Sunday, December 10th: Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
   40 Day Memorial Service for George Matook
   Choir Appreciation Sunday
Tuesday, December 12th: 7:00PM- Parish Council Meeting
Sunday, December 17th: Sunday of the Forefathers (Ancestors) of Christ
   Church School Pageant at the Parish Center & Luncheon hosted
   by The Order of St. Ignatius
   12:00pm-12:30pm Outreach Committee ‘Soup Kitchen’
Friday, December 22nd: 10am– Royal Hours for the Nativity of our Lord
Sunday, December 24th: Sunday before the Nativity (Genealogy)
   10am: Divine Liturgy
   6pm: Nativity Liturgy
Monday, December 25th: The Nativity of Christ (Christmas) ~No Liturgy~
Saturday, December 30th: Movie Night at the Parish Center has been POSTPONED
Sunday, December 31st: Sunday Before Theophany
   6pm: Great Vespers for the Feast of the Circumcision of our Lord
   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 Special Collection
   “Souper” Bowl Sunday Luncheon (soups, salad, bread)
   hosted by the Outreach Committee

Sunday, December 10, 2017
Twenty Seventh 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.

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.

Please consider sponsoring a coffee hour.
Sock & Blanket Donations

The Outreach Committee is looking for donations of new socks & gently used blankets through the month of December to be distributed to families from our “Soup Kitchen” outreach project. Please bring them to the Parish Center during Coffee Hour. Thank you!!

ONLINE BULLETIN

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

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**

THE EPISTLE

The Lord is my strength and my song. With chastisement hath the Lord chastened me.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (6:10-17)

Brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (13:10-17)

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, “Woman, you are freed from your infirmity.” And He laid His hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day.” Then the Lord answered him, “You hypocrite! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?” As Jesus said this, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by Him.
PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Sandy Matook & Family
Offered by: Elaine Agaty
Nora Abdelahad

Sandy Matook
Offered by: Marilyn Ganame

Sandy Matook & Family
Offered by: Richard & Violet Robbat

Sandy Matook
Offered by: Frances & Elaine Khoury & Family

Sandra Matook & Family
Nabil Khoury
Paul Gurghigian
Offered by: Elaine Gauthier

Sandy Matook & Family
Offered by: Ron & Janice Hallal

Sandy Matook & Family
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Sandra Matook & Family
Offered by: Albert & Victoria Hallal

Sandra Matook & Family
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

Sandra Matook & Family
Offered by: The Charles Slemon Family

Sandra Matook & Family
Florence & Phil Spenard & Family
Dr. Alan Matook
Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Mitchell Massiwer & Family
Offered by: Mary Massiwer & Family

Sandy Matook & Family
Offered by: Fran & Sharon (Abdelahad) Wall & Family

Sandra Matook & Family
Florence & Phil Spenard & Family
Alan Matook
Offered by: Bill & Louise Osborn & Family

Sandra Matook & Family
Members of Toofik & Elizabeth Matook Family
Offered by: Julia Vale

Sandra Matook & Family
Offered by: Ron & Janice Hallal

Sandra Matook & Family
Offered by: Nora Matook & Family

Sandra Matook & Family
Offered by: Mary Massiwer

Sandra Matook & Family
Alan Matook
Fro & Phil Spenard & Family
Nabil & Salwa Khoury
Mary Massiwer
Cindy Hayes
Paula & Jim Hallal & Family
Offered by: Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian

Forty-Day Memorial Service
A Forty-Day Memorial Service is being offered for the servant of God George Matook and is being offered by Sandy Matook & Family. A Coffee hour will be offered in his memory following Liturgy.

May God grant him peace and may his memory be eternal.

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
Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Liturgical Schedule 2017

Sunday, December 17th: Church School Nativity Pageant following Liturgy & Luncheon hosted by The Order of St. Ignatius
Friday, December 22nd: 10:00 A.M.-Royal Hours for the Nativity of our Lord
Sunday, December 24th: 10:00 A.M.-Divine Liturgy
       6:00 P.M.- Nativity Liturgy
Sunday, December 31st: 10:00 A.M.- Divine Liturgy
       6:00P.M.-Great Vespers for the Feast of the Circumcision of our Lord

**Note: From Christmas Day until January 4th inclusive, there is a general dispensation from all fasting**

Upcoming events:
- **December 10th:** Choir Appreciation Sunday
- **December 17th:** Christmas Pageant and Luncheon at the Parish Center
- **December 30th:** Movie Night at the Parish Center has been POSTPONED.
- **December 31st:** New Year’s Hafli at the Parish Center
- **January, 28th, 2018:** Annual Meeting at the Parish Center
- **February 4th, 2018:** “Souper Bowl Sunday” Luncheon (soups, salad, bread)

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.

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:
- Sandra Matook & Family
- Nabil Khoury
- Alan Matook
- Florence & Philip Spenard & Family
- Offered by: Elaine Swistak
- Sandy Matook & Family
- Offered by: Elizabeth & Frank Votruba
- Donald, Daniel & Sarah Hayes
- Offered by: Cindy Hayes
- Mary Massiwer
- Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
- Mary, Bill, Billy & Jon Franklin
- Diane Andrew & Paul Burnier
- Laura, Jim & Noelle Arrighi
- John & Patricia Massiwer & Danielle Jordan
- Sandra Matook & Family
- Florence & Phil Spenard & Family
- Dr. Alan Matook
- Mitchell Massiwer & Family
- Offered by: Cindy Hayes & Children
- Our Children & Grandchildren
- Alan Matook
- Offered by: Phil & Flo Spenard
- Sandra Matook & Family
- Offered by: Bob & Christine Briggs & Family
- Sandra Matook & Family
- Offered by: Mary Jane, Albert, Vanessa & Claudine Wehbe
- Nabil & Salwa Khoury
- William Salhany
- Offered by: George & Barbara Moussalli

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
- Fred Hashway Jr.
- Offered by: Elaine Wilbur
- George Matook
- Offered by: Sandra Matook
- George, Kim, George Frank & Kassiani Matook
- Steve, Elaina, Isabelle, Elizabeth & Alexandra
- Zabak
- Nora Abdelahad
- Elaine Agaty
- George Matook
- Offered by: Elaine Agaty
- Nora Abdelahad
- George Matook (brother & uncle)
- Scott Bleasdale
- Christopher Spenard
- Offered by: Phil & Flo Spenard & Family
- George T. Matook
- Offered by: Michael, Maria, Mark & Meika Matook
- Bishop Athanasius Saliba
- Offered by: Philip & Bette Ayoub
- George Matook
- Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury
- George Matook
- Offered by: Elaine Gauthier
- Ronald Gauthier
- Offered by: His Family
- Christopher Gauthier
- Offered by: His Family
- George Matook
- Offered by: Richard & Violet Robbat
- George Matook
- Offered by: Lorice Hallal
- George Matook
- Offered by: Elizabeth & Frank Votruba
- George Matook
- Offered by: Marilyn Ganame
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

George Matook
Offered by: Frances & Elaine Khoury & Family

George T. Matook
Offered by: Elaine Swistak

George T. Matook
Offered by: The Charles Slemon Family

Anna M. Slemon
Offered by: The Slemon Children & Grandchildren

George T. Matook
Departed Members of the Matook Family
Offered by: Bill & Louise Osborn & Family

John Massiwer
Don Hayes
Tom Andrew
George T. Matook
Elise Massiwer Godbout
Offered by: Mary Massiwer & Family

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Offered by: Cindy Hayes & Children

George T. Matook
Offered by: Bob & Christine Briggs & Family

George T. Matook
Offered by: Mary Jane, Albert, Vanessa & Claudine Wehbe

George T. Matook
Robert Vale (10 years Dec. 15th)
Deceased Members of Toofik & Elizabeth Matook Family
Offered by: Julia Vale

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Kay Matook
Wadi & Esma Matook
George T. Matook
Offered by: Sam Matook

George Matook
Offered by: Ron & Janice Hallal

George T. Matook
Margaret Khouri
Offered by: Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian

George Matook
Offered by: Fran & Sharon (Abdelahad) Wall & Family

George Matook
Ruth Salhany
Wadia Taireh
Zaki & Mary Moussalli
Kamil & Ethel Salhany
Damtry & Victoria Ganim
Offered by: George & Barbara Moussalli

George Matook
Damtry & Victoria Ganim
Margaret Eid
Alice Nahas
Ruth Salhany
Elias Ganim
Rita Whittaker
Offered by: Albert & Victoria Hallal

George Matook
Robert Vale
Offered by: Nora Matook & Family

Coffee Hour

Today, Coffee Hour is being offered in memory of George Matook and is being offered by Sandy Matook & Family.

St. Mary Church School News

♦ December 30th: Movie Night at the Parish Center has been POSTPONED.

Attention Teens and Parents,
Registration for Summer Camp at Antiochian Village begins on December 11th. Please go to avcamp.org to reserve your spot. The sessions fill up quickly. Our campers usually attend Session 2 and travel with a group from Worcester and Boston. Please see Maureen or Matt if you have any questions.

St. Mary Teen SOYO News and Events

♦ December 30th: Movie Night at the Parish Center has been POSTPONED.

**Sunday School Christmas Pageant– Sunday, December 17th with a complimentary Luncheon hosted by St. Igantius following the Pageant.

Menu: Fish, rice, corn, salad, pasta, dessert & coffee.
A “Visitor from the North Pole” will be joining us.

Attention Students and Parents- Registration for Summer Camp at Antiochian Village begins on December 11th. Please go to avcamp.org to reserve your spot. The sessions fill up quickly. Our campers usually attend Session 2 and travel with a group from Worcester and Boston. Please see Maureen or Matt if you have any questions.