

SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, December 29th, 2019

Coffee Hour Sponsorships

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Sponsored by:</u>	<u>Sponsored for:</u>
December 29, 2019	Walid & Mirna Nakhoul	Memory of Hannah Nakhoul
January 5, 2020:	Fouad ElKhouli	40 Day Memorial
January 12, 2020:	Elie & Julia Karam	Naji Karam (18th Birthday)
January 19, 2020:	Janet Bowab & Family	Linda Bowab (10 Year Memorial)
	Michael Bowab & Family	
	Janice Hallal & Family	
January 26, 2020:	St. Mary Church	Annual Parish Meeting
February 2, 2020:	Ragheed Elias & Family	Health of Family
February 9, 2020:	Outreach Committee	“Souper Bowl” Luncheon
February 16, 2020:	Ricky & Roula Greige	Health of Family
February 23, 2020:	Teen SOYO	Teen SOYO Luncheon
March 1, 2020:	Saliba Saliba & Family	Health of Family
March 8, 2020:	His Family	John Massiwer (20 year memorial)
March 15, 2020:	Matt Kelley & Amani George	Health of Family
March 22, 2020:	Emile Sarkis & Family	Health of Family
March 29, 2020:	Antiochian Women	Fish Luncheon
April 5, 2020:	The Karam Family	Georges Karam (3 year memorial)
April 12, 2020	<i>not available</i>	<i>PALM SUNDAY</i>
April 19, 2020	<i>not available</i>	<i>PASCHA</i>
April 26, 2020	William Salhany & Family	Ruth Salhany (10 Year Memorial)
May 3, 2020:	Ed & Sue Ayoub	Health of Lisa Parent-Ayoub
May 10, 2020:	<i>not available</i>	
May 17, 2020:	Their Loving Family	Memory of Sophie Hallal (10 years)
		Memory of Fred Hallal (5 years)
May 24, 2020:	Charitable Gift Program	Memory / Health of all Participants

Coffee Hour Committee:

*Jiana Daikh (401)644-6437 and Latifeh Alarmani- (781)414-6281
Please contact them to sponsor a coffee hour.*

Visitations

Please contact Fr. Elie with any names of parishioners that are in need of visitation either at home, in hospital or nursing homes.

Upcoming events:

- ◆ **January 18th: Church School plus Parent event–6pm (more info soon)**
- ◆ **January 26th: Annual Meeting at the Parish Center**
- ◆ **February 9th: “Souper Bowl” Luncheon**
- ◆ **February 22nd: Hafli**

Calling all Knitters & Crocheters & wannabes:

We will be starting a knitting group (our name will be chosen at a later date). This group is meant to be fun with no pressure! Come join us to knit or crochet if you already know how or come learn a new skill. We are here to teach you. We will be working on our own projects as well as items for charity.

We will be meeting twice a month in the Church Hall (not the Parish Center). You are welcome to join us both days or just one day a month...whatever your schedule allows.

To begin, we decided we would meet on the First Tuesday and the Last Thursday of each month:

January, Tuesday, the 7th, 2020 at 6:30pm
and
January, Thursday, the 30th, 2020 at 6:30pm

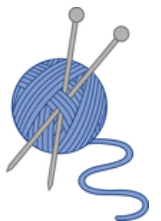
Please RSVP to either Nancy Muller (nancy-muller1@cox.net)

or

Beth Schillawski (bethschillawski@gmail.com) to let us know that you will be joining us.

We look forward to seeing you.

To those of you who know how to knit or crochet ~ please bring a project to work on. And, to those who would like to learn, we will have knitting needles, crochet hooks, yarns & patterns to get you started. You're never too old to learn something new!



**St. Mary Church School
and
St. Mary Teen SOYO
News and Events**

January 18th: 6pm- Sunday School plus parents event. Kids will play games and watch movie supervised by the teens, while parents have some social time plus a small presentation of some sort.

Looking Ahead:

May 8th-10th: YES weekend at the Parish Center– more info to follow.

St. Mary's Choir Workshop

Do you enjoy singing? Do you find yourself humming the melodies of favorite church hymns at odd moments? Does music make your heart shine?

Please join St. Mary's choir for a workshop on liturgical singing, led by music educator Katie Boardman (<https://www.katieboardman.com/about>).

Saturday, January 18, 2:30-5:30 p.m.

In the Parish Center

Everyone welcome! Please come and join us!!

For further information, please contact:
Susan (Susan_Harvey@Brown.edu),
Maureen (moepaulgurghigian@cox.net),
or Cindy (Hayescindylee@gmail.com).



Annual Meeting

Dear Brethren in Christ,

On Sunday, January 26, 2020 our Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Parish Center immediately following Divine Liturgy.

All parishioners in good standing who “accept, profess and practice the faith and discipline of the Holy Orthodox Faith” are welcome to participate and to vote at the meeting. Practicing the discipline of the faith involves regular and consistent attendance at Divine Liturgy and participation in the Sacraments of the Church, as well as completing a stewardship pledge for the year 2019 and making a pledge commitment for the year 2020.

If you are interested in running for a seat on the Parish Council, please speak to either Fr. Elie or Geoffrey Ayoub about this as soon as possible as we have several members that have terms expiring this year.

Please make every effort to attend the meeting as we will be discussing and voting on an amendment for the Charitable Gift Program.

The language in the constitution in Section {5 B1a} which reads:
“a portion of the annual earned income, not to exceed 50%, may be made available for the annual operating budget of the Church.”

Which we would to amend to the following:
“The distribution to be 2.5% of the average fair market value of the total investments prior twelve quarters earnings. The distribution may be requested any time during a given year. If a distribution is not taken for any particular year, it cannot be taken retroactively.”

A copy of the budget will be sent in a separate mailing in January 2020, prior to the Annual Meeting, for your review.

Praying for your good health and participation in the life of the Church and all blessings for the New Year, we remain,

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Elie Estephan
Pastor

Salwa Khoury
Parish Council President