

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 31, 2018: 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

Saturday, January 6, 2018 6:00 P.M.- Arabic Liturgy

Sunday, January 7, 2018: Synaxis of John the Baptist

Ladies Society Meeting during Coffee Hour

Tuesday, January 9, 2018: 7:00 P.M.- Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, January 14, 2018: Sunday after Theophany

Outreach Committee Meeting during Coffee Hour

Sunday, January 21st: Thirty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Outreach Committee 'Soup Kitchen' 12:00-12:30pm

Sunday, January 28th: Sunday of the Pharisee & the Publican

Annual Meeting at the Parish Center following Liturgy

****Annual Meeting- Please note date change from prior year****

Saturday, February 3rd: 6:00 P.M.- Arabic Liturgy

Sunday, February 4th: Sunday of the Prodigal Son

"Souper" Bowl Special Collection

"Souper" Bowl Sunday Luncheon (soups, salad, bread)

hosted by the Outreach Committee

Ladies Society Meeting during Coffee Hour

Sunday, February 11th: Sunday of the Last Judgment (Meat Fare)

Please remember that in our Orthodox Christian Tradition, the Great Feast of the Nativity is a 12 day observance that is linked directly to the Great Feast of Theophany, The Baptism of Christ, held on January 6th.

During the 12 days of Christmas there is no fasting, not even on Wednesday and Fridays. This is the true "Time of the Feast", when visitations and family celebrations should occur.

The season of the Feast ends on January 6th.

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SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday, December 31, 2017

Sunday before Theophany

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Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

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**His Grace Bishop JOHN, Auxiliary and Bishop of the
Diocese of Worcester and New England**

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395 Brown St.-Unit 2, Attleboro, MA 02703
Cell- 1-(240) 205-9079

Schedule of Services

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| 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.

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:

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| December 31, 2017 | <i>not available</i> | |
| January, 7, 2018 | Ghassan & Fifi Alarmani | |
| January 14, 2018 | Fred Kilsey | |
| January 28, 2018 | St. Mary Church | |
| February 4, 2018 | Outreach Committee | |
| 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 | |
| March 25, 2018 | Nora Matook & Family | |

**Health of Family
Memory of Michelle Kilsey
Annual Parish Meeting
“Souper” Bowl Sunday Luncheon**

**Georges Karam (1 Year Memorial)
Leon T. Matook (10 Year Memorial)
Memory of the Deceased Members
of Toofik & Elizabeth Matook Family
Palm Sunday
PASCHA
Kay Matook (1 Year Memorial)
Wajeha Chamoun (1 Year Memorial)
Memory of Ruth Salhany**

Memory of Fred & Sophie Hallal

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| April 1, 2018 | <i>not available</i> | |
| April 8, 2018 | <i>not available</i> | |
| April 15, 2018 | Sam Matook & Family | |
| April 22, 2018 | John & Anita Chamoun | |
| April 29, 2018 | William Salhany & Family | |
| 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 | |
| June 3, 2018 | <i>Open for sponsorship</i> | |
| June 10, 2018 | <i>Open for sponsorship</i> | |
| June 17, 2018 | <i>Open for sponsorship</i> | |
| June 24, 2018 | <i>Open for sponsorship</i> | |

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 Antiochian Orthodox Church

Come and celebrate your New Year with us!!!

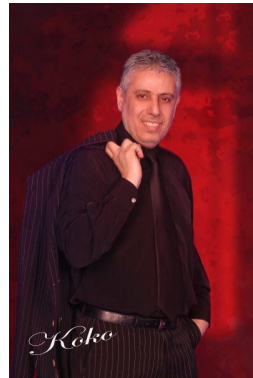
Featuring the dynamic singer Koko and his band.

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.

***Tickets are still available!*

Sock, Boot & 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. Mens winter boots (sizes 8-10) & Womens (sizes 7-9) are also needed.

Please bring them to the Parish Center during Coffee Hour. Thank you!!

THE EPISTLE

*O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Unto Thee will I cry,
O Lord my God.*

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (4:5-8)

Timothy, my son, always be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved His appearing.

THE GOSPEL

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (1:1-8)

The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." John the Baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes He Who is mightier than I, the strap of Whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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**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



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

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Twelve Days of Christmas

A concert of Orthodox Sacred Chant in English from Christmas to Epiphany

The Boston Byzantine Choir

under the direction of Charles R. Marge

Saturday, January 6, 2018 Vespers: 5:00pm ~ Concert 6:00pm

followed by a potluck supper in the parish hall

Sponsored by the Young Adult Ministry

St. Mary Orthodox Church ~ 8 Inman Street ~ Cambridge, MA



Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Liturgical Schedule 2017

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****



Arabic Liturgy

Arabic Liturgy is being offered the first Saturday of each month at 6:00 P.M.
All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The Antiochian Village Summer Camp Program

Serves young people ages 9–17 who come to attend one of four two-week sessions. A primary goal of the Village camp program is to present to young people a living experience of the Holy Orthodox Faith in their relationship with God and other campers in a natural environment.

Registrations are now open for the 2018 summer camp season. The sessions run June 17 through August 10; two special sessions are Byzantine Chant Camp held from June 17 – June 29, and Iconography Camp, which runs from July 15 – July 23. **Slots fill up very quickly** for this incredibly popular program, so act now! Additionally, it's not too early to think about sending your child to your local diocesan camp; visit www.antiochian.org for more information.

