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| 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.
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**

Enter in Quietness, Rest in Prayer, Worship in Reverence, Depart in Peace to Serve

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.
**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.

**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!!

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**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.

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**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 Baptist 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.”
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 Affie Betor
Helen Betor
Fred Sabath
Fred "Fritzie and Jimmy Sabath
Offered by: Edward & Lillian Betor

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

Christ is Born, Glorify Him!

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.