred Shwaery is being honored with the Antiochian Archdiocese Meritorious Service Award for his many years of being a good & faithful Servant to God and St. Mary Church. Congratulations & Best wishes to him!

May God grant him many more years.

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****