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:
December 9, 2018   not available   Choir Appreciation
December 16, 2018   not available   Church School Pageant
December 23, 2018   Open for sponsorship   Ghassan & Latifah Alarmani
December 30, 2018   Open for sponsorship   Health of Family
January 6, 2019   Ghassan & Latifah Alarmani   Annual Parish Meeting
January 13, 2019   Open for sponsorship   Memory of Naseem Ayoub (5 years)
January 20, 2019   Open for sponsorship   Outreach Committee Luncheon
January 27, 2019   not available   Michelle Kilsey (8 years)
February 3, 2019   Geoff Ayoub   Antiochian Women Fish Dinner
February 10, 2019   not available   Health of Family
February 17, 2019   Open for sponsorship   Etc.
February 24, 2019   Open for sponsorship   Palm Sunday
March 3, 2019   Open for sponsorship   PASCHA
March 10, 2019   Open for sponsorship   Memory of Don Hayes (12 years)
March 17, 2019   Fred Kilsey   Memory of Ruth Salhany (9 years)
March 24, 2019   not available   Charitable Gift Program
March 31, 2019   Open for sponsorship   Etc.
April 7, 2019   Ed & Sue Ayoub   Etc.
April 14, 2019   Open for sponsorship   Etc.
April 21, 2019   not available   Etc.
April 28, 2019   not available   Etc.
May 5, 2019   Cindy Hayes   Etc.
May 12, 2019   William Salhany & Family   Etc.
May 19, 2019   Open for sponsorship   Etc.
May 26, 2019   not available   Etc.
June 2, 2019   Open for sponsorship   Etc.
June 9, 2019   Open for sponsorship   Etc.

December 9th: Choir Appreciation Day
December 12th: Ladies Christmas Party at Twin Oaks
December 16th: Christmas Pageant & Luncheon
December 24th: Christmas Liturgy at 5pm
December 31st: New Years Eve Pot-Luck Gathering (Parish Center)
January 27, 2019: Annual General Meeting
February 9, 2019: Hafi 8pm-1am
February 10, 2019: “Souper Bowl” Luncheon hosted by the Outreach Committee

Our vintage Christmas Table was a big success that we are asking you to save your Christmas items for us again. As you rummage through your boxes to decorate your house please put aside anything you do not think you will use. We will take whatever you do not need.

For example:
- Christmas trees
- Tree ornaments
- Santa
- Snowmen
- Lights
- Dishes
- Garland
- Etc.

If you would like to bring them down after the holidays, please label and leave in the coat room in the Parish Center. You can also keep them until next year and bring them down then.

Thank you,
Vintage table
Choir and Chanter Appreciation Sunday

Beloved Brother Hierarchs, Reverend Clergy and Christ-loving Faithful of our Archdiocese:

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I pray you and your families are well as we prepare to receive the incarnate Lord in our midst and in our hearts. As we make our way through this beautiful season of fasting and preparation for the Nativity of our Lord in the flesh, we cannot but feel inspired by the beautiful hymns of our Church that are an integral part of this season. The Christmas Canon, “Christ is Born, glorify Him!” and the beautiful Kontakion of this holy period, “Today the Virgin comes unto the cave” are but two of many such hymns that we love to sing and hear. For us as Orthodox Christians, these hymns give depth and meaning to the season and to what we believe about the God-man. As we listen to these hymns and others throughout the Church year, we are so grateful to our choirs and chanters, and especially to those who lead them. The work and effort they put into preparing for the services is a labor of love. On the archdiocesan level, we have promoted the continued education of these leaders through our Sacred Music Institute so that they can become more and more educated in the music and traditions of our Church. Through such institutes and workshops, they are also able to share their experiences with others so that, together, we can build strong choirs and chanters, and especially to those who lead them. The Outreach Committee will be meeting after Liturgy today during Coffee Hour.

Those things we don’t have the strength to perform on our own, we can accomplish easily through persevering prayer. For we have the duty to pray without ceasing. Those in pain and those spared from pain must pray. So must those in danger and those in prosperity. For those who have ease and wealth must pray that these things may never change. Those in pain and in danger must pray that some favorable change will come to them, so that they may move into a comfortable, calm state.

~ Saint John Chrysostom

ONLINE BULLETIN

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

The Outreach Committee will be meeting after Liturgy today during Coffee Hour.
NEW YEAR’S EVE POTLUCK GATHERING

Join us for a wonderful New Year’s Eve Potluck gathering being held at the Parish Center on Monday, December 31st from 8pm-1am.

Bring in the New Year with a fun filled night of music, dancing, food, family & friends.

More info to follow…. 

We are pleased to announce The Outreach Ministry of St. Mary is finally ready to start implementing our non-perishable food pantry. A room in the Parish Center is all set up with shelves to put our non-perishable food items. There will be a list of food items placed inside a bag that will be distributed to parishioners after Liturgy on Sunday, December 30th and Sunday, January 5th. Please return filled bags back to the Parish Center.

Thank you and God Bless,
The Outreach Ministry of St. Mary

Attention All Parents:  Please bring your children to the Liturgy before Church School. Church School starts every Sunday following communion (Approx. 11:15am)

Looking ahead: 
December 15th: Christmas Pageant Rehearsal in the Church Hall– 10am
December 16th: Christmas Pageant & Luncheon

Come see the lights and sights of La Salette Shrine with all your Sunday School friends! All families welcome to this FREE event. We will meet at the front gate at 5pm and walk around together. Plan to leave ample time to find parking, it can get crowded quickly.

The Church School Christmas Pageant will be held on Sunday, December 16th at the Parish Center following Liturgy.

A Complimentary Luncheon will be graciously hosted by The Order of St. Ignatius following the Pageant. The menu will include: Spinach Pies, Zaater Pie, Meatless Kibbee balls, Salad, Cheese Pies, Pizza, Eggplant Parmigiana Sandwiches.

Everyone is invited & encouraged to attend to support our Church School Children in their Pageant Performance.

Hat, Glove & Scarf Donations

The Outreach Committee is looking for donations of hats, gloves & scarfs (children & adult sizes) to be distributed to families from our “Soup Kitchen” outreach project. Please bring them to the Parish Center during Coffee Hour. Thank you!!
Christmas Greetings

Christ is Born, Glorify Him!

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 9th. 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 9TH!

By mail, send to St. Mary Orthodox Church, Choir Christmas Card
249 High Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860

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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. 9th