Coffee Hour Sponsorships

Date: Sponsored by: Sponsored for:
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 not available PALM SUNDAY
April 19, 2020 not available PASCHA
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 not available
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.

SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, December 29th, 2019

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: Halli

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'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](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](mailto:Susan_Harvey@Brown.edu)),
Maureen ([moepaulgurghigian@cox.net](mailto:moepaulgurghigian@cox.net)),
or Cindy ([Havescindvlee@gmail.com](mailto:Havescindvlee@gmail.com)).

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**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