# 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:** 7:00 P.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
  **(Please note date change from prior year)**

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

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**Sunday, November 26, 2017**

**Twenty Fifth Sunday After Pentecost**
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.

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Web site: http://stmarypawtucket.org
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V. Rev. Father Elie Estephan
395 Brown St.-Unit 2, Attleboro, MA 02703
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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:

From:

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

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.
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.

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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 Warzych
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 Affie 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
Yousef Khoury
Offered by: Wadih & Mireille Karam

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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
Fredrick 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.

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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.
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.

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.

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: Sfieha, grape leaves, kibbe, cheese. Arabic Pastries available are: date fingers, mamoul nuts, apricot cresents, rolled baklava, dates in filo dough, round kaik. Get ready for the holidays!

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**